

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022

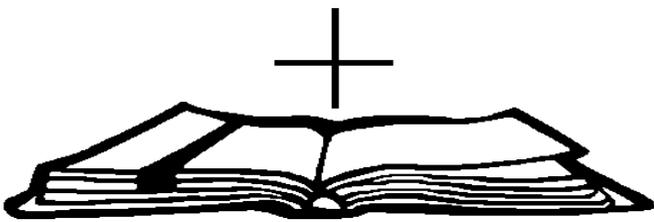
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.

— *Psalm 47:6*

SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

Mass Intentions



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- Sat., May 28, 4:30 p.m.** Huval Family, Dennis McCloskey, Louis Perschall Sr., Ida Perschall, Nick Sita, Brendan Fitzsimmons, Harold Gunther, **and for the living:** Karge Family, William K. and Mike Jr. and Special Intention
- Sun., May 29, 7:30 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mulé, Carol Pieri, Yolanda Bourgeois, Sr. Claire Mulé, D.C., **and for the living:** Salvadore Mulé, Thomas Mule', R.J. Bourgeois, Jon Craig
- Sun., May 29, 9:15 a.m.** Vivian and Henry Nelson, **and for the living:** Kathy Mehaffey
- Sun., May 29, 11:00 a.m.** Lasairina, Joe Jevic Jr., **and for the living:** Ann Ketchum
- Mon., May 30, 8:00 a.m.** Joseph Legnon
- Tues., May 31** NO MASS
- Wed., June 01, 8:00 a.m.** David Tucker
- Thurs., June 02, 8:00 a.m.** Ann Gilbert (L)
- Fri., June 03, 8:00 a.m.** Laurie Lee Kent

PRAYER LIST

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| Chuck Armstrong | Rhett Schwing |
| Crissy Early | Terry Saux |
| Rachelle Triay | Robert Till |
| Alicia Hanson | Brandon Shoalmire |
| Ruth Pellegri | Jim Riordan |
| Gary Richardson | Mac McClendon |
| Sheryl McClendon | Ann Ketchum |
| Janice Brooks | John DeSilva |

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,545.00
Loose	\$ 1,389.00
E-giving	\$ 380.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 110.00

The 2nd Collection for the Building and Preservation Fund will be postponed until June 11 and 12th.

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See." The collection will be taken up in our archdiocese on the weekend of June 4-5, 2022.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

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| Sanctuary | Mrs. Pam O'Keefe |
| Blessed Mother | Mac McClendon |
| St. Joseph | Angela Styczenski |
| St. Anne | Gary Joseph Treuil |

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

Sanctuary Flowers are for *All Veterans*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Church Sanctuary to memorialize or honor your loved ones, stop by, or call the Church office to purchase a flower arrangement. Dates available for purchase during the next few months are June 25th, July 9th, September 3rd, September 17th, and October 1st. Please call the office for more information.

POPE FRANCIS MAY PRAYER INTENTION

FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

ST. JOHN'S FEAST DAY PICNIC

Mark your calendars; Our Parish picnic/Bar-B-Que will occur on Sunday, June 26th beginning at 12:00 noon and ending around 4:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite side dishes and desserts. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and .BBQ pork chops will be supplied by the church.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS!

ST. JOHN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, "Great, Big, Beautiful World", will be held June 20-24. Please register online through our parish website at stjohnbaptistfolsom.org for this fun and exciting week! Email Amanda Fraise at amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com or call the office at 796-3806 with any questions or help with registration.

VACATION

Fr. Vincent will be away from June 1st through June 18th. If you have an emergency such as anointing of the sick, please call the office at 985-796-3806. We will have weekday Masses while Fr. Vincent is away.

ST, JOHN'S SUMMER DANCE

THE Social Event of the Season

WHAT: Summer Dance with Live Music
WHEN: Saturday, June 25, 2022
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.
WHERE: St. John's Jonathan Hall
COST: \$ 40 per couple

Make it a great time by bringing your own food, snacks, and drinks for your table. BYOL

This event is for adults 21 and over.

Text or call: Robert Schultz, 504-669-1327 or Jean Shultz, 504-909-1662

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REMINDER

REMINDER All KC'S and wives are invited to the Installation of Officers Dinner which will take place Saturday, June 4th from 6:15-8:30 p.m. in Jonathan Hall.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There was a curious custom years ago that perhaps developed in an age when Easter was seen less as a baptismal season than as a kind of tour through the deeds of the Risen Christ. The paschal candle, sign of Christ's presence, was removed from public view on Ascension Thursday, banished to the baptistry.

Ascension Day does speak of the hidden aspects of Christ's life among us, but it does not have much to do with God's absence. Christ has not shed his human life like an inconvenient shell, but rather has taken humanity into heaven. The theologian Karl Rahner said that it is a festival of "the nearness of God." In vanishing from our sight, Christ has become utterly available to all at every time and every place and is "closer to us than he ever was."

Today is the feast of believing that beyond our final breath is a presence that waits for us, a banquet prepared, a tender homecoming embrace. Rahner said that today is a festival of the future of the world, a day for anticipating the world's true destiny, and therefore hardly a day to be going around hiding candles!

Happy Memorial Day

REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration & Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursday's, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs., June 9th at 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6 - 8 p.m.

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, our Church history class will not meet on Monday, May 30th. We will resume our class on Monday, June 6th at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will continue our study of early Church history by viewing and discussing Session Seven of the Epic series entitled "The Bitter Fruit of Heresy."

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, our Bible study group will not meet on Tuesday, May 31st. We will resume our study on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m.. We will view and discuss Session Five on the Exodus.

On the last Sunday of every month, we have a youth Mass at 11:00 a.m. and our Catch Fire Youth Group meets at 5:00 PM in Jonathan Hall.