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## Ascension: Jesus Cannot Simply go Back to Life as It Was

*Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP - published on 10/29/19*

In this month of the Rosary, take a moment to reflect on the Second Glorious Mystery.

*You are therefore exalted above the heavens, O God! This has come to pass. It is now fulfilled. Yet we also say of that which was proclaimed of the future: You are exalted above the heavens, O God! We have not seen it, but we believe.*

– St. Augustine

Jesus' public ministry begins with 40 days of prayer and fasting. We relive those 40 days each year in our Lenten fast. Then after his Resurrection, Jesus spent 40 days in friendship, eating and drinking with his disciples. The Ascension, rather than the Crucifixion, marks the end of Jesus' ministry on earth.

As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

During those 40 days before the Ascension, Jesus continues to fortify our faith. He appears to many, that they might see that he is truly risen. The apostle Thomas famously bears witness to the Lord's wounds, the marks of the Passion, which he recognizes on Jesus' risen body. Not only does the Church receive the witness of the empty tomb, but we also see the Risen Lord himself. The Lord eats and drinks, proving he is not a ghost or apparition. Jesus strengthens our faith by leaving the Church with credible evidence that he was raised from the dead: 40 days with him.

Angels again announce the work of God. Then, the angel Gabriel announced the coming of the Savior into this world and angels lauded his nativity. Now, angels bore witness to the Resurrection, and angels praise his glory. Truly, as the angels have said, he is risen, and truly, as the angels have said, he will come again.

Sharing in the glory of the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus now reveals his splendor, the glory that was his before the creation of the world.

St. John Chrysostom says, "No other was wrapped in a shroud by Joseph, nor does another hold creation in the palm of His hand. No other was laid in a tomb, nor was another hymned by the Seraphim. No other is seated with the Father, Who took root in the virginal womb."

Angels and archangels, thrones, power, and dominions, every creature under heaven and earth now exultantly sing his praise. Pope Francis says, "Jesus did not return to his former life, to earthly life, but entered into the glorious life of God and he entered there with our humanity, opening us to a future of hope."

The Resurrection has changed everything. Jesus cannot simply go back to life as it was. The Son of God has ascended his throne, and all the world rejoices.

We must not cease looking to heaven, where our Lord now reigns in glory. As Pope Leo the Great says, "And so, dearly-beloved, let us rejoice with spiritual joy, and let us with gladness pay God worthy thanks and raise our hearts' eyes unimpeded to those heights where Christ is."

Let us not be caught thinking of the things of this world, but let our hearts be raised always to those things that are above!

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit

#### May 12, 2024 - Ascension of Our Lord

"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation..." – Mark 16:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others joyfully.

**We acknowledge that we are in Treaty Four Territory, Traditional lands of the Nehiyawak (Cree), Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), and Nakota people. Homeland to the Dakota, Lakota and Métis people.**



# St. Anne Parish



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### Parish Priest:

**FR. GUY AMÉDÉE AINEMON**

### Parish Office Coordinator:

Gabriela Büttner

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday** 9 am-Noon & 1-3 pm

**Wednesday** 9 am-Noon & 1-3 pm

**Thursday** 9 am-Noon & 1-3 pm

**Friday** 9 am-Noon & 1-3 pm

### PARISH SERVICES

**Reconciliation:** 30 min. before every Mass.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish office.

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish office.

**Marriage:** Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

### Mass Intentions

If you would like the Holy Mass to be offered for your intentions or the intentions of your loved ones, please call the Parish Office, or write it up and drop it in the donation box in the Church. Mass offering is \$10.

### MASSES' SCHEDULE

**Saturday Mass** – 5:30 pm

**Sunday Mass** – 9:00 am

**Tuesday Mass** – 7:00 pm

**Wednesday Mass** – 8:30 am

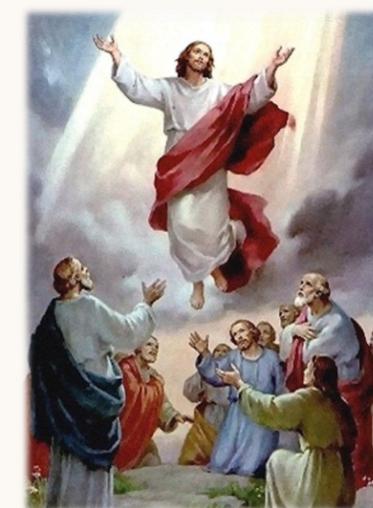
**Thursday Mass** – 7:00 pm

**Friday Mass** – 8:30 am



May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Parish of St. Anne, centred in Word and Eucharist, are called to be a caring faith community; coming together to celebrate God's love and truth through the sacraments, and make Christ present to others through loving service.



# Mass Intentions for the week

## Saturday – May 11<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm † Marge Mengel  
requested by Pamela Mengel and

Blessings for George Vacko & Sisy George on 37<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary & for Sisy on Mother's Day

requested by Ann Maria George

## Sunday – May 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am MASS

## Tuesday – May 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm NO Mass

## Wednesday – May 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am NO Mass

## Thursday – May 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm NO Mass

## Friday – May 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am NO Mass

2:00 pm † Yolande Gregga's Funeral



## Readings for Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: Ascension of the Lord

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1.1-11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23  
Gospel: Mark 16.15-20

### Lectors:

Saturday, May 11 – 5:30 pm – Irene Jo  
Sunday, May 12 – 9:00 am – Denise & Kelly Nelson

## PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL



### COLLECTION SUMMARY FOR MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

• Sunday Collection	\$1200.50
• Building Fund	\$0855.65
• Education of Seminarians	\$0010.00
• Good Neighbour Project	\$0200.00

**Total: \$2266.15**

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF

# Mary



**DURING THE MONTH OF MAY,  
JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY  
20 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKEND  
& WEEKDAY MASSES  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

## Please NOTE:

**There will be NO Masses  
the week of May 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> as Priests  
go on their yearly Clergy Retreat.  
Thank YOU!**



Mrs. Yolande Marie Gregga passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2023, a few months after her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Gregga was Jocelyn Stephenson's mother.

A Celebration of Her Life will be held at St. Anne Parish on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 2 pm.



We recommend to your prayers Irene Wall who passed away Friday, April 12, 2024.

The Wall Family have been longtime parishioners at St. Ann.

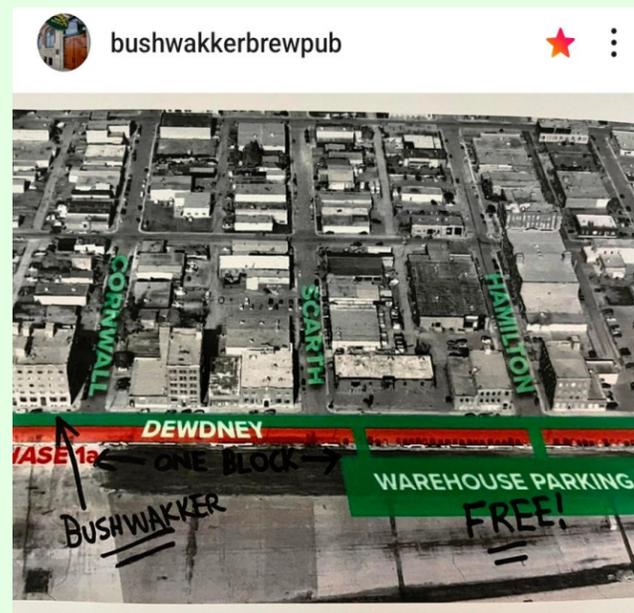
A Funeral Service will be held at St. Anne Parish on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:00 am.

## STEAK NIGHT RETURNS!!

- At Bushwacker's on Dewdney
- Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- From 5 to 7 pm
- Tickets \$35 per person (must be 19 years or over)
- \* Last weekend to purchase tickets, available before and after Masses and till Wednesday noon.
- Pay by Cheque, Cash or e-Transfer: [office@stannesregina.com](mailto:office@stannesregina.com)  
Memo: Steak Night
- NOTE parking information →



## STEAK NIGHT ATTENDEES: Important access information for you.



### ◆ PROCEEDS GO TO ST. ANNE'S GOOD NEIGHBOUR PROJECT ◆

### TOP 10 ITEMS YOUR STEAK NIGHT TICKET DONATION BUYS:

Laundry detergent, pillows, garbage cans and bags, dish detergent, cleaning fluid, shampoo, hand soap, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, brooms.

### TOP 10 ITEMS REQUESTED FOR FAMILIES IN NEED:

Bedding, cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, dishes, silverware, pots and pans, cooking utensils, plastic containers, toys and books, kettles and toasters.



- Newly created parking lot, one block down and across from Bushwackers.
- Park near the Dewdney and Scarth Street entrance and you are one block walk away.

Strength and dignity  
are her clothing,  
and she laughs at  
the time to come.  
She opens her mouth  
with wisdom, and the  
teaching of kindness  
is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:25-26

# Happy Mother's Day!

May Our Lord Bless YOU Always!