

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC PARISH

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

First Sunday of the Month:

The Mass of Healing ... 5:30 p.m.

MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs, Fri. 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

If you are non-baptized or baptized in another denomination and are interested in exploring our faith, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Contact DRE for more information.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

For information on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and/or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Wallis, Director of Vocations, 817-945-9321 or email vocations@fwdioc.org.

Adoration for Vocations

The first Sunday of each month, for one hour, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the bulletin should be submitted a week in advance. Friday is the deadline. Phone the parish office or email the office.

Parish Registration

Welcome to our parish! Please pick up a welcome packet located in the Narthex and complete the registration form inside and return to the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

You must be registered parishioner for 3 months prior to baptism. Private baptisms are on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms during Mass are on the first weekend of the month at rotating Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program beginning in 9th grade. Contact the DRE for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to schedule an initial meeting with the Pastor or Deacon 9-12 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana and NFP must be completed before the wedding date.

Marriage Tribunal

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about an annulment or would like your current marriage blessed, please call Deacon Scott France.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a member of your family is unable to receive communion at Mass due to sickness or other disability, please call the parish office.

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 17

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass & LIVE STREAM

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

MONDAY, MAY 18

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

NO Mass

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY, MAY 21

NO Mass

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

FRIDAY, MAY 22

NO Mass

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 16:20-23

SATURDAY, MAY 23

5:30 p.m. Mass

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/
Jn 16:23b-28

The Spirit of Truth

While our salvation was won by Jesus's Death, our lives in Christ are not completely fulfilled until we receive the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, that Jesus promised to send us. That Spirit of truth is the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. It is only through the Spirit that we are able to enter into the fullness of communion with the Father and the Son and embrace the Good News of the Gospel in our daily lives.

Today's First Reading shows us how that works. Although Jesus himself had passed through Samaria, and even revealed himself as the Messiah to the woman at the well, it wasn't until after the Holy Spirit had come that the people in that region were able to fully accept Philip and his teachings about Jesus. Then, once they were able to accept Jesus through Baptism, Peter and John came, prayed, laid hands on the people, and the Holy Spirit descended upon them.

This reading may shed some light on the important distinction between the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Baptism brings us into the family of God, but Confirmation enables us to live out the Christian message with greater courage and conviction through the Holy Spirit.

Moreover, Jesus says that not only is the Spirit *with* us, but he also actually remains *within* us. This is why Jesus tells us that "I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." Through the action of the Spirit, we are united in an unprecedented way with God and can truly become his sons and daughters.



HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in our prayer intention book.

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We will have **Confessions Saturday, May 16th at 4:30 p.m.** Marks will be on the floor, indicating where to stand while you are waiting your confession. Please do not socialize before or after confession. **You must wear a mask at all times.** Please, do not bring children if they are not receiving the sacrament.

Mass this weekend is Saturday, May 16th at 5:30 pm. and Sunday, May 17th at 9:30 am.

This Mass on Sunday will be "**Live Streamed**" as well. It is strongly recommended that during this transitional time people 65 years of age and older stay at home. I discourage anyone from attending who is vulnerable in any way or those living with the vulnerable.

Attendance at Mass is limited to **200** people in the church. For your health and safety, designated pews will be available with "safe space seating" fully enforced. Ushers will guide you to designated safe seating.

No one should come to Mass showing ANY signs of illness.

Vulnerable people should not come to Mass.

It's imperative to wear mask all the time in the church. If there are children who are not able to wear mask, please do not bring them.

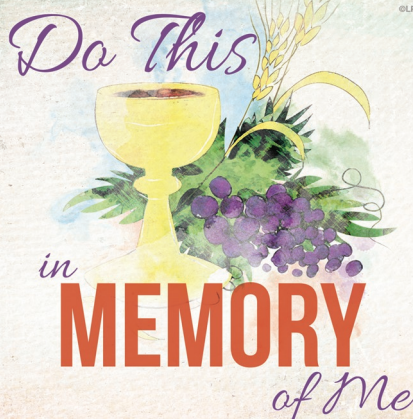
At the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass only, the overflow number of parishioners exceeding 200 may remain in their vehicles. Holy Eucharist will be distributed to them and anyone else at the end of Mass in the parking lot.

Please do not socialize before, during or after mass.

Communion will be distributed only in your hand.

NO DAILY MASS at this time.

It should be clear that coming to Mass at this time entails a risk of contracting the virus.



Do you know any Holy Redeemer Students graduating this 2020 (High School or College)? If you do please call the parish office so we can recognize them in a future bulletin.

Our Parish Mission Statement

*To all who need comfort...
To all who are lonely and need companionship...
To all who seek sheltering love...
To all who sin and need a Redeemer...
To all who offer praise to the Lord...
To all who long for peace...
To those who would serve a living God...
To all who come, from near or afar
this church opens wide its doors
and in the name of Jesus we say:
Welcome*

We encourage you to visit our Holy Redeemer website for any and **ALL** updates for our Parish events, information and **schedule** of the Mass.
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The Ascension of the Lord

ASCENSION - LEFT BEHIND BUT NOT LEFT ALONE

Part One

Several years ago, the bishops of the United States, in order to give greater importance to the feast of Our Lord's Ascension, moved the celebration to the nearest Sunday. It used to be on Ascension Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter. However, since there is no time in heaven, it makes little difference on which day we celebrate it.

For forty days after his Resurrection, Our Blessed Savior was preparing his apostles to bear the loss of his presence through the gain of the Holy Spirit. *"Throughout the course of forty days He had been appearing to them, and telling them about the Kingdom of God"*. Acts 1:3 And now the forty days were coming to an end, the Apostles were bidden to wait until the fiftieth day, the day of Pentecost.

The Ascension took place on Mount Olivet at the base of which is Bethany. Jesus led the Apostles out through Bethany which meant passing through Gethsemane and the very spot where he wept over Jerusalem for not accepting him. He was not full of resentment by the cross for the Ascension was the fruit of his crucifixion.

The place where he gathered them was the Mount of Olivet. It was the last time they were to see him. He had prepared them for his ascension. He wished, however, to leave them in such a way that they would not think he had simply magically vanished from them and wait for a reappearance. He would show them, as far as it could be shown, that he returned from the earth to his Father, that God took him to himself.

They would be able to tell men, when asked where Jesus now was, that they had seen him leave the world and pass through the skies to the Eternal Kingdom in his human body to sit at the right hand of God. He lives! He is with the Father and wants his followers to ultimately be with him.

He gave them a blessing, with uplifted hands, while they were looking at him. *"...suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven'."* Acts 1:11.

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Mt 28:20

These are the last words of Jesus on earth before his Ascension. They are the four permanent reassurances of the church which include:

1. His blessing.
2. Sending them to baptize all nations.
3. The guidance of the Holy Spirit.
4. The promise to be with them until the end of the age.

After this, Jesus ascended into heaven.

Part Two Next Week

Blessings,
Msgr. Publius