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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**

**Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)**

**12: PM (Tiếng Việt)**

**Monday, Wednesday; 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

**6:00 PM**

**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday**

**9:00 AM**

**HOLY HOUR**

**Monday; Wednesday; 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

**4:30 PM**

**Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday**

**7:30 AM**

**WEEKEND HOLY HOUR**

**Saturday Evening: 4: 00 PM**

**Sunday: 7:00 AM & 11:30 AM**

**RECONCILIATION**

**After Mass**

**Monday - Thursday & Saturday**

**Or: by appointment**



## St Mary Catholic Church

**Our time is now - Let's grow together**

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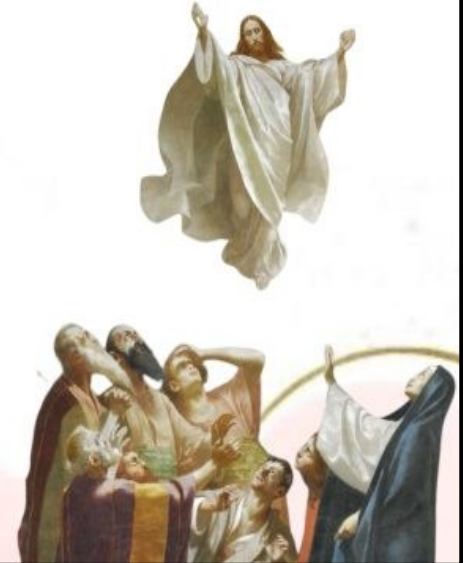
Chúa Nhật 7 Phục Sinh - Năm C

Lễ Chúa Thăng Thiên

*Hãy* ở lại trong thành  
cho đến khi anh em được lãnh nhận sức mạnh

**TỪ TRÊN CAO**

(Lc 24,49)



### Seventh Sunday Of Easter Sunday of the ascension of the Lord

**06. 01. 2025**

***“Stay in the city until you are clothed  
with power from on high”.*** Luke 24,49

### The Pope Leo's Intention In June 2025

♦ **That the world might grow in compassion:**

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

♦ **Cầu nguyện cho sự gia tăng lòng nhân từ đối với thế giới:**

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để mỗi người chúng ta có thể tìm thấy niềm an ủi trong mối tương quan cá nhân với Chúa Giêsu và biết học nơi Trái Tim Chúa lòng nhân từ đối với thế giới.



## Mass Intentions 05. 31 & 06. 01 - 08. 2025

<b>SAT: 05/31</b>	<b>(Vigil) The Ascension of the Lord</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Mateo Nasir Madler</b> <i>By Matthew Madler</i>
<b>SUN: 06/01</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Joakim Tường Phạm</b> <b>(Fr. Henry's Dad)</b> <i>By GĐ Quang - Cư và cô Chín</i>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lucia Bay T. Le</b> <b>(Fr. Henry's Mom)</b> <i>By GĐ Quang - Cư và cô Chín</i>
<b>MON: 06/02</b>	<b>Sts Marcellinus &amp; Peter, Martyrs</b> Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Joakim Tường Phạm</b> <b>(Fr. Henry's Dad)</b> <i>By GĐ Quang - Cư và cô Chín</i>
<b>TUE: 06/03</b>	<b>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> - Acts 20:17-27
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Joakim Tường Phạm</b> <b>(Fr. Henry's Dad)</b> <i>By GĐ Quang - Cư và cô Chín</i>
<b>WED: 06/04</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Angelina Ha (L)</b> <i>By Joyce Sigler</i>
<b>THU: 06/05</b>	<b>Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Memorial</b> Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRI: 06/06</b>	<b>Saint Norbert, Bishop</b> Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>SAT 06/07</b>	<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Brenda Wolfrey (L)</b> <i>By Joyce Sigler</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Joan Rice</b> <i>By Gerrie Chalk</i>
<b>SUN: 06/08</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Nancy Cash White</b> <i>By Jeffrey White</i>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	

## The Ascension of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Seventh Sunday of Easter TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor

**Sunday, June 01, 2025**

***“Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high”.***

**Luke 24,49**

**Meditation:** Today we rejoice that Jesus has physically ascended to heaven. What a sight that must have been for the disciples! The same Lord who had died and risen from the dead had now ascended before their eyes! But what would this mean for their mission? As they clung to his words, “Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high,” they may have wondered how to follow Jesus now (Luke 24:49).

Luke tells us that the disciples “returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the Temple praising God” (24:52-53). So not only did they remain in the city, but they stayed together. It’s easy to imagine the disciples returning to their homes in Galilee, but they didn’t. They stayed and worshipped the Lord together. And that unity in prayer helped prepare them for the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost.

Like the disciples, we might wonder how to follow Jesus since he is no longer walking the earth. But the answer remains the same: Stay in the city. Stay close to your brothers and sisters in the Lord. When hard times come, we may feel distant from God or uncertain about what to do next. Confusion, hurt, or disillusionment can undermine our trust in the Lord and one another. In these situations, our first instinct is often to withdraw. We might avoid seeing people or even stop going to church. But Jesus encourages us: Stay in the city.

Jesus promises to give us the power we need to live as his people. He urges us, Stay close to your brothers and sisters. Stay close to me. Keep praying. I will fill you with my Spirit.

***“Jesus, help me to stay close to you and to your people, even when I don’t understand what you’re doing.”***

*Nguồn: The Word Among Us, June 2025  
Lm. Phaolô Vũ Đức Thành, SDD. chuyển ngữ*

**Chúa Nhật, ngày 01. 06. 2025**

***“Hãy ở lại trong thành cho đến khi anh em được lãnh nhận sức mạnh từ trên cao”.***

**Luca 24,49**

**Suy niệm:** Hôm nay chúng ta vui mừng vì Chúa Giêsu đã lên trời. Thật là một cảnh tượng tuyệt vời mà các môn đệ đã cảm nghiệm! Chính Chúa đã chết và sống lại từ cõi chết giờ đã thăng thiên trước mắt họ! Nhưng điều này có ý nghĩa gì đối với sứ mệnh của họ? Khi họ dựa vào lời của Ngài, “Hãy ở trong thành cho đến khi anh em được lãnh nhận quyền lực từ trên cao,” họ có thể đã tự hỏi làm thế nào để theo Chúa Giêsu bây giờ (Lc 24,49).

Luca cho chúng ta biết rằng các môn đệ “trở về Giêrusalem với niềm vui sướng tột độ, và họ tiếp tục ở trong Đền thờ để ngợi khen Thiên Chúa” (24,52-53). Vì vậy, họ không chỉ ở lại trong thành, mà còn ở cùng nhau. Thật dễ dàng để tưởng tượng các môn đệ trở về nhà của họ ở Galilê, nhưng họ đã không làm như vậy. Họ đã ở lại và cùng nhau thờ phượng Chúa. Và sự hiệp nhất trong lời cầu nguyện đã giúp họ chuẩn bị cho sự xuất hiện của Thánh Linh vào Lễ Ngũ Tuần.

Gống như các môn đệ, chúng ta có thể tự hỏi làm thế nào để theo Chúa Giêsu vì Ngài không còn ở thế gian nữa. Nhưng câu trả lời vẫn như cũ: Hãy ở lại trong thành. Hãy ở gần anh chị em của bạn trong Chúa. Khi thời điểm khó khăn đến, chúng ta có thể cảm thấy xa cách Thiên Chúa hoặc không chắc chắn về việc phải làm gì tiếp theo. Sự bối rối, tổn thương hoặc vỡ mộng có thể làm giảm sự tin cậy của chúng ta vào Chúa và vào nhau. Trong những tình huống này, bản năng đầu tiên của chúng ta thường là rút lui. Chúng ta có thể tránh gặp mọi người hoặc thậm chí không đi nhà thờ. Nhưng Chúa Giêsu khuyến khích chúng ta: Hãy ở lại trong thành.

Chúa Giêsu hứa ban cho chúng ta quyền lực mà chúng ta cần để sống như dân của Ngài. Ngài thúc giục chúng ta, Hãy ở gần anh chị em của con. Ở gần Ta. Hãy tiếp tục cầu nguyện. Ta sẽ ban Thánh Linh của Ta cho con.

***Lạy Chúa Giêsu, xin giúp con luôn gần gũi với Chúa và với dân Chúa, ngay cả khi con không hiểu những gì con đang làm.***

<div>The HML/Debt Reduction Program</div> <div>The Debt Reduction Weekly Update</div>		<div>HML Sponsorship Report</div> <div>from 10/27/2024 to 05/31/2025.</div> <div>Please continue to support.</div> <div>Thank you for your generosity.</div>			
10. 27. 2024	\$ 5,000.00	Sponsored Items	Available	Taken	Sponsored Amt
10. 28. 2024	\$ 20,025.00				
11. 04. 2024	\$ 5,060.00	PRAYER GARDEN			
11. 12. 2024	\$ 1,610.00	ARCH #1	1		\$18,000.00
11. 17. 2024	\$ 2,105.85	ARCH #2	1		\$15,000.00
11.25. 2024	\$ 50,020.00	Parish Life Center	1	x	\$ 50,000.00
12.01. 2024	\$ 3,129.00	Religious Education Building	1	x	\$ 50,000.00
12. 08. 2024	\$ 810.00	Holy Family Statue w/base	1		\$ 25,000.00
12. 15. 2024	\$ 61, 670.00	Jesus The Good Shepherd Garden	1		\$50,000.00
12. 22. 2024	\$ 600.00	St. Michael Garden	1		\$50,000.00
12. 29. 2024	\$ 12,867.00	Planter Box	1	x	\$ 2,500.00
01. 05. 2025	\$10,514.96	Planter Box	1	x	\$ 2,500.00
01. 12. 2025	\$ 1,060.00	Planter Box	1	x	\$ 2,500.00
01. 26. 2025	\$ 100.00	Planter Box	1		\$ 2,500.00
02. 02. 2025	\$3,587.00	Planter Box	1		\$ 2,500.00
02. 09. 2025	\$16,520.00	Planter Box	1		\$ 2,500.00
02. 16. 2025	\$6,700.00	Prayer Seat	1	x	\$ 7,500.00
02. 23. 2025	\$ 1,500.00	Prayer Seat	1		\$ 7,500.00
03. 02. 2025	\$ 7,792.00	Terrace Bench	1		\$ 4,000.00
03. 09. 2025	\$ 7,792.00	Terrace Bench	1		\$ 4,000.00
03. 09. 2025	\$3,435.00	INTERIOR PARISH HALL			
03. 16. 2025	\$650.00	Donor Tree	1		\$ 20,000.00
03. 23. 2025	\$410.00	Large Last Supper	1	x	\$ 8,000.00
03. 30. 2025	\$400.00	INTERIOR EDUCATION BLD			
04. 06. 2025	\$580.00	Classrooms	1	x	\$ 25,000.00
04. 13. 2025	\$ 575.00	Classrooms	1	x	\$ 25,000.00
04. 20. 2025	\$ 1,610.00	Classrooms	1		\$ 25,000.00
04. 27. 2025	\$ 200.00	Classrooms	1		\$ 25,000.00
05. 04. 2025	\$ 797.00	Classrooms	1		\$ 25,000.00
05. 25. 2025	\$ 650.00	Primary Wall Art		x	\$7,500.00
		PAVER RECOGNITION	100	100	\$ 200.00 ea.



## HML Update for June 01, 2025

There are some exciting things to report on as the HML debt reduction program continues ahead! See Below:

Please, email Joe Creighton, HML Chairperson, if you made a contribution **Debt reduction program** so that recognition donor leaf can be ordered. No need to advise of the value of the contribution, or contributions, but do indicate how you want the engraved leaf to have your name (s) worded.

Joe's Email is: [joecreighton@Secoinc.biz](mailto:joecreighton@Secoinc.biz)

The **first 3 custom timber planters** have been built and can be seen on the side of the Parish School of Religion (PSR) Building facing the parking lot.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and to an anonymous donor for sponsoring 2 of the 3 planters! Note: One remains unsponsored!

The **Arched Iron Trellises** are nearly complete. They will sit on concrete bases which will be formed and poured in the near future. There is one for the Good Shepherd Garden and one for the St. Michael Garden.

The Jesus the Good Shepherd Statue is scheduled to be installed on His platform in mid-June. Keep an eye out for this exciting event!

**HML Funding**: A few parishioners have expressed concern that the Church might be funding HML related items with monies from collections and non-HML contributions. This is **absolutely not** the case as HML components and features are entirely funded by specific HML donations and / or sponsorships. Regular church funds and HML funds are accounted for separately!

On behalf of the HML Committee, we would like to thank all for your understanding and your prayers. Together, we will eliminate the debt from construction soon!

We thank Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer for his continuous support and care for our small community. We continue to grow and continue to carry out the mission of our local Church, which our founders left us, the Legacy of St. Mary!

Praise God!

**And these are some updating images of working**



The Office of Mission Advancement (OMA) would like to share some new announcements regarding our Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

### Annual Appeal Announcements:

With almost three months since the Pledge/Collection weekend:

**Received to Goal:** 62% or \$6M  
**Pledges and Received:** 93% or \$9.1 M  
**23,478 donors**  
**34,399 gifts processed**

The OMA team continues to send out pledge reminders, and a second mailing will go out on **June 10**, to those who gave last year but have yet to give (LYBUNT).

Look for some updated bulletin and social media blurbs to help fulfill pledges or to encourage first-time giving in July on our Parish Resource Page.

The Office of Mission Advancement would also like to thank everyone who participated in the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2025 feedback survey**. Your insight is truly appreciated as we work to strengthen our 2025 campaign.

AAA 25 survey results and actions may be found [here](#).

**Please keep the following People in your prayers**



Ben White, Mr. Steve Dessauer, Mary Wheeler, Angela Hanh, Harold Alexander, Tom Snider, Bill Dineen Meg Guck, Laura Barnett, Pearlina Smith and Doug Pickens, Sharon Cook, Dorothy Cook , Mary Ann Coughlan, Joan Rice, Ronny murphy Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Guy Mougel, Jerry Powell, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Lori Gasque, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr. Robert McGlone, Joe Franz Mathes, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Nancy Barbour, Connie Tirico, Tammie Tweedy, Nancy Sterling, Geneva Alexander, Alie Smith, Lisa Carothers, Randall Adams, Melissa Dillon, David Boston, Mildred & Hallie Edenfield, Kimberly Simmons, Charlotte Hazel McEvilly, Ray Brueland, Joseph Schork, Brenda, Wolfrey Isabelle Dixon, Teresa Jones, and for all others not mentioned. If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, **please call the office at: (706) - 886 - 2819 - ext 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 - 963 - 0050** for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you Holy Communion and the Weekly Bulletin.

### **Offertory/Contribution** **Weekend of May 24 & 25 , 2025**

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,100.00</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 2,704.00</b>
<b>HML (Debt Reduction Program)</b>	<b>\$ 650.00</b>
<b>Building Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 706.00</b>
<b>Unscheduled</b>	<b>\$ 257.00</b>
<b>Total deposit</b>	<b>\$ 4,317.00</b>

**The counters for the week of 06/02 are:**

Nancy Williamson , Jack Marcinek & Tina Doan

The second collection for this week is for

**HONORING MARY'S LEGACY**

### **Position vacancies**

St. Mary's Catholic Church, located in Toccoa, has an immediate opening for a part-time administrative assistant. This position organizes office procedures and operations to ensure the parish's organizational effectiveness and efficiency.

Qualified candidates should possess a high school diploma and two to three years of general administrative and clerical work experience. Must have strong computer skills and working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and Outlook).

Prior light bookkeeping and accounting experience is highly desirable. Candidates are encouraged to apply by **forwarding a cover letter (with salary requirements) and resume to Reverend Henry M. Pham, pastor, at tpham@archatl.com.**

To learn more about the position,  
 please call (770) 561- 3918.

**Thank you for your generosity!**