

May 21, 2023: The Ascension of the Lord

WAYJ

You may have heard the abbreviation WWJD: What Would Jesus Do? or WWJS: What Would Jesus Say?

We use this question when we face a special challenge in our lives. We may have to make a tough decision on what to do, or what to say. We may choose to reflect in silence about the difficult situation at hand. We may imagine Jesus to be in our shoes and how he would act or speak.

You may have never heard WAYJ. I just made it up. But I am certain I am not the first one. J is Jesus. What could be WAYJ? It is: **Where Are You Jesus?**

You may get angry that God is not responding to your prayers, or you may question the Presence of God in your lives. You may then say WARG: Where Are you God? Where Are You God when I get in trouble? Where Are You God when I need you the most? You are never there. You have abandoned me. I cannot see Your Love in my life. How can I call You God My Father?

This morning at our Tuesday Scripture Prayer Group, I was reflecting on the amazing Sunday readings about Jesus' ASCENSION: the Risen Lord being lifted up and disappearing in a cloud (Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11). Where is Jesus gone? Where Is Jesus TODAY? Can I see Him?

I have asked people I encountered this afternoon: Where is Jesus? I got various answers: Jesus is in Heaven...Jesus is in my heart... Jesus is everywhere... Jesus is in the Tabernacle....Jesus is in the Eucharist...Ask yourself the same question. What do you say? What do you really believe?

Good answers can be found in JESUS OF NAZARETH Part II "HOLY WEEK" written by Pope Benedict XVI. It covers the life of Jesus from the Entrance into Jerusalem to the RESURRECTION. Start by reading the last 15 pages, a very insightful Epilogue: "*He Ascended into Heaven, He is Seated at the Right Hand of the Father and He will come again in Glory.*"

Pope Benedict emphasizes the own words of the Risen Lord: "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE AGES (Matthew 28:20). This is the ending of Matthew's Gospel, proclaimed on Ascension Sunday in the current YEAR C, Year of Matthew. We will hear these words this coming Sunday. **Meditate on them:** Do you believe Jesus is with you always? Can you find the Presence of Jesus in your daily life? Can you see Jesus? When and where do you see Him?

One of our greatest Scripture Scholars and Theologians, Pope Benedict 16 writes at the end of his book "HOLY WEEK Part II"; "*Jesus is with us now, and especially close in the EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE*". Do you believe this?

May we all have a most Blessed Parish Feast Day this Sunday! Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!

One in Christ,
Father Alain



***We are asked to pray for:**

Josephina Knapp
Angelo Sparacino
Maria de La Rosa
George Gallagher
D'Vaughn Webster

Lynette Washington
David Mesler
Ken Housewright
Laura Flaim
Zita Walker

Titus Thomas
Andre Walker
Janina Sidorska
Reign T. Young
Anna Caracciolo
Ebehitale Basil Ahabue

Theodore Veanco Hall

Names will remain for three months or until healed



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, May 20,
9:00 AM: Denise Rivera (+)
5 :00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners
Sunday, May 21,
8:30 AM: Beatriz Villegas (+)
10:00AM: Librado Enriques
Penaranda (+)
11:30 AM: Noah Strawberry
7:00 PM: Joseph Tonye Tonye (+)
Monday, May 22,
9:00AM: Matteo Galvan

Tuesday, May 23,
9:00AM: Jean Erick Joassaint (+)
Wednesday, May 24,
9:00 AM: Jacqueline
Mahopetamane (+)
7:00PM: Souls of Purgatory
Thursday, May 25,
9:00 AM: Rolande Disiner
Etamane (+)
Friday, May 26,
9:00: AM: Ghydeon Stuart

Parish Feast Day & Crowning of Mary

Fiesta Patronal y Coronación de María

Sunday, May 21st

11:00 AM

Crowning of Mary

**Followed immediately by
11:30 AM Mass
(Outdoors)**

**We will also celebrate the end
of a successful year of
Youth Ministry & CCD!**

All are welcome to join us!

**Crowning Mary,
Queen of Heaven and Earth!**



**Bring flowers for Mary and
your lawn chair**

**Traer flores para María y
silla de afuera**

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domingo, 21 de mayo

11:00 AM

Coronación de María

**despues
Misa de las 11:30 AM
(afuera)**

**Celebraremos el final de año
del Ministerio de Jóvenes
y Catecismo (CCD)!**

Todos están invitados!

**Coronando a María,
Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra!**

Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email office@olhoc.org.

Mass Readings for May 28 2023

Pentecost

***First Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

***Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

***Gospel**

John 20:19-23

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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON JUAN PABLO

Saturday, June 17 at 10 am

Our very own Deacon Juan Pablo Noboa will be ordained a Priest by Cardinal Wilton Gregory at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on **Saturday June 17 at 10 am.**

If you need a ride, consider carpooling with friends and neighbors! Many people attend by themselves, and would enjoy taking a few people from the Parish. The person you sit next to in Mass may be going and would enjoy your company.
The next time you come to Mass, make a friend and give/get a ride!



Sunday, June 18th at 11:30 am

Father Juan Pablo will celebrate his first Mass with us. A reception will follow Mass in the Father Martin Hall. Everyone is invited.

If you are interested in helping set up this joyful event, please call the office.



Vacation Bible School

June 26th - June 30th

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Get ready for an out of this world
summer experience for the
whole family!



**Dinner will
be provided!**



Participants (ages 4-11)
Youth Volunteers
(ages 12-17)
Adult Volunteers (18+)

For questions, contact Emily
Vara at emilyv@olhoc.org

\$30 per participant <https://www.olhoc.com/vbs23reg>

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Holy Trinity Sunday/Blessing of High School and College Graduates

11:30 Mass on June 4

June 4th will be the day we honor “The class of 2023”, High School and College graduates. Please attend the 11:30 Mass we would love to acknowledge their accomplishments.

Outreach News

Our next Outreach meeting will be June 7, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall. All are welcome!

The next Shepherds Table will be June, 2022. The collection of nonperishable foods for “Sharing Sunday” continues in the Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank, Women’s Shelter, and, Children’s Aid. Thank you all!

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF ISAAC SAGASTUME



Thank you all for your warm welcome to our new summer Seminarian Isaac Sagastume last weekend.

At the 2023 Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, Isaac Sagastume will join 12 others on their journey to the Priesthood. Cardinal Gregory will serve as principal celebrant and homilist for this Mass on Saturday, **June 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM** at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C.

He will preach his first Mass as a Deacon here on **Sunday, June 11th, at the 10 AM Mass**. A reception will be at 11 AM to allow participants at the 11:30 AM Mass to join us.



June 10 we will have a trash dumpster to clean out unwanted items in our Church.
More information forthcoming!