

From the Rector _____

The time has come for your son or daughter to move out. You've watched them grow up from the day that they were first born; watched them make their mistakes; watched them learn; even watched them try to do better the next time round. You've watched them struggle to find out who they are; as they've tested the parameters; perhaps reminding yourself that we never learn if we never push against the boundaries, at least a little. You've watched them do all of that; but now the time has come for them to head off to university; or to take their first real job somewhere else. And as much as you know that it has to be; that they really do need to loosen the ties that hold you together, you can't help but wonder, and pray, that it all goes well. They really can't have you around all the time if they're to grow up; they've got to make their own decisions; they've got to take their own initiative. And as long as they have you there to fill the gaps, they'll never learn that they have the skills and gifts to fill those gaps themselves. If they always have you to do everything for them, they'll never begin to achieve their potential. So, a little reluctantly, and just a little hopefully, you unload the last box from the car and slowly carry it up to their dorm room; you make sure that they're set up as best you can; you stand awkwardly for a moment not knowing what to say until you know that you just have to say goodbye; swallowing hard, you walk down the stairs, get back into the car; and slowly head home, trying not to look back. And you pray. Because you're pretty sure that it's going to be ok; that they're going to be fine; that they've got the foundation that you helped to build; but you really can't ever know that for sure until they have to do it themselves.

This week is the Fourth Sunday after Easter Day; and much as the Third Sunday in Advent is a mid-season anticipation of the joy and celebration that will soon come at Christmas; and the Fourth Sunday in Lent is a mid-season anticipation of the joy and celebration that will come on Easter Day; so this Sunday is a mid-season anticipation of the bright, fiery joy of the Day of Pentecost, just three short weeks away. But the joy of Whitsunday is muted this week by the sadness that Christ speaks of in this week's Gospel; the sadness that his disciples feel because of the news that Jesus will be leaving; that having only recently been restored to new life, with a whole new world of possibilities before him, as we read it now after Easter, Jesus makes plans for his departure; for his Ascension; for his return to the heaven which he had left that he might be our Saviour. In a way, much like that parent heading out of town having dropped off their son or daughter, Jesus has to go if His disciples are to become what

God calls them to become; if they're to be the people that He knows they can be. As long as he's there, they'll always look to him to take care of business; they'll never even begin to realise their potential. So having laid a sure foundation; having taught them; having given them what they need to know, he prepares to leave; knowing what they cannot really know until they experience it themselves; knowing that the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost will change everything.

The Ascension of Christ, which falls on our calendar just over a week away, challenges us to a mature kind of faith; a faith that never just looks back nostalgically to what once happened 2000 years ago; but which calls us to live out those events every day. Christ's Incarnation, which we celebrate each year at Christmas, is a call to all of us to incarnate, to 'enflesh', God's love in our lives; in other words, to make real the presence of our loving, compassionate, patient God in the midst of a broken and frightened and impatient world. And Christ's Crucifixion, which we of course recall each year on Good Friday, is a call to all of us to rise above the selfishness and self-absorption that is the spoken and unspoken creed of all human society; the selfishness that tempts us with the false hope that having and getting is greater than giving and sharing. And Christ's Resurrection, which is our Easter celebration, is a call to all of us to live resurrected lives; lives of holiness that witness to our sure hope that God can and will overcome all that frightens and threatens us; lives that witness more than words ever will that nothing lies outside of God's power to heal and make whole! And Christ's Ascension, with the promise of the Holy Spirit to all those who love and follow him, is our reminder that this work has been given to us; that we just can't sit back like children and assume that God will magically do it all for us. Rather we go forward with the confidence that he'll do it gracefully with us; that if this world is ever to know love and hope and peace and joy, it will come not because God magically does it for us, but only because we model all of that, through the grace given us by God the Holy Spirit.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

THE RECTOR EXPECTS TO BE ON VACATION this week and will be returning on Saturday, May 21st in time for next weekend's Services. If you require the ministry of a priest during this time, please call his cellphone number: 506-461-7685.

AS A RESULT OF THE RECTOR'S VACATION, the Wednesday evening Celebration of the Holy Eucharist is cancelled for this week only.

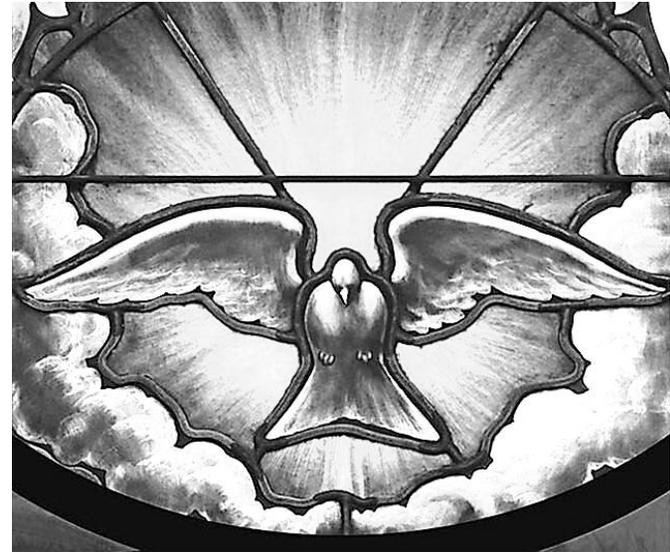
ASCENSION DAY is the Church's commemoration of Christ's triumphal return to heaven following His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. It falls each year on the 40th day of Easter. A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension will be held on **Thursday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m.** at All Saints' Church in the Parish of Marysville; and everyone is encouraged to make the effort to attend as their schedule permits. Some light refreshments will follow the Service for those who wish to stay. Plan to join us on the 26th as we celebrate the completion of Christ's earthly ministry and His promise to send us the Holy Spirit.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE: Archbishop David Edwards will be on pilgrimage here in the Archdeaconry of Fredericton from May 21st to June 5th, the 7th and final archdeaconry pilgrimage that he has made since he became bishop of the Diocese. He will be visiting us here in the Parish on Saturday, June 4th, and Sunday, June 5th, serving as celebrant and preacher at the 5:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday and blessing the Community Food Forest on Sunday. He will be sleeping over night at St. Mary's and will be celebrating and preaching in the Parish of Marysville on Sunday morning. As part of his pilgrimage there will be opportunity for members of the Parish to walk with the archbishop; and details of how to do that will be shared the week prior to his visit. During the pilgrimage you can follow his progress by reading his blog. Go to: <https://nb.anglican.ca/the-bishop/bishops-pilgrimage> to read about this year's journey, including the schedule and route for the various days of the pilgrimage, or to read what he wrote during his last pilgrimage in 2019.

ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY FOOD FOREST OFFICIAL OPENING:

Everyone is invited to the opening of our Community Food Forest on **Sunday June 5th at 11:00 a.m.** We will have 3 concurrent activities starting at 11 am, followed by a short ceremony to thank our partners and sponsors. We would request that masks be worn in any situation where social distancing cannot be maintained. Adam Birchweaver will be hosting a plant walk in and around the food forest discussing the edibility, medicinal uses, and history of plants in the area. Sima Usvyatsov will be doing a demonstration of plant propagation techniques that allow you to multiply your perennial plants for free. And Andrew Mathis will be hosting a walk around the food forest discussing its design and establishment. These 3 activities will be happening at the same time, so you'll have to choose which one you'd like to attend. We hope to see you there!

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It is as if the Spirit stands behind us, throwing light over our shoulder, on Jesus, who stands facing us. The Spirit's message to us is never, "Look at me; listen to me; come to me; get to know me," but always, "Look at *him*, and see his glory; listen to *him* and hear his word; go to *him* and have life; get to know *him* and taste his gift of joy and peace." The Spirit, we might say, is the matchmaker, the celestial marriage broker, whose role it is to bring us and Christ together and ensure that we stay together.

James I. Packer, *Keep in Step with the Spirit*

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 14, 2022

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 72 | Deuteronomy 32:48-end & 34 | Acts 20:17-end

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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NICHOLAS SAULNIER will be ordained as a deacon in the Church of God on the **Feast of St. Barnabas, June 11th**, at 2:00 p.m. at St. George's Church in Moncton. Nicholas will be starting his work in the Parishes of St. Mary, York, Marysville, and Stanley shortly after his ordination. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this foundational day in his ministry as he responds to God's call to servanthood.

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5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MAY 22: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER: ROGATION SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

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May 15, 2022

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 126, 127, & 128 | Numbers 22:36-23:12 | John 11:1-44

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** **This Joyful Eastertide**
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