

St. John the Evangelist

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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday—Friday 7:00 AM

Weekday Adoration:

Every Friday following Mass

7:30 AM-8:30 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:

30 minutes before Vigil Mass

And anytime by request
all the other Masses

First Friday Adoration

7 AM - 5 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:30 AM—10:30 AM

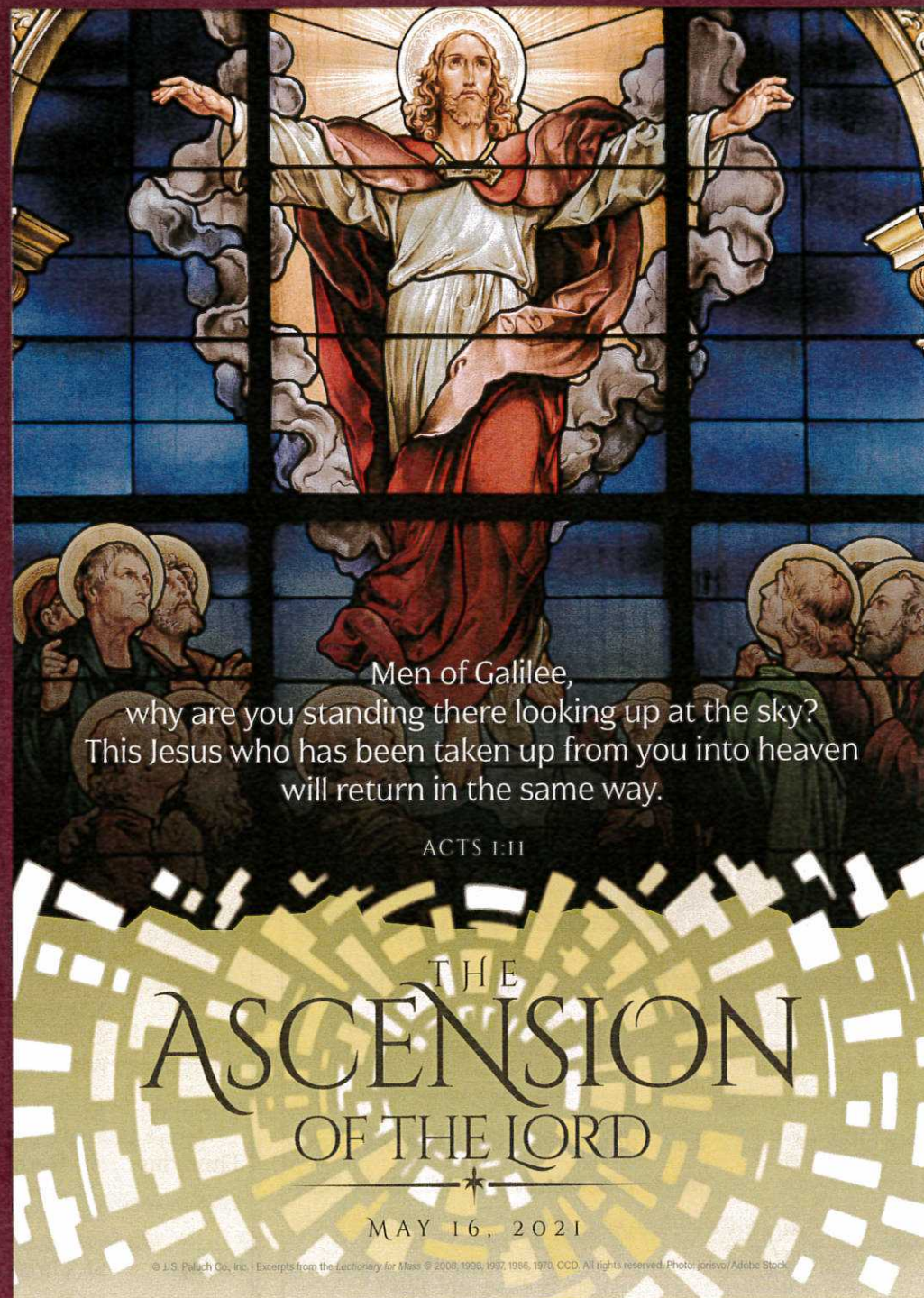
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Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking up at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way.

ACTS 1:11

THE
ASCENSION
OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

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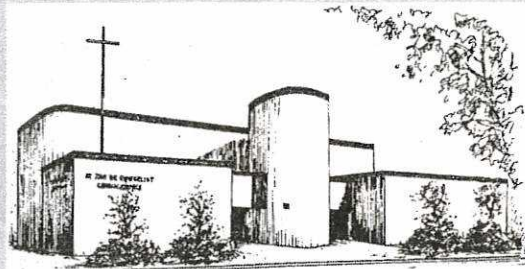
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Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St.



If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mike & Dean Craft 50 yrs on May 15

May God bless them with many more



Congratulations to Kathy Pitre, winner of the Mother's Day quilt, 'Heart Strings' created by Mary Repp.



This weekend, the flowers have been placed on the altar by Ann Wiborg.



Congratulations to Bradley Underwood on receiving his first Holy Communion on May 9, 2021.

Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Nicholas Papania, Jada Verling-Hill May 15, Heather Phillips, Ann Wiborg May 16, Gus Alfonso, Teresa Grimsley, Richard McDaniel, Leonard Papania May 20, Danny Hathorn May 21

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Adult Faith Formation

Credo sessions are open to all parishioners and are held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in Presentation Hall.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
Tuesday: St. John I
Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

John Atwood	Bill Jones	Vicki Smith
Mary Ann Bishop	Kent Killegrew	Charlie Underwood
Andy Borgia	Suzanne King	Erma Wilson
Dean Bowles	Doug Kirk	Pauline Mensi
Harriett Bowles	John Knight	Joey Labella
Suzanne Bowles	Linda Langenbach	Alan Penton
Garry Cooper	Betty Martin	Trudy Ferrara
Ed Croal	Rhonda Mires	Gee Gee Grandis
Ronnie Cuevas	Carolyn McClellan	Curt Arleth
Mimi Davis	Helena Nichols	
Carolyn Fayard	Judy Northrup	
Marcia Flagg	Bernard Papania	Parishioners of St. John
Julie Foster	Colette Marissa	the Evangelist
Angel Garcia	Quigley	
Alan Goad	Peggy Ryland	
Jordan Hoang	Joan Sample	
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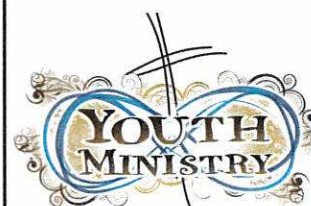
To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: 4:00 PM ✠Maria Nguyen Ngoc Dien
Sunday: 8:00 AM ✠Vincent & Helen Dauro
✠Mary Alice Bailey
✠Skip Ryland
10:30 AM People of the Parish
5:00 PM Special Intention Ann Wiborg
Monday: 7:00 AM ✠Jim Reese
Tuesday: 7:00 AM ✠Skip Ryland

Children's Activity Guides

These guides go along with the Sunday readings. If you have children, please see an usher to obtain a



Wednesdays at 6pm

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome.

2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal

✠ Parish Update ✠

Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$39,149. Thus far, 81 families have responded and we have pledged 37,404.81. Thank you for your response!

If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes can be found in the back of the church, or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org.



2nd Collection this week is for Catholic Communication.

Last Week's Collection

General Collection: \$6309.00
Spanish Mass: \$251.00
Building Fund: \$1000.00
Quilt total donation: \$1606.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Notice for Contributions

During these difficult days, it's still important to support your parish. Our families are encouraged to maintain their church contributions by mail, by dropping it off at the Parish Office from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday; by utilizing automatic drafts (contact the Parish Office if you'd like to sign up); or by giving electronically at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohngulport>.

Your support is graciously appreciated!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

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A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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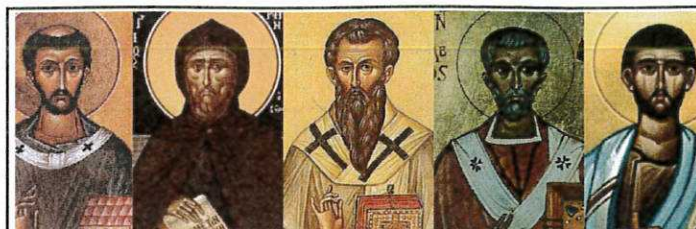
FEAST OF FAITH

The General Intercessions

The general intercessions were restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the “universal prayer” or “prayer of the faithful”—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name “prayer of the faithful” reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood.

The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those who have died and for all the sick and afflicted. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

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Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM (Alt)

"Therefore with fullest assurance let us partake as of the Body and Blood of Christ: for in the figure of Bread is given to thee His Body, and in the figure of Wine His Blood; that thou by partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, mightest be made of the same body and the same blood with Him. For thus we come to bear Christ in us, because His Body and Blood are diffused through our members; thus it is that, according to the blessed Peter, (we become partaker of the divine nature.) [2 Peter 1:4]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved.

— Mark 16:16

YEAR of ST. JOSEPH

“Go, then to Joseph, and do all that he shall say to you;
Go to Joseph, and obey him as Jesus and Mary obeyed him;
Go to Joseph, and speak to him as they spoke to him;
Go to Joseph, and consult him as they consulted him;
Go to Joseph, and honour him as they honoured him; Go to Joseph, and be grateful to him as they were grateful to him;
Go to Joseph, and love him, as they love him still.”
— St. Alphonsus Liguori



‘Saint Joseph was
the just man, by
his constant
fidelity, an effect
of justice; by his
perfect
discretion, a
sister to
prudence; by his
upright conduct,
a mark of
strength and by
his inviolable
chastity, a flower
of temperance.’

— St. Albert the Great

YEAR of the EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and the Presentation of the Gifts

When someone wants to show you their affection and friendship, they invite you to their home. There are two important things which occur next: conversation and a meal. **In the celebration of the Mass it is Jesus who invites us to participate in his friendship**, during which we also encounter these two important moments: conversation, which is when Jesus speaks to us through his Word and we respond with our prayers; and a meal, when Jesus offers us the Eucharistic banquet giving us his Body and Blood.

In the previous article ([The Mass Explained Simply](#)) we discussed the Mass, and the Liturgy of the Word.

Today we are going to explain the second part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the most important moment of the Mass. There are three parts to the Liturgy of the Eucharist: the Offertory Rite, the Eucharistic Prayer (which is the nucleus of the whole celebration) and the Rite of Communion.

A daily prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us
from every evil.
Amen.*

