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The Ascension Of The Lord

May 24, 2020

God mounts his throne
to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets
for the Lord.

(Psalm 47)

*He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.*

— Acts 1:9

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Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Office closed for lunch from

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Liturgy).....6:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 (EN), 10:30 (EN) & 12noon (EN) 9:00 (SP)

Daily Mass.....8:30 a.m.

Mon & Wed & Fri (EN) and Tue & Thu (SP)

CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday.....by appointment

Thursday.....6:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday.....5:00-5:50 p.m.

WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday.....3:00-7:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday (Adoration Chapel) 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Weekend

Sat., May 23rd
7:30pm

Rosalinda Mireles†
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Sun., May 24th
English Masses

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“PUSHED” OUT ON MISSION

SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

When the Eleven saw the risen Jesus for the first time, “they worshiped, but they doubted” (Matthew 28:17). Yet Jesus immediately tells them to go out and make disciples, to teach and to baptize. Even if they have not fully understood the Resurrection, even if they cannot yet come to grips with the idea that Jesus Christ has actually risen from the dead, they are called to evangelize. We are called to the same mission. We are called to go out and make disciples as well. We may fail to see the face of Jesus in those we meet and we may doubt that Christ is really present in our work, but we are still called to serve. Sometimes Christ is really present in our work, but we are still called to serve. Sometimes it is only in working on building up the kingdom of God that our doubts are overcome. Don’t just stand there looking at the sky!

Have I felt the power of the Holy Spirit when tackling something I did not think Possible?

In one sense, Jesus is no longer here, having ascended to his Father in heaven. In another sense, he is still here: “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early church and the roles played by Peter, Paul, and the other disciples as well as the Holy Spirit. Matthew, on the other hand, tells the story of the Son of God. From his reference to Emmanuel in his first chapter (“God is with us”) to Jesus’ promise to his disciples in his last (“I am with you always”), Matthew emphasizes the presence here on earth of God’s Son. In between, Matthew alone relates Jesus’ narration of the last judgment. Jesus himself is there in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the named, the ill, the imprisoned. Indeed, he is still with us always.

What have I feared to do that now seems possible?

We are not left alone and we are not left powerless. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you” (Acts 1:8). God’s power continues to act in the world through the Holy Spirit flowing through us. The Holy Spirit gives us the power, the strength, the capability, to build the kingdom.

Please pray for the sick
and for those in need
of healing graces:
Oremos por la sanación
de los enfermos.

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“EMPUJADOS” A LA MISIÓN

Cuando los Once vieron a Jesús resucitado por primera vez “se postraron, aunque algunos titubeaban” (Mateo 28, 17). Mas sin embargo, Jesús les dice inmediatamente que vayan a hacer discípulos, que enseñen y bauticen. Aunque no habían entendido del todo la resurrección, aunque no podían todavía captar la idea de que Jesucristo verdaderamente había resucitado de entre los muertos, así y todo fueron llamados a evangelizar. Nosotros somos llamados a la misma misión. También se nos llama a ir a hacer discípulos. Aunque no veamos el rostro de Jesús en los demás, aunque dudemos de que Cristo esta verdaderamente presente en nuestras obras, así y todo estamos llamados a servir. Algunas veces nuestras dudas quedan vencidas solo cuando nos damos a la construcción del Reino de Dios. ¡No se queden ahí parados mirando al cielo!

En cierto sentido Jesús ya no esta aquí, pues ascendió a su Padre en el cielo. Pero en otro sentido todavía esta aquí: “Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo” (Mateo 28, 20). El libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles relata la historia de la Iglesia primitiva y de los diferentes papeles que jugaron Pedro, Pablo y los otros discípulos, así como la actuación del Espíritu Santo. Mateo, por otra parte, relata la historia del Hijo de Dios.

Desde el primer capítulo de su Evangelio en que hace referencia a Emmanuel (“Dios-con-nosotros”) hasta el ultimo capítulo con la promesa de Jesús a sus discípulos (“Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días”), Mateo enfatiza la presencia del Hijo de Dios aquí en la tierra.

**¿He sentido el poder del Espíritu Santo cuando intento conseguir algo que no creí posible?
¿Qué he temido hacer, que ahora me parece posible?**

Y en todo el curso de su Evangelio, Mateo es el único que hace la narración de Jesús del juicio final. El mismo Jesús esta ahí con el hambriento, el sediento, el extranjero, el que no tiene ropa, el enfermo, el encarcelado. Indudablemente el esta presente entre nosotros siempre.

No nos han dejado solos ni indefensos. “Cuando el Espíritu Santo descienda sobre ustedes, los llenara de fortaleza” (Hechos 1, 8). El poder de Dios continua su obra en el mundo por medio del Espíritu Santo que fluye de nosotros. El Espíritu Santo nos da el poder, la fortaleza y la capacidad para construir el Reino.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68(67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado: Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Dom.: Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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, 27-28, 29-30; 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; Jn 20:19-23

Hail to Thee, True Body

*Hail to thee, true body born
From Virgin Mary's womb!
The same that on the cross was nailed
And bore for man the bitter doom.
Thou, whose side was pierced and flowed
Both with water and with blood;
Suffer us to taste of thee,
In our life's last agony.
O kind, O loving one!
O sweet Jesus, Mary's Son!*



Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, 3pm-7pm via [Facebook LIVE-Stream](#) and in the Church. Everyone is welcome to visit the blessed Sacrament. Please be mindful of the all social distancing decrees. We have placed assigned seating arrangements for your safety inside the Church.

Adoración Eucarística, todos los jueves de 3pm-7pm transmisión via [Facebook en VIVO](#) y en la Iglesia. Invitamos a todos a visitar al Santísimo Sacramento. Les pedimos que sigamos el Decreto de distanciamiento social. Por la seguridad y salud de todos hemos asignado asientos dentro de la Iglesia.

**St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church***Archdiocese of San Antonio*

Rev. José R. Pérez-Martínez, JCD
Pastor

14 de mayo de 2020

Saludos y bendiciones Estimados feligreses.

Es un gran placer para mí anunciar que estamos reabriendo nuestra iglesia el próximo fin de semana el sábado 23 de mayo y el domingo 24. Con la reapertura de la iglesia vienen muchos cambios y pautas que deben seguirse para garantizar la seguridad y la salud de nuestros feligreses.

Los cambios que quiero comunicar son las celebraciones de misa:

- **Horas de la Misa** serán las siguientes:
7:30 am y las 9:00 am se celebrarán en inglés
10:30 am y las 12 mediodía se celebrarán en español.

¿Por qué el cambio? Para que podamos acomodar a nuestros feligreses que no pueden ir a misa a la vez, pero pueden esperar a la próxima misa sin tener que irse. Estará abierto el salón de la iglesia para las personas que ya no caben en la iglesia con transmisión directa de la celebración liturgia y los feligreses podrán recibir la comunión sacramentalmente.

Entre los cambios, los siguientes tendrán efecto inmediatamente:

- la entrada y salida de la iglesia,
- los feligreses tendrán que traer su misal, ya no tendremos el misal disponible en los bancos (pautas de la Arquidiócesis y los CDC),
- primera colecta se recibirá en la entrada de la iglesia
- segunda colecta será dejada por las puertas de salida
- **los requisitos más importantes** es que después de cada misa tengamos que desinfectar antes de permitir que se celebre la próxima misa.

Como puede ver, nosotros la iglesia tenemos muchos requisitos para su seguridad, los feligreses. Le pedimos su paciencia, comprensión y cooperación con todos estos cambios que ya no son la norma de ayer.

Pedimos sus oraciones, ya que estoy orando por usted. Sea seguro, tenga cuidado y sea fiel.

Sinceramente,

Rev. José R. Pérez-Martínez, JCD,
Pastor

**ORACION A JESÚS
EN EL CIELO**

Dios mío, Cristo Jesús,
que has abierto el cielo
a la tierra.

Me has perdonado, me
has salvado, con tu in-
menso amor. Me has
enseñado el camino
para llegar a ti; el dar
la vida toda por amor.
Yo Señor es todo lo que
quiero, nada más pido,
que vivir eternamente
junto a ti.

Que la felicidad de sa-
ber que allí en el cielo
estás preparándome un
lugar, alimento mi es-
peranza, mi fe para
continuar todos los dí-
as llevando a todos lo
que me has enseñado.
Que no me venza el te-
mor, que no me paren
las dificultades, que no
me envilezca la incom-
prensión. Que donde
quiera que vaya, cada
cosa que haga yo sea
testigo de tu amor, de
que Tu has vencido a la
muerte y que nos con-
duces a la Vida Eterna.
Amén

La Lampara del Santuario estará encendida por el eterno descanso de †Julieta Rachel Treviño Del 24 de mayo al 31 de mayo

Alma cristiana, al salir de este mundo, marcha en el nombre de Dios Padre todopoderoso, que te creó, en el nombre de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios vivo, que murió por ti, en el nombre del Espíritu Santo, que sobre ti descendió. Entra en el lugar de la paz y que tu morada esté junto a Dios en Sión, la ciudad santa, con Santa María Virgen, Madre de Dios, con San José, San Lorenzo y todos los ángeles y santos. Amen



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Greeting and Blessings Dear Parishioners.

It is a great pleasure for me to announce that we are re-opening our church next weekend Saturday, May 23rd, and Sunday, 24th. With the re-opening of the church comes many changes and guidelines that need to be followed to ensure the safety and health of our parishioners.

The changes I want to communicate is the following:

- **Mass Times Celebrations** will now be:
7:30am and 9:00am will be celebrated in English
10:30am and 12noon will be celebrated in Spanish.

Why the change? So that we can accommodate our parishioners who cannot all come into mass at a time but can wait for the next mass without having to leave. The overflow will be held in the church hall for those parishioners we cannot seat in the church or come late. The Masses in the church hall will be live stream and parishioners will be able to receive Communion Sacramentally.

Among the changes the following will also take place immediately:

- the entering and exiting of the church,
- parishioners must bring their own worship aid (missalettes),
- missal is no longer available in the pews (Archdiocese and CDC guidelines),
- 1st collections will be dropped at the entrance of the church,
- 2nd collections will be dropped by the exit doors,
- **most important requirement** is that after every mass we must sanitize before allowing for the next mass to be celebrated.

As you can see, we the church have a lot of requirements for your safety, the parishioners. We ask your patience, understanding and cooperation with all these changes that are no longer the norm of yesterday.

We ask for your prayers, as I am praying for you. Be Safe, Be Careful and Be Faithful.

Sincerely,

Rev. José R. Pérez-Martínez, JCD,
Pastor



O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labour diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen.

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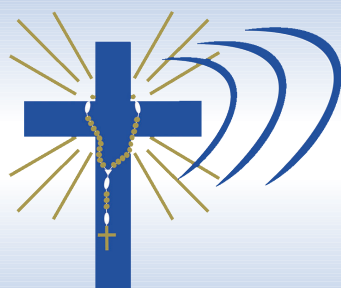
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