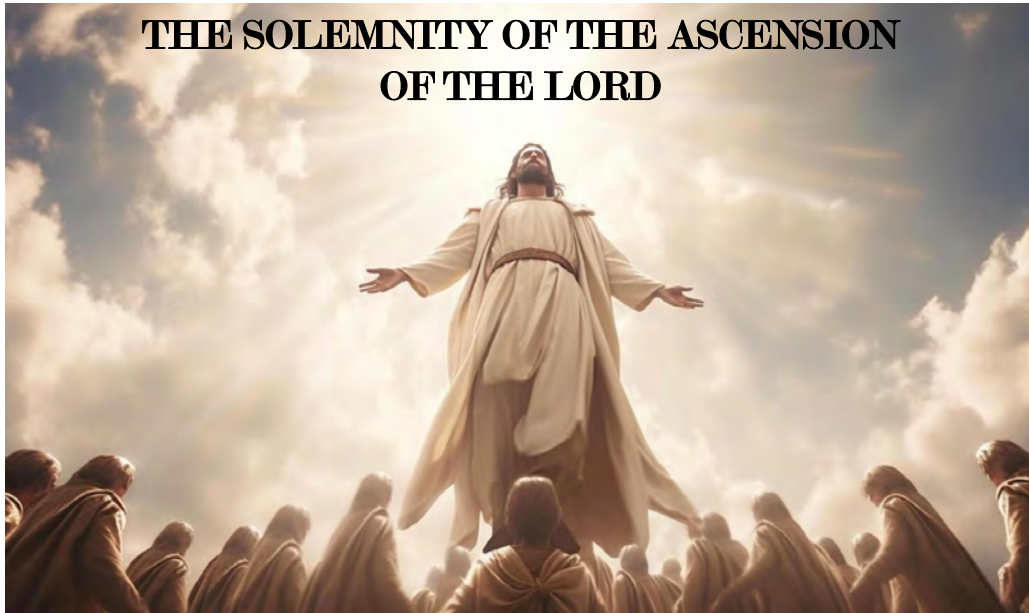


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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please
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at the entrance of the church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am OLOL, 11:00am

Tuesday - 6:20pm

Wednesday, Friday - 9:20am

Thursday - 10:00am @ Raincrest

Sacred Heart Chapel

Friday 7:00pm (June-Sept.)

Confessions

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:30pm

8:30 - 8:50am @ OLOL

or by appointment

Eucharist Adoration

Friday 9:20 - 10:00am

Visit with Father Gino

at the Church/Office Tuesday,

Wednesday & Friday

9:00-11:00am, 2:00-4:00pm

(Events celebrated at Our Lady of
Lourdes Parish are denoted by OLOL)

Baptisms

Please call 3 months in advance
Baptism Preparation Class every 2nd
Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Children's Liturgy

During Sunday masses
September thru May

Rosary

Weekdays before mass
Sunday 8:40am OLOL

Anointing of the Sick

Please call to request a visit, or in an
emergency ask hospital staff for
"Roman Catholic Priest on call"

Marriage

Please call 6 months in advance

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September,
please call at any time

*****OUR MISSION*****

Our Mission is to glorify God by fostering a belonging church
where all are loved and led into an authentic, life-changing
relationship with Jesus Christ.





June 1, 2025 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



MASSSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

June 2-5 No Daily Mass – Father Gino away at Annual Retreat.

Friday 6th (7pm Sacred Heart Chapel)

7:00pm + Elma Wepruk – The LePine Family and
The Intentions of Kim LePine – Mom

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Saturday 7th

5:00pm + Richard A. Hamilton – Noella Hamilton
and + Mary Kolynchuk – The Family

Sunday 8th (9am@ OLOL)

9:00am + Jim Major - Roseann

11:00am + Tony Morelli – The Sivonen Family and
+ Joao Goncalves – John Leschinski

The Ascension of the Lord

1st reading: (Acts 1.1-11)

2nd reading: (Ephesians 1.17-23)

Gospel: (Luke 24.46-53)

What's going on?!

June 3-5 – No Masses – Father Gino away for his Annual Retreat

June 4 – CWL Celebration of Members & Potluck
– 6pm

June 6 – First Mass @ Sacred Heart Chapel – 7pm

June 10 – Bereavement Group Meeting – 1pm

June 15 – Pie Sale at Our Lady of Lourdes
– Farewell Party for Father Gino after the
11am mass

Ministry Schedule

May 31 – Kim/Gilles (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

June 1 – Michael/Marie (Lectors), Kathy (EMHC)

June 7 – Gemma/Shelley (Lectors), Monique (EMHC)

June 8 – Dale/Miranda (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)



Put a smile on your face and a flower in your hair and join in the celebration of CWL members on Wednesday, June 4th. The service will begin at 6pm followed by the

potluck supper. “This is the day that the Lord had made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Note: Group 1 (surnames A to J) are hosting – set up @ 1:30pm, receive food @ 5:30pm. Thank you!



From the Pastor's Desk

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Dear Friends in Jesus,

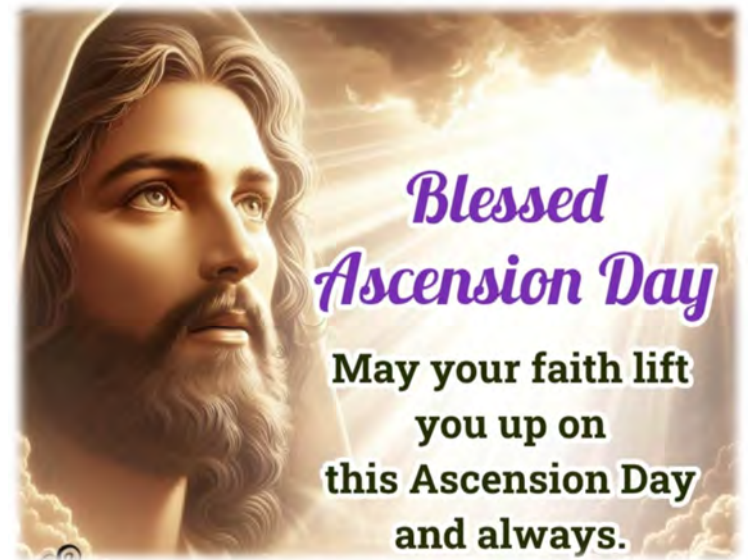
Today, we celebrate the glorious Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven, marking the completion of His earthly mission. Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus was taken up into Heaven in the sight of His apostles (Acts 1:9), returning to the Father to reign in glory and prepare a place for us.

The Ascension is not a farewell, but a profound promise. Jesus assures us, “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). From His heavenly throne, He intercedes for us, and through the Holy Spirit, continues to guide His Church.

The Ascension fills us with Christian hope. Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow. It is a promise that our lives, too, have a divine purpose and destiny. We are pilgrims on a journey, guided by Christ, who leads us to the Father. As we await the great feast of Pentecost, let us join the apostles in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to come upon us anew. Let us renew our commitment to the mission of the Church, confident that Jesus, ascended into Heaven, walks with us in power and love.

Greetings!

Fr. Gino Mathias





There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. We need to get an idea of how many people are joining us to plan how much food we will need. Thank you!



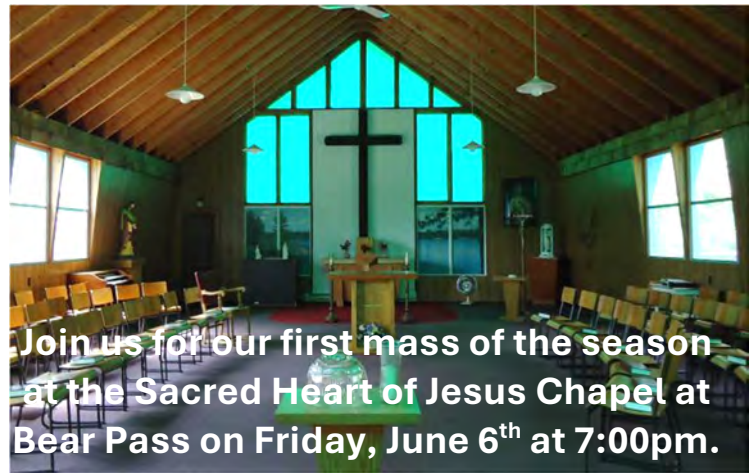
59th World Communications Day 2025

Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts (cf. 1Pt 3:15-16)

The theme of the 59th World Communications Day draws attention to the fact that today too often communication is violent, aimed at striking and not at establishing the conditions for dialogue. It is therefore necessary to disarm communication, to cleanse it of aggression. From television talk shows to verbal wars on social networks, there is a risk that the prevailing paradigm is that of competition, opposition, and the will to dominate.

For us Christians, hope is a person, and He is Christ. And it is always linked to a community project; when we speak of Christian hope, we cannot disregard a community that lives the message of Jesus in such a credible way as to give a glimpse of the hope that it brings and is capable of communicating the hope of Christ with deeds and words even today.

The WCD theme 2025 resonates with the Jubilee Year of Hope.



Join us for our first mass of the season at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel at Bear Pass on Friday, June 6th at 7:00pm.

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