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MASS SCHEDULE

Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Church

St Hilary Church

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

none

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday - 10:30 a.m.

Tue & Thu - 12:00 a.m. (If is int. Mass)

1st and 3rd Sundays: Beardmore - St. Theresa Church - 2:15 p.m. (close)

MacDiarmid/Rocky Bay - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - 1:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Sundays: Dorion - St. Isidore - Mass - 12:30 a.m. (May- September)

1st & 3rd Saturdays: Dorion - St. Isidore - Mass - 6:30 pm

HOLY HOUR:

First Friday - 9:00 p. m—10:30 a.m Adoration and Benediction
and Holy Mass—ABVM Church.

HOLY ROSARY: The Rosary for the unborn Child - Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.– ABVM

ASSOCIATIONS & COUNCILS: Parish Council, Finance Committee, Building Committee, C.W.L Knights of Columbus, Food Bank.

BAPTISM:

Please contact the parish office

CONFESSION:

One hour before Mass

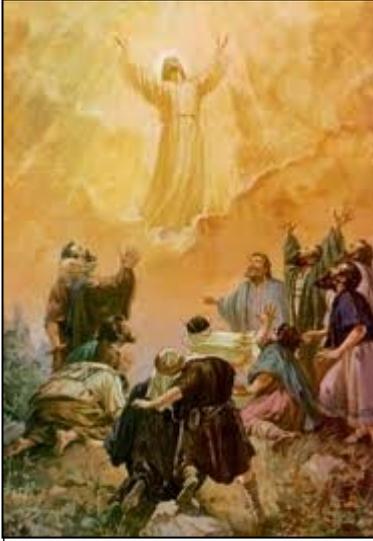
MARRIAGE:

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

Visiting the Sick:

Anytime call to Priest.

Annunciation BVM and St. Hilary Parishes are a community of Catholics under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship, service and fellowship, in cooperation with the Bishop of Thunder Bay, in order to bring forth the values of the Kingdom of God.



When we think of the Ascension of Jesus, the account given us in chapter 1 of the Acts of the Apostles naturally comes to our minds. In fact, some may find that this passage from St Matthew's gospel is not an ascension story at all. This moment in the life of Jesus was significant from several points of view, however, and each account stresses some aspects over others.

We can identify three main aspects:

1. – At the end of his earthly life, and especially of his passion, Jesus makes his triumphant entry into heaven, to sit forever at the right hand of the Father.
2. – The time for forming his little community has come to an end, and Jesus sends his disciples out into the world.
3. – From now on Jesus and his followers must relate with each other differently. Luke's images are so powerful, full of colour, and the sense of ending and going away are so strong that they dazzle us and we fail to see through them to the mystery they present. Our

response to this image must not be that of asking 'how did it happen?' but 'what does it tell us today about the Christian life?' The key question is this: 'if Jesus is not present as he was before the crucifixion, then how is he leading us, teaching us, and being present to us?'

We are not just people who rejoice that God loves us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Christ as the glory of the Father; we have to build a world of justice, truth, and peace. If we believe that Christ has ascended, then challenging corruption, untruth, intolerance, and all that enslaves should be characteristic symptoms of the presence of Christians in a society. The ascension is not a cozy feast: it should make us feel uncomfortable. Have we just been standing idle looking into heaven?

MASSES AND SERVICES ONLINE and ON TELEVISION

Our Parishioners are encouraged to access Masses and Services online or on television until our Churches re-open. Here are some to choose from:

ONLINE: www.dotb.ca (*weekly Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop Colli*)



www.vaticannews.va www.saltandlighttv.org www.youtube.com
www.wordonfire.org www.dailytvmass.com

www.catholicstv.org www.mass-online.org

ON TELEVISION: VisionTV: Bell Channel 261, Shaw Direct Channel 394, Tbaytel Channel 675; EWTN : Shaw Channels 292, 559 & 285; Faith TV: Bell Channel 591; Joy-V: Bell Channel 656; YesTV: Bell Channel 651.

A Note from Father Henryk regarding Mass: I continue to celebrate Mass on a regular basis and pray for the parish family and for other needs. If any parishioner would like to participate in a weekday Mass or Sunday Mass you may phone me at 889-0482 and arrange for your presence. **Only fifth people are allowed at one time.** Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. in Our Annunciation Parish. If you would like to participate in it, please contact Father Henryk to make arrangements for your participation.

FIRST CONFESSION and FIRST COMMUNION Until the Emergency restrictions are lifted, we will not be able to set specific dates for these special events. We hope that they can still be celebrated within this current calendar year. These new dates will be set in consultation with our First Communion Preparation Team and the parents of the children.

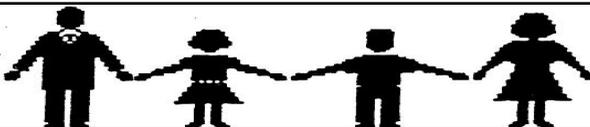


When will we be back to the ‘new normal?’ Well, the Ontario government is beginning to ease the restrictions on a number of businesses but we are not sure when the restrictions will be eased for the worship places. However, when it does happen there will be lots of changes to which we all will have to accommodate!

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."



The Leaven of God. Dear brothers and sisters, being the Church, to be the People of God in accordance with the Father's great design of love, means to be the leaven of God in this humanity of ours. In means to proclaim and to bring God's salvation to this world of ours so often led astray and in need of answers that give courage, hope, and new vigour for the journey. May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live according to the good life of the gospel. And to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged, the Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and proclaim the gospel.



***SUNDAY MASS:
Our time of prayer
As a community of faith!***



We are familiar with the frequently used saying 'to come full circle', which means that people or things, having set out on a journey or task, have returned to where they started. They have successfully completed the cycle and are back at the beginning. This ap-

plies particularly to our thoughts about Jesus on the Feast of the Ascension.

In one sense, the Ascension celebrates that Jesus has come full circle because, having come from the Father to accomplish a specific mission, he returns to the Father having achieved what he was sent to do. And he was sent to save us from spiritual death and alienation from God that is due to our sins.

But in another sense, the Ascension marks the passing on of the baton by Jesus to his apostles. At the beginning of his public ministry, he had preached that the kingdom of heaven was close and he had challenged people to repent of their sins and believe in the Good News, which involves putting the teachings of Christ into practice in their lives. Now the responsibility for that ministry was being passed on to the apostles and disciples. They were mandated to continue his saving work, drawing all nations to the truth of the Gospel. Jesus' departure from the earth and his return to heaven did not mean that his apostles and disciples would remain alone in their mission. Although he would no longer be physically present, he told them: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time' So there was no need for them to worry or to be lacking in confidence because he would be spiritually present, especially in the sacramental life of the Church. The message of the Ascension is clear. The saving work of Christ is now being handed over to the Church.



I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, 'if he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus – he is here and there. The risen

lord has moved on, but he has not fully left us. His Spirit dwells in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body – the man of heaven and the God of earth – is now the church, and that's us. Before we are of any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptized into the church of Christ; we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole church – we begin in him and end in him, like the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, on the paschal candle. Our faith is also renewed through living with Jesus – we are partners in our mission. Our faith is also renewed in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday – in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

A breathing prayer – as you breathe in notice you are breathing in the gift of life from God. Holy Spirit, living in the church, living in Mary, draws me more fully into your life.