# SANTA CRUZ PARISH



#### WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays and Fridays 12:00 pm (English) in the main church.

#### **SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

10:30am (English) 12pm (Portuguese)

## The Office is opened Tuesdays and Thursdays

DONATE for the upkeep of our building, support activities, and operations.



"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (...) And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Mark 16:15 / Matthew 28:20

## **Reflection - 7th Sunday of Easter**

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord shows, first of all, what the ultimate goal of our journey is: communion with God, eternal Life. But it also reminds the disciples of Jesus that, while they walk the earth, they have the responsibility to continue His work and bear witness to God's salvation.

In the Gospel, the Risen Jesus bids farewell to the disciples and entrusts them with His mission. The disciples, formed in the "school" of Jesus, are called to bring the Gospel to all nations, to proclaim to all men and women the love and mercy of God. They will not be alone: Jesus will send them the "promise of the Father," the "power from on high," the Holy Spirit. This Spirit will give them the strength they need to face obstacles and help them discern the paths they must follow.

The first reading repeats the essential message of this feast: after sharing the Father's plan with humanity, Jesus entered the eternal Life of communion with God—the same life that awaits all who follow the "way" He walked. The disciples, witnesses of Jesus' departure, cannot remain gazing at the sky; they must go out among their brothers and sisters and continue Jesus' mission.

The second reading invites the disciples to be aware of the "hope" to which they have been called: the fullness of Life in communion with God. It is this "hope" that illuminates the path of all who are part of the Church, the "body" of which Christ is the "head."



"Christ ascended into heaven, yet He remains present in the world through the faith of those who follow Him. — St. Augustine

# The Francis De Sales Centre Accepting High School Applications for 2025-2026

Students entering grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply to The Francis De Sales Centre (FSC) at Mary, Mother of God School. A unique, affordable independent school rooted in the Catholic tradition, FSC engages students with a rigorous academic program in both the sciences and the humanities through small, seminar-style classes that are lively and engaging. For more information and to access an application package, please call us at 416 531-7897, or visit marymotherofgodschool.org

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM

#### LEARN:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

#### <u>3 WAYS TO REGISTER:</u>

- 1. Scan the QR code
- 2. Follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebJune7
- 3. Send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 1" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



# Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience – June 27-29, 2025

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Join us on **June 27-29** at Queen of Apostles for a weekend that could change your life. Discover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, and Transformational Marriage! This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. Call us NOW: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 OR 416-554-7062 christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org

# Summer is here! Summer Camp for

Children Ages 6-12

West Neighbourhood House is hosting a **Summer Camp** from **June 30 to August 22, 9 AM to 4 PM**, at Pope Francis Catholic School (319 Ossington Ave). Affordable weekly fees (\$44-\$110) with subsidies available. For more info, contact West Neighbourhood House, 248 Ossington Ave.

"Christ's Ascension is not a departure, but the beginning of a new presence." — St. John Paul II