



SOLEMNITY OF LORD'S ASCENSION

There is an old saying: "Words push, examples pull." Someone adds: "Any good Christian is a walking Bible even though he has never quoted a verse. In fact, good Christian example may be the only gospel illiterate people can read." In other words, even if we speak convincingly, even if we speak too much, but our actions contradict what we are saying, nothing happens. Even if we convince others, we cannot fool God who knows and sees everything.

Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven. That is, He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father as is what our Apostles' Creed is telling us. After Jesus gathered His disciples in Galilee for the last time with His physical presence and instructed them on what to do, He ascended into heaven to be with His Father which is our Father too. His ascension into heaven is a sign that His life here on earth has already ended; He also ends His teaching and suffering here on earth. That is why, the light of paschal candle also ends today to signify that Christ has already gone physically in the eyes of His disciples.

Jesus entrusts His mission to His apostles and to us too. He expects us to continue this mission. What is this mission? It is to witness to Christ in the world, to preach the Good news that God redeemed us and to show by our love that He is always with us. All in all, there are three types of mission.

First, is to witness to Christ in the world. Jesus said: "...your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father," (Matt 5:16) but how? Through our prayer and worship, loving concern and care for others or a good life.

Second, is to preach the good news that God redeemed us. But how can we preach to other people if we don't know what to preach? How can we give to other people if we don't have anything to give? That is why our church is giving seminars, training, education, etc., for us to prepare for this noble act.

Third, is to show by our love that he is always with us but how? We can do it through the testimony of our daily living. Let us pray that we can faithfully fulfill our mission. Remember this: "Believe what you read, teach what you believe and live it."

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, May 18 9:00 a.m.

All souls in purgatory	req Benilda Fajardo
Rosa Sottile	req Carmelina Sottile
Soul of Zenaida Ramirez	req Myrna Dizon
Khanh and Thong	req Pauline Nguyen
Gilbert Dobbens	req Sally Lucas
Lisa and Kenneth Man	req Irene and Antony Man
In memory of Leticia Torio	req Felisa Go and Ruby Benitez

Tuesday, May 19 9:00 a.m.

Deceased and living members of Chu family	req Therese Phan
David Hickey	req Maria Laguisma
Healing of Helena	req Anne McInnis
In memory of Leticia Torio	req Felisa Go and Ruby Benitez

Wednesday, May 20 9:00 a.m.

Tuyet Tran and Tuyen Nancy Nguyen	req Hazel Nguyen
Aaron Laguisma	req Maria Laguisma
Healing of Mike	req Anne McInnis
In memory of Leticia Torio	req Felisa Go and Ruby Benitez

Thursday, May 21 9:00 a.m.

Melody Le and Jackie Nguyen	req Hazel Nguyen
In memory of Leticia Torio	req Felisa Go and Ruby Benitez
Healing of Giovanni	req Mary

Friday, May 22 9:00 a.m.

Healing of Edzel Gomez	req Hazel and Truong Nguyen
Good Health and thanksgiving	req William and Sally Lucas
Intentions of Vicki	req Anne McInnis
In memory of Leticia Torio	req Felisa Go and Ruby Benitez

Saturday, May 23 5:00 p.m.

John To and Anna Phan	req Therese Phan
Intentions for Irene and Antony Man	
Intentions of Mary	req Anne McInnis
In memory of Leticia Torio	req Felisa Go and Ruby Benitez
Blessings and thanksgiving	req Rebecca Ramos
Repose of the soul of Maureen Martin	req Janet Martin

Sunday, May 24 10:00 am

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

THIS WEEK THE LAMP BURNS:

In memory of Maureen Williams
Req Williams family

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it." (John 1:5)



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

May 9/10, 2026

Sunday Offering \$ 2,935.00

Loose Offering 529.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

May 17

A financial contribution to the special collection this Sunday enables Pope Francis to support the work of the Church and to continue the distribution of financial help when needed. Likewise at home, the faithful can demonstrate solidarity through meaningful prayer remembering those in need, offer intentions that call for an end to human suffering, and become involved in parish social justice initiatives united under the banner of Christ's everlasting love and compassion.

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH

60TH YEAR

This year's **JUBILEE** marks the 60 year Jubilee of our parish. The cornerstone for St. Charles Garnier Parish was set on September 11, 1966. We give thanks to God for the presence and service of our parish in the Hamilton community and in our Hamilton Diocese. Celebrations will be forthcoming including our annual pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine when we will share the Shrine's 100th Jubilee with our 60th Jubilee and call upon the intercession of our patron saint, St. Charles Garnier.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, which



occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the **final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday**. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

CANADIAN MARTYRS SHRINE, MIDLAND, ONTARIO
This year is Centennial Anniversary of Canadian Martyrs shrine, A Century of Pilgrimage, Encounter, and Living Faith

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

TICKETS: \$70 PER PERSON

We will be traveling by Canada Coach Bus. Please arrive at St. Charles Garnier Parish by 7:30 a.m.

The bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

We'll return to Hamilton by 7:00 p.m.

Healing Mass at the Shrine at 1:30 p.m.

Celebrated by Fr. Saju.

Please bring your own bagged lunch.

For more information, contact the parish office:

call us: 905 528 0074 or

email us: saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com

PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS AND SPREAD THE WORD
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Ps. 119:105

ALTAR SERVERS' AWARD 2026

Congratulations to our Altar Servers who received the 2026 Bishop's Medal of Honour for Altar Servers: Gerard Chimy, Paul Chimy and Irene Mendoza

We give thanks for their dedication in serving our Lord and ask God's blessing on them always.

We thank all our faithful Servers and look forward to the time when each of you will be a recipient of this medal.

THE PARISH PRAYER BOOK

Our Parish is so blessed to have a beautiful compilation of prayers that we use everyday during our daily Holy Mass. We ask that we use these prayer books with extra care by putting them back neatly in their proper places. Thank you for your cooperation.