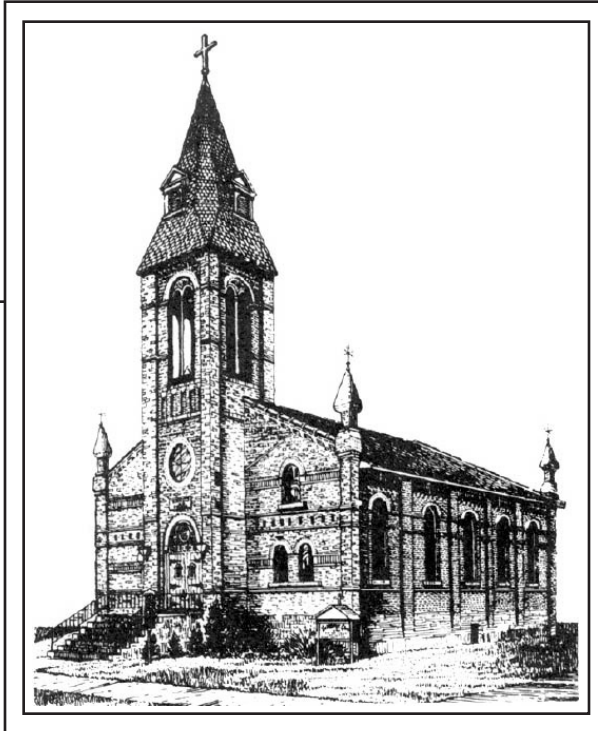


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October: Month of the Holy Rosary

In October, the month of the Holy Rosary, we think on the instrument of the crucifix, beads, rope or chain and the four sets of five mysteries each Rosary contains. I submit for the next four bulletins my own reflections on each along with their assigned mysteries.

I wish to recognize the Rosary Apostolate members in our parish who visit our schools and teach children about the Rosary and how to pray it. This endeavor teaches children the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be and the Fatima prayer while they learn of the power of this form of prayer recitation.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection

While there are so many witness accounts from the apostles' post resurrection which highlight Luke's Acts of the Apostles, no one witnessed this event but rather the after effects of it as Jesus appeared to individuals, couples and all of the apostles over forty days after His Resurrection. Yet, this most significant and foretold event which completed Christ's salvific work of salvation through His Cross and Resurrection was seen by no one. When Magdalene and others came to the tomb it was already opened and empty. The fact of Jesus' rising, as He had foretold several times to His Apostles, was only fully perceived in time as Jesus appeared to them and showed them His hands, feet and side. Yet, the Resurrection is pivotal to Christ's saving the world and to our own personal, individual redemption. Christ died for me. Christ rose for me. It's personal. Our own resurrection is only possible through Jesus' rising. St. Paul says that *"...if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain."* (1 Cor. 15:14)

The Ascension

What I see in this scene is the bottom of Jesus' feet, because that's what the apostles actually saw. Jesus, rose up from the ground in front of them and continued to rise until they could no longer see Him. Recall that Jesus, in John 6:60, addressed the unbelief that the disciples had when He announced their need to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man (Jesus)? He said, *"Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?"* In a way He was saying, "You ain't seen nothing yet!" If they cannot at least accept what Jesus was revealing to them in the gift of the Eucharist, then they are never going to accept that He can and will physically rise from the earth and return to heaven. This would indeed appear as a strange phenomenon, particularly since they would not see Him ever again on the earth after His departure. He didn't just disappear but physically went up in the air. And they were told to go and wait nine days and then they would receive the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. As the head, Jesus left so that He wouldn't simply remain on the earth as God but, with the sending of the Holy Spirit, would be in them a life – His life – to be lived. The Ascension, therefore is the scene of the Lord, under His own power, going back to heaven and leaving the earth in the form that He had walked and lived in it. He will no longer walk the earth as He did as Messiah.

The Gift (Decent) of the Holy Spirit

As promised, the Holy Spirit was given to the apostles as they waited. Mary was there too. And the most wondrous thing occurred when tongues of fire burned over them and they were elated as the Spirit filled them. No longer would they be fearful or questioning but with this force within them would now boldly proclaim Jesus to others and, in turn, to the world. The gifts of the Holy Spirit changed everything for the apostles and its power propelled the Good News forward made manifest in many healings and teachings as the flags of truth of the Church began to be unfurled. The Church was born at Pentecost and the mission outward to the surrounding areas and indeed to the world had begun. No longer were they fearful of the authorities as they had experienced the highest Authority of all in the One who was filling and sending them.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I have a love and devotion to Mary yet often wondered why this reality (assumption) and the fifth glorious mystery which follows, featured her and not her Son? But it was Jesus, as God, who did this, not Mary. This is an act of the Creator and not of a creature, which Mary was. Of her own volition she could not rise to heaven after falling into a sleep but rather this was an initiative of God in Jesus Christ that made His own Mother. This, of course, is obvious because Mary was sleeping when it happened. She was carried into heaven by angels of the Lord and she awoke in the place of "light, peace and endless home". For anyone who still holds a theology that Mary simply had a walk-on part in the drama of salvation and that she walked off again like every other human created by God, they will never understand Mary as singularly unique. The Assumption of Mary is not an act of Mary at all but a drawing of her body and soul into heaven – a special grace and privilege of God to her.

The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven

There aren't, of course, any photographs of the events of any of these mysteries of the Rosary nor of Sacred Scripture itself. We know that Jesus, as the fulfillment of all of the Old Testament prophecies, not only realized them in His short earthly life, principally in the three years of His public ministry, but He perfected them as well. The Old Testament 'manna' that was given by God to the Israelites in their wanderings after their freedom from bondage in Egypt, was the foreshadowing of the time when Christ would feed His people, not only with the great signs of the multiplication of loaves and fish but perfected in Jesus ultimately giving us, feeding us with His very self in His Body and Blood – the Eucharist. There is no heavenly report to earth of the scene of the Blessed Virgin Mary's being crowned in heaven yet we know it to be real because it would be the rightful 'perfection' and completion of God's own Mother. She is the Queen of Heaven and Christ, her Son, is King of the Universe. She is the creature who gave birth, by God's design and will, to the Creator, the Mother of God. Mary's life, motherhood, assumption into heaven without the decay of death and her coronation in heaven are all the beautiful, powerful, yet mysterious hand and working of God.

(Fr. Charles)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues Oct 8 7:00pm	+Paul Gerynowicz Requested the Cudney Family
Wed Oct 9 8:30am	+Kenny Buchan Requested by Domenic & Antonietta Sanfilippo
Thurs Oct 10 8:30am	Intentions of Aneta Mazurek
Friday Oct 11 7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	Intentions of Matthew & Chielo Perez Requested by Marilyn Lawrence
Sat Oct 12 3:30 to 4:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Deanna Prezio Requested by Family
Sunday Oct 13 9:00am	+Robert Ironside Requested by Pat Ironside-Mayes & Family
11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Kaz Watroba, Albert Sant, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Patrick McKee, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Vera Petrovic, Ashley Zavitz, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Denis Fennessy, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm

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Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 5/6, 2024

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 5/6, 2024 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity

The Appeals of Our Lady Apparitions & Marian Shrines in the World

St. Mary's is pleased to announce the return of the Poster Exhibition on The Appeals of Our Lady's Apparitions & Marian Shrines in the World. There will be 37 posters in the parish hall the weekend of Oct. 19/20, 2024 for you to view before or after the Masses. This exhibition was initiated in 2006 by Blessed Carlo Acutis, but was unable to finish due to the sudden onset of Fulminating leukemia. Blessed Carlo Acutis will likely be proclaimed a Saint during the 2025 Jubilee. Carlos Feast Day is October 12th.

Annual Life Chain

Communities throughout Canada will be participating in a silent, peaceful and prayerful witness for life on Sunday afternoon, October 6 from 2:00-3:00. Please join us in Collingwood. We will meet at Harbour view Park, off First and Birch Street at 1:45.



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