



Ascension of the Lord

May 20, 2012

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**SUNDAY OFFERING**

May 13, 2012 - \$5,900.00

Capital Projects - \$2,715.00

*Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you!*

**Fr. Keith and Fr. Andrew will be on retreat this week. Please note Mass time change for Thursday.**

**Weekday Masses & Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	9:00am	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	NO MASS
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am	NO MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	4:00pm	(A)George Maclsaac
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am	Cody Myers
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00pm	(A)Sherry Lynn MacDonald, (A)Mary & Ed Hagen, Mary Boudreault, Special Intention,

**Sunday 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am**

**MASS READINGS FOR MAY 27, 2012**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2. 1-11

Psalm: 104

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3-7, 12-13

Gospel: Galatians 5.16-25

**CWL Gift Shop** is open after all the Sunday Masses on the weekend. Drop by to see the religious articles, CD's and much more.

**CWL Prayer Line:** Please call 629-1649 or 894-8310 and leave your intention.

Bulletin Announcements are accepted until noon on Wednesday.

**Reflection**

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that for forty days after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples, teaching them about the Reign of God. At the end of that period, "while they were watching he was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight." We call this return of Jesus to the Father the "Ascension." The reaction of the disciples was to be expected: they gazed up after him, no doubt puzzled and amazed—to say nothing of being afraid. "Why do you stand looking up to heaven?" asked the two men in white robes, "This Jesus will return in the same way you saw him go." In the meantime, they have been told to prepare for the coming of the Spirit, and not to become preoccupied with the "where and when" of the Lord's return, but rather to be his "witnesses....to the ends of the earth," witnesses, whom the gospel reminds us will not be stopped by even the most challenging and difficult obstacles. We, in the twenty-first century, live in expectation of the return of the Lord. Like those first disciples, we can easily get caught up in fascination with the second-coming of Jesus—the end of the world. Whether it be the "Mayan Prophecy" – recently called into question by historians—or the calculations of TV evangelists or the predictions of some obscure doom-sayer, there is a long list of those who seek to capitalize on our curiosity and our desire to figure things out. Then we remember that mystery is not a riddle to be solved, but a reality in which we are called to live. Jesus will return: this is one of the fundamental teachings of Christian faith. This is cause for hope, not dread and fear. God's will for humanity and for all his handiwork will finally be accomplished. It will not be thwarted. In the meantime, ours is not to get caught up in looking for hidden messages or drawn into schemes of stockpiling and building fortresses. Ours is to live each day, knowing the Lord's constant presence to us, doing the best we can to live as he taught us, and supporting each other to do the same. No spectacle, no bell and whistles, but life lived in faith, in hope, in love.

**St. Pius X RCIA Reunion & Pot Luck Meal:** We invite anyone who has experience the RCIA journey and their families to come to a Reunion in the Mackenzie Room following the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 26. We invite you to bring your favourite food dish for the Pot Luck meal—it can be dropped off in the MacKenzie Room prior to Mass.

**Thank you!** most sincerely to those who helped house-clean the church kitchen and to those who came out on Tuesday evening to clean up and prepare the flower beds and grounds. The presence of all of you, and your interest in the life of our parish community is greatly appreciated.

**Gardening Angels:** The sign-up sheets for the Gardening Angels is available at the entrances. If you would like to help

out with the flowers a couple of times during the summer, you are most welcome.

**New Altar Servers:** Grade 4 and up. We are in need of some new servers. Please contact Paula Birch [pwbirch@eastlink.ca](mailto:pwbirch@eastlink.ca) or Judy McAllister [fourjs@eastlink.ca](mailto:fourjs@eastlink.ca) or the Parish Office.

Training will be arranged. We'll be glad to welcome you!

**CWL Spring Luncheon:** will be held Wednesday, June 13 at 11:30am at the Top of The Park at Red Shores. Cost \$13.95 +taxes. Early reservations must be made. If you are planning to attend please call Muriel at 892-1419.

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesday at 10:00am in Room 7.

**Card Play:** on Monday at 7:30pm in the MacKenzie Room.

Sponsored by the Columbian Ladies.

**Iraqi Refugee Fundraiser** St. Pius X Refugee Committee is organizing an Elimination Lottery. Prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$5,000.; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$1,000.; plus 8 prizes of \$500 each. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. The draw will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Murchison Centre. **Tickets are available at the Parish Office.**

**Iraqi Refugee Initiative – Update:** This past week-end a successful information workshop was held. To all those who participated and supported this effort, a note of appreciation is extended. By way of providing an update, it is apparent now that the closure of the Canadian Embassy in Damascus and the subsequent transfer of immigration processing to Amman, Jordan, as well as the establishment of a Central Refugee Processing Office in Winnipeg, will result in unfortunate delays for the Iraqi refugee families to arrive in PEI. We ask for your prayers that these refugee families will maintain hope and ultimately be able to depart their refugee camps in Syria and Jordan and find safe have in PEI in a timely manner.

**K. of C. Members:** please forward your email address to the Grand Knight at [jazzpoirier@eastlink.ca](mailto:jazzpoirier@eastlink.ca).

**CATECHETICS**

**Catechism Registration for 2012-13:** if you have not registered your child for catechism classes in the Fall, please visit the parish website to register online or pick up a registration form in the entry of the Church.

**Catechism Volunteer Appreciation Evening:** for teachers, teacher aides, monitors and Children's Liturgy leaders on Sunday, June 3 at 5pm with supper in the MacKenzie Room. Please **RSVP** by Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> by calling the Parish Office at 894-8380 or [catechism@stpiouspei.com](mailto:catechism@stpiouspei.com).

**Catechism Materials:** Parents are asked to return any textbooks to the Parish office or the Catechism Table in the Church lobby.

**Vacation Bible Camp:** will be held July 30 to August 3 at St. Pius X in the MacKenzie Room; for children entering Grades 1-5 in the Fall. The camp will be led by a group of young people hired and trained by SDU and will include scripture, music, crafts and lots of fun. Registration: \$20 per child or \$50 for a family of 3 or more. More information to follow or contact Jerry at the Parish Office.

**YOUTH**

**Diocesan Youth Rally: has been cancelled** due to factors beyond our control. Mark Nimo, the guest speaker is not able to come. **The good news is that there is another Youth Rally happening the same weekend in Amherst, NS called "Raising Up An Army"**. The registration cost for that Retreat is \$110. And you can get information at <http://ruaa.ca>. Transportation: if we receive enough interest by May 12 we will try to make group travel arrangements. If you plan to go, let Fr. Chris know ASAP at 436-5112 or [fatherchris@live.com](mailto:fatherchris@live.com).

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Diocesan Scripture Institute:** will be held July 2-5 at St. Pius X. **"Baptism and Eucharist in the New Testament"** with facilitator, Pheme Perkins, Boston College. Brochures will soon be available. Reserve the dates. All welcome!

**Young Adult Mini-Retreat:** on May 26-27 at St. Dunstan's University Place for young adults (single or married). **"Be Still: Spirituality Centre** – Mt. St. Mary's web site: [www.csmpei.org](http://www.csmpei.org).

**St. Francis Xavier University:** offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation. Diploma in Ministry, Certificate in Lay Ministry, Come Let Us Worship, Certificate in Spirituality and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies. For more information call 1-877-867-5562 or [diplomainministry@stfx.ca](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check out our website at [www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html](http://www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html).

**Enviro Tips**

Capture rainwater for your garden. The water you use for your lawn doesn't have to come from a tap. A cistern or a rain barrel will capture and store rainwater for irrigation. Make sure your barrel is covered with a tight-fitting lid or screen to keep disease-carrying mosquitoes from breeding there .

Are you new to our community? St. Pius X Parish wants to welcome you! Please complete the following information slip and drop it in the collection basket. We will be in contact with you in the near future.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names & ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the Parish Bulletin by email?

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

