



Paróquia de Nossa Senhora de Fátima

(Casa de oração e convivência da Comunidade Portuguesa)

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HORÁRIO DAS MISSAS:

Terça-feira à Sexta-feira: às 9h (Português) - **Sábado:** às 17h (Português)

Domingo: 9h (Português) 10:30 hs (Inglês) 12h (Português)

Baptizados: Preparação para os pais e padrinhos na 1ª Sexta-feira do mês, às 18:30 hs – Por favor, contactar o Ofício Paroquial de segunda à sexta-feira, das 9:00 hs às 17:00 hs.

Confissões: Após as Missas ou com hora marcada no ofício

Matrimónios: Os noivos devem contactar a Paróquia 12 meses antes do casamento e antes de alugar a sala/lugar da festa. Devem participar do Curso de preparação para o matrimônio.

Aluguer da Sala (Hall rentals for church events) - Mariano Dâmaso 780- 474-5130 Office for others events-780 474 2805

Decoração da Igreja para Casamentos (Church Decorations for Weddings) – Fátima Brinco 780-479-3182

DOMINGO VII DA PÁSCOA ,ANO A, 24 MAIO , 2020

Versão em português

LEITURA I ACTOS 1, 1-11

No meu primeiro livro, ó Teófilo, narrei todas as coisas que Jesus começou a fazer e a ensinar, desde o princípio até ao dia em que foi elevado ao Céu, depois de ter dado, pelo Espírito Santo, as suas instruções aos Apóstolos que escolhera. Foi também a eles que, depois da sua paixão, Se apresentou vivo com muitas provas, aparecendo-lhes durante quarenta dias e falando-lhes do reino de Deus. Um dia em que estava com eles à mesa, mandou-lhes que não se afastassem de Jerusalém, mas que esperassem a promessa do Pai, «da qual – disse Ele – Me ouvistes falar. Na verdade, João baptizou com água; vós, porém, sereis baptizados no Espírito Santo, dentro de poucos dias». Aqueles que se tinham reunido começaram a perguntar: «Senhor, é agora que vais restaurar o reino de Israel?». Ele respondeu-lhes: «Não vos compete saber os tempos ou os momentos que o Pai determinou com a sua autoridade; mas recebereis a força do Espírito Santo, que descerá sobre vós, e sereis minhas testemunhas em Jerusalém e em toda a Judeia e na Samaria e até aos confins da terra». Dito isto, elevou-Se à vista deles e uma nuvem escondeu-O a seus olhos. E estando de olhar fito no Céu, enquanto Jesus Se afastava, apresentaram-se-lhes dois homens vestidos de branco, que disseram: «Homens da Galileia, porque estais a olhar para o Céu? Esse Jesus, que do meio de vós foi elevado para o Céu, virá do mesmo modo que O vistes ir para o Céu». **Palavra do Senhor.**

EVANGELHO DE NOSSO SENHOR JESUS CRISTO SEGUNDO S. MATEUS 28, 16-20

Naquele tempo, os Onze discípulos partiram para a Galileia, em direcção ao monte que Jesus lhes indicara. Quando O viram, adoraram-n’O; mas alguns ainda duvidaram. Jesus aproximou-Se e disse-lhes: «Todo o poder Me foi dado no Céu e na terra. Ide e ensinai todas as nações, baptizando-as em nome do Pai e do Filho e do Espírito Santo, ensinando-as a cumprir tudo o que vos mandei. Eu estou sempre convosco até ao fim dos tempos». **Palavra da salvação.**

Voz do Pastor

Queridos irmãos, estamos vivendo já a mais de 70 dias o isolamento social e estamos aguardando o momento em que a Paróquia será reaberta para celebrações públicas. Reforço a importância de nesse tempo mantermos nossa vida de fé dentro de nossas casas e não deixarmos o desânimo ou as dificuldades abalarem as estruturas da nossa fé. Coragem! Ânimo!

A Igreja celebra neste domingo a solenidade da Ascensão do Senhor, que deve significar para nós um canto de vitória e de esperança. Neste dia Jesus sobe ao céu, quarenta dias após a Páscoa. Contemplamos o mistério de Jesus que deixa o nosso espaço terreno para entrar na plenitude da glória de Deus. Também nós podemos olhar para o alto e reconhecer o nosso futuro. Na Ascensão de Jesus, o Crucificado Ressuscitado, há a promessa da nossa participação na plenitude de vida junto de Deus. Jesus vai para junto de Deus,

mas, ao mesmo tempo, permanece conosco, ele continua sendo o Deus conosco, o Emanuel, e não nos deixa sós.

Tenha um final de semana abençoado! Deus te abençoe!

ENGLISH VERSION:

FIRST READING ACTS 1.1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." **The word of The Lord.**

Holy Gospel St. Mathew 28.16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." **The Gospel of The Lord.**

The voice of the Pastor

Dear brothers, we have been experiencing social isolation for more than 70 days and we are waiting for the moment when the Parish will be reopened for public celebrations. I reinforce the importance of keeping our life of faith within our homes at this time and not letting discouragement or difficulties shake the structures of our faith. Courage! Cheer up!

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which should mean for us a song of victory and hope. On this day Jesus ascends to heaven, forty days after Easter. We contemplate the mystery of Jesus who leaves our earthly space to enter into the fullness of God's glory. We too can look up and recognize our future. At the Ascension of Jesus, the Risen Crucified One, there is the promise of our participation in the fullness of life with God. Jesus goes to God, but at the same time he remains with us, he remains the God with us, Emmanuel, and does not leave us alone. Have a blessed weekend! God bless you!

Volunteers for Church Cleaning

Our Parish needs more volunteers to clean the Church. We have currently 5 groups, with a small number of volunteers. If you have the time, please call the office in order to register and support the maintenance. It will be very appreciated.

New to Our Lady of Fatima Parish?

Wish to register? Please fill the registration form near the entrance, and leave it on the Collection basket during mass, or call the office **780-474-2805**, or email us: olfchurch@shaw.ca. You will receive a donation envelopes box, with your member number and we will record your donations for Tax receipts.

Saints of the Week

May 23rd- St. John Baptist Rossi

May 24th -St. Jessica

May 25th -St. Manuel Morales

May 26th -St. Zachary

May 27th - St. Bruno

May 28th- St. Paul Hanh

May 29th - St. Maximus

St. of the week



St. John Baptist de Rossi, also known as Giovanni Battista de' Rossi, was born on February 22, 1698 in Voltaggio, Italy. He was the fourth child of Charles de Rossi and Frances Anfossi, known to be a holy and faith filled couple. Though John's family was not financially

wealthy, they were rich in faith. Through their guidance and a wonderful education, John learned to excel in his living faith, piety and gentleness. A pair of priests, Scipio Gaetano and Giuseppe Repetto, saw great potential within John and took his early education and faith formation as a part of their apostolate, taking him under their spiritual care. When he was 10-years-old, John met with a wealthy, noble couple from Genoa after Mass. They, too, noted his gifts and potential. So, they took him in as a page, after receiving his father's approval. John was taken to Genoa to attend school until 1711.

In 1710, John's father suddenly passed away. His mother pleaded for him to return home, but John was convinced that the Lord wanted him to finish his education in Genoa. In 1711, John was called to Rome by his cousin, the canon of St. Mary in Cosmedin, Lorenzo de Rossi. Lorenzo suggested John complete his studies there at the Collegium Romanum under the guidance of the Jesuits.

John continued to thrive in his studies. His natural talents, spiritual gifts, Christian virtue and willingness to apply himself to his studies made him the model student.

Archdiocese of Edmonton

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the information that will be received from the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and the Chief Medical Officer scheduled for Thursday, May 21. No date will be set for the resumption of public liturgies in our Catholic churches and institutions until the Bishops are satisfied that their own directives can be fully and properly implemented.

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Grace of the week

Leader: Lord
Jesus, we thank you
for your Word. You
have received all
authority in heaven
and on earth.
(*Matthew 28:18*)

All: All glory and
power and honour
are yours, O Lord.

OR

Leader: Lord
Jesus, we thank you
for your Word. You
are with us always,
to the end of the
age. (*Matthew*
28:20)

All: Lord, we
thank you for your
presence.

Bishops Update: Date for Resumption of Public Masses not yet set

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**LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE
FRANCIS
TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY 2020**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this

reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone. Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Prayer to Our Lady

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

The second Prayer:

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will

stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.