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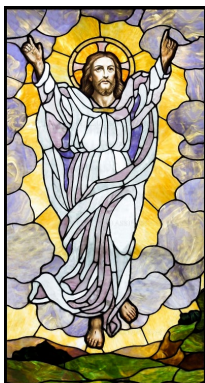
## Roman Catholic Parish

*Sunday Bulletin • Ascension of the Lord  
May 17, 2026*

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### *Pastor's Message*

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We begin the last week of the Easter Season by the celebration of the Ascension of our Lord. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostle, the evangelist St. Luke reminds us that, in his Gospel text, his goal was “to write an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ... handed on to us by those who ... were eyewitness ...” (Luke 1:1-3). Therefore, while the pericope concerning the Ascension may sound “phantasmagorical,” St. Luke’s account is based on the testimony of eyewitnesses of the event. The reading from Acts also affirms that Jesus will return in glory. In the interim, the Gospel text from St. Matthew sets out “The Great Commission” – to baptize and to make disciples of all the nations. It is the mission of our Church until the end of time, confident that our Lord is present among us and in our proclamation.

Our Pastoral Council met last Tuesday. Deacon Dave led us in a reflection based on the message our Lady of Fatima (celebrated on May 13<sup>th</sup>). The video presentation noted the three simple messages of Fatima: praying the Rosary daily; making sacrifices for the reparation of sin; and the reality of Hell as a consequence of unrepented sin. The Nominations Committee reported that nominations were opened on May 6<sup>th</sup> for the two new members to be chosen at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June. Planning is advancing for the Life in the Spirit Seminar that is scheduled for Friday evenings, beginning in September. The organization of the AGM anticipates reports from the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. As for Committee reports, the following was noted: Refugees – we wait the arrival of a family in the coming months as their travel visa has been approved; CWL – with the Legion of Mary, members are praying the Rosary on Sundays in May (10:15 am in front of the statue of Mary), will organize a baby shower for St. Mary’s Home on May 31<sup>st</sup> and will organize a Garage Sale on June 6; Knights of Columbus – reported well-attended breakfasts on Mother’s Day, anticipate the election of a new executive in the coming weeks, and are planning an October dance as part of their year-long fundraiser for the Kanata Food Cupboard; and the Pastoral Care ministry continues their visits and liturgies in retirement homes and is seeking new volunteers. The Council will next meet on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Pope Leo reminds us regularly that, as an Augustinian Friar (O.S.A.), he is a “son of St. Augustine.” One of the great theologians of the Church, the Bishop of Hippo also had a practical pastoral approach, clearly shown in one of his sermons: “We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other’s voices, so do God’s ears hear our thoughts.”

*Fr. Kevin*

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## *Sunday Readings*

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### **Sunday, May 17 – Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1.1-11

*As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.*

Psalms 47

*God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.*

Ephesians 1.17-23

*God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand.*

Matthew 28.16-20

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

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## *Liturgies*

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### **Saturday, May 16 – Ascension of the Lord**

Confessions 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

4:30 pm For the intentions of the living and deceased members of St. Isidore Parish

### **Sunday, May 17 – Ascension of the Lord**

#### **60<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day**

9:00 am + Brian Jolicoeur by St. Isidore's parishioners

11:00 am + John and Mercedes Cordeiro by Paula Cordeiro – Wilson

For the deceased members of the Seniuk family by Anne Seniuk

+ Lucien Bergeron by Louise Bettinger

+ Agnes (McGarry) Marwitz by GERALYN HOWELL

+ Nuala Evans by GERALYN HOWELL

#### Tuesday, May 19

9:00 am For the souls of Al and Mary Mekkunnel's ancestors by Al and Mary Mekkunnel

#### Wednesday, May 20

9:00 am +Marie-Paule Soucy by Suzanne Petit and Yves Bellemare

#### Thursday, May 21

9:00 am For the intentions of Gabriel-Guy Petit by Suzanne Petit and Yves Bellemare

**7:00 pm Confirmation Mass celebrated by our Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu**

**For candidates and their families only**

**\*Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled on this day\***

#### Friday, May 22

Confessions 9:00 am – 9:45 am

10:00 am For the souls of Mathen and Mathaichen by Al and Mary Mekkunnel

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## *Parish Announcements*

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❖ We celebrated this week the funerals of René Leroux, Lois Lawrence and Virginia Bedeck. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

❖ **Congratulations to our 57 Confirmandi, who will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit this Thursday, May 21, from our Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu.** We pray that the Holy Spirit will always inspire and provide counsel to these students as they continue their journey to become strong disciples of Christ. Kindly note that this Mass is reserved for the candidates, their families and educators only. **Consequently, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled for Thursday, May 21.**

❖ **Serve Our Parish – PPC Nominations Now Open**  
Nominations are open for two positions on the St. Isidore Parish Pastoral Council, which works with the Pastor to support the mission and pastoral life of our parish. Registered parishioners aged 16+ who are willing to serve a three-year term are invited to prayerfully consider putting their own name forward or nominating another parishioner. Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Centre and in the pews. All forms must be submitted by **Sunday, May 31** and placed in the **box at the Welcome Centre**. Elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting on **Sunday, June 14**.

❖ **Please consider joining our Parish Finance Council. We are seeking a member who is also willing to serve as secretary of the Council.** In addition to assisting the Chair in the preparation and distribution of meeting agenda, the secretary-member, with the assistance of AI technology, will provide minutes of meetings. If you are willing to serve our faith community in this role, please speak to or contact Fr. Kevin.

❖ **Special Collection this weekend - Pastoral Works of the Holy Father.** When a disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world, many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these funds available for distribution. Envelopes for this special collection are available in the pews and at the Welcome Centre and are due by this Sunday, May 17.

❖ **Youth Night - Saturday, May 30**  
All students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join us for our next **Youth Group Night on Saturday, May 30, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.** This is a fun and welcoming environment where you can meet new people, enjoy great activities, and grow closer to Christ. This evening in the Parish Hall will be packed with snacks, games, and discussions to help us grow together in faith and friendship. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and we ask that you please register in advance [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!