

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2010

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010

(Acts18.23-28, John16.23b-28)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

(Acts1.1-11, Ephesians1.17-23, Luke24.46-53)

10:30 For the intentions of
the benefactors of Ascension of Our Lord Parish

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010

NO MASS

(Acts19.1-8, John)

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010

(Acts20.17-27, John17.1-11a)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010

(Acts20.28-38, John17.11b-19)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

(Acts22.30;23.6-11, John17.20-26)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010

(Acts24.27;25.13b-21++, John21.15-19)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010

(Acts28.16-20,30-31, John21.20-25)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

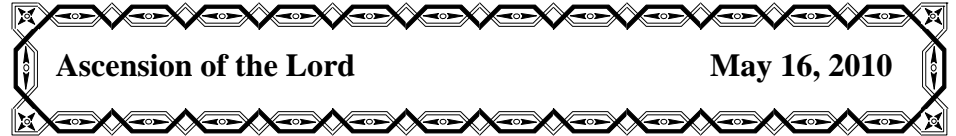
(Acts2.1-11, 1Cor12.3b-7, 12-13, John20.19-23)

10:30 Rose C. Woodhouse by Ann & Paul Johnson
Mary Ann Mallette by Ann & Louis Mallette

This Week at Ascension

Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room for
information call 931-5536.

Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.



From a homily by Fr. Michael Ryan on the Ascension

Fr. Ryan points out that the Ascension is about the future. He says that "The bad guys will be overcome, not by guns, but by the gospel."

There is a story about a group of Christians being thrown to the lions during one of the early persecutions. As they were being attacked the Emperor had one of them brought to him and said to him: "Show me now the power of your God to save you." The Christian answered: "The power of our God is evident in the fact that, even as you are killing us, we are able to forgive you."

In today's reading, Jesus says that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations and that we are witnesses to this truth. It is forgiveness that will overcome evil, not getting even.

Remember Joseph Stalin's cynical question: "How many divisions has the pope?" We might be tempted to see the expression, "Jesus is Lord", as meaning that Jesus, seated now at the right hand of the Father, is about to wipe out all the bad guys and that he wants us to act as his vigilantes. That is wrong however, Jesus is the friend of sinners, the one who prayed from the cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

You and I need to reflect on this truth because there is a cruel mood in our society. It promotes bigotry and hatred toward particular groups of people. It wants revenge. It is unwilling to share with others. It is cynical toward government and hard on the poor. In this social climate we need to remember the spirit of compassion embodied in our great tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. We were always in the front ranks promoting good social legislation. We provided leadership for the labour movement time and again. We fought for the poor. To be witness to Christ today means to help our society recover its awareness that is called to forgiveness, not revenge, to healing, not division, to community, not individualism.

... The ascension of Jesus means that, freed from the limitations of time and space, he is already in Chicago, and London, and everywhere else. He is there through us, his people. People are to see and hear Christ in us. If that is so, then the face they must see in us is not one of hatred, selfishness and bigotry, but of forgiveness, compassion and love.

From *Preaching the Church's Social Doctrine* by Michael T. Ryan Solidarity Books 2008

St. Patrick's Square (6767 Cote St. Luc Rd.)

invites you to a free seminar

The Upside of Downsizing with Kathleen Murphy
on Sunday, May 30 from 2-3:30 p.m. All are welcome.
Please call 514-481-9609 to register as seating is limited.

Note: As mentioned last weekend, here are some internet sites that I find interesting and use daily:

- **www.goodnews.ie/gospel** (A daily reflection by an Irish Dominican priest.)
- **www.online ministries.creighton.edu/collaborative ministry/daily** (A Jesuit site with daily reflections by a variety of priests and lay persons.)
- **www.saintvincentarchabbey.org/homilies** (A Sunday reflection by a Benedictine monk.)
- **www.catholicregister.org** (Look for Fr. Scott Lewis - weekly commentary.)

Do you have any favourite websites? Let me know.

Father Pat

Volunteer of the Year

Mrs. Janet Macklem has been named Westmount Municipal Association's Volunteer of the Year. Janet is being honoured for her multi-faceted service to the community. She has volunteered with the Ascension Meals-on-Wheels for 25 years as well as with L'Abri en Ville, Benedict Labre House, St. Willibrord's Food & Clothing Bank, and organized Ascension's Advent Mass of Concern which raises funds Christmas Baskets and for the Breakfast Program at Westmount Park School. Well done, Janet. Congratulations.

WYD (World Youth Day) 2011

MADRID REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Come to the next registration where we are best equipped and set-up to receive you and answer your questions.

When: May 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Archdiocese of Montreal, 2000 Sherbrooke St. W.

Contact: Youth Ministry at jeunesse@diocesemontreal.org
or 514-931-7311

Parish Support

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