



# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20

El Señor Jesús, después de hablarles, subió al cielo y está sentado a la derecha de Dios. Ellos fueron y proclamaron el Evangelio por todas partes, y el Señor actuaba con ellos y confirmaba su predicación con los milagros que hacían. - Mc 16, 19-20

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The St. Peter Prayer Line unites parishioners in a spirit of Christian Charity to pray for the needs of our parishioners, especially:

Charlotte Amaya, Lorrie Gaunt, Frances Byk, Jackie Diaz, Tom Doucette, Janet Fahey, Fr. John Flynn, OSA, Ronnie Hebrank, Dolly Leonard, Madison McAllister, Deacon Tony Nethercott, Sylvia Scurio, Br. Larry Sparacino, OSA, Saúl Suárez, Jr., and all the sick on St. Peter's Prayer Line. The group will continue to pray for your request until they hear differently from you.

## Readings for the week

**Sunday: Ascension:**

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 /1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd,  
6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/  
Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a,  
35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday: Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and  
7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

**Next 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 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/  
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8,  
9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/  
Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31,  
34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 15**

5:00pm † Aldo & † Florence DeBenedetti  
by Mary DeBenedetti

**Sunday, May 16**

8:00am **The People of St. Peter Parish 10:30am**  
† Ederhardt & Gangolf Families  
by Jim & Marianne Hoffman

**Monday, May 17**

8:30am † MaryAnn Hensley  
by Tony & Marsha Maslanka

**Tuesday, May 18**

8:30am Arlene VanEizenga  
by Jim & Marianne Hoffman

**Thursday, May 20**

8:30am † MaryAnn Hensley  
by Tom & Sue Kehr

**Friday, May 21**

8:30am † Sister Imelda  
by Tony & Marsha Maslanka

**Saturday, May 22**

5:00pm † Frank & † Eileen Violante  
by The Steenwyk Family

**Sunday, May 23**

8:00am **The People of St. Peter Parish**  
10:30am † Jackie Touchette (Anniversary of Death)  
by Dave Touchette

*Paul J. Bradley*  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.  
May 16, 2021.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

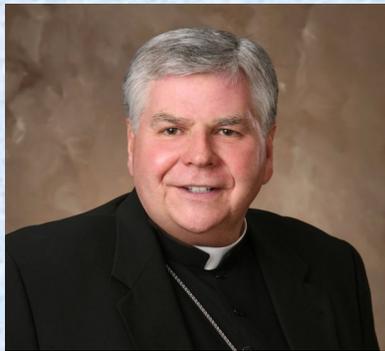
May the grace and peace of God our Father, the Joy of the Risen and Ascended Lord, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you!

On this beautiful Solemnity of the Ascension, as we remember the “Great Commission Jesus gave to His Apostles, and to all of us: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15), I write to you with a hope-filled message, announcing another step forward in the midst of this unprecedented and long-standing worldwide battle with COVID-19.

As you well remember, after we, and much of the world, were completely restricted to our homes for the better part of three months early in 2020, it was on the Solemnity of Pentecost in 2020 when we were able to return to the public celebration of the Mass. Throughout those months, and since Pentecost of 2020, there has been in place a “General Dispensation” from the obligation to attend Mass in person for all the Faithful of our Diocese. We are now at another very important step forward in this ongoing battle; it is time for us to reignite our devotion, and see the practice of our Faith as a high priority in our spiritual lives.

While we all realize that the pandemic is by no means over, we all need to, and long for, a return to the celebration of Mass and the ability to receive the Sacraments. Since we are returning to some level of normalcy in many as-

pects of our lives, regarding both our employment lives and social events, we must also do so in regard to the most important part of our lives: the practice of our Faith. More and more people in Southwest Michigan have been fully vaccinated, and the numbers of people becoming fully vaccinated continues to grow. *I have received both my vaccinations, and I hope that all people will consider taking advantage of this important way to protect themselves, as well as to help ensure the health and well-being of others around us. May this vaccine contribute to the successful*



*eradication of this coronavirus.*

In light of those positive realities, it is time to remove the “General Dispensation” from the obligation to come to Mass each week. **This will take effect on the Solemnity of Pentecost, one week from today, on the weekend of May 22-23, 2021.** At that time, the normal expectations regarding the practice of our Faith will once again be in effect, which includes the obligation to participate, in-person, in the celebration of Holy Mass each weekend for all who are able to do so. A person who is able to do so, but chooses not to come to Mass, is guilty of a mortal sin, in light of the grave responsibility that each person has to “keep Holy the Lord’s Day” by coming to Mass each Sunday. Of course, if a person is unable to do so, due to sickness or other serious risks or

concerns, the obligation does not apply; that person is dispensed by virtue of his or her particular circumstances.

All parishes within the Diocese of Kalamazoo will continue to observe the “Guidelines for Return to Public Mass”, and we will still follow all safety protocols, including social distancing and the wearing of masks as outlined by health authorities. These Guidelines will be modified as needed, and as circumstances change in the future.

My hope and prayer for all of us now is that, despite the traumatic experience we have all endured throughout this past year, we will allow the Holy Spirit, Who filled the hearts of the Apostles on the first Pentecost and turned them into “fearless witnesses”, to fill our hearts as well. May Pentecost 2021 be a time when each of us will personally invite the Holy Spirit to renew, empower, and embolden us to be joyful disciples and effective witnesses to the Risen and Ascended Jesus in our lives.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church, and St. Joseph, the Protector of the Holy Family, may we be strengthened in our Faith in God, renewed in our Hope for what God wills for us in our Future, and determined to Love God and one another as Jesus loves us all.

Assuring you of my heartfelt prayers for you, and asking that we always pray for one another, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads “+ Paul J. Bradley”. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley  
Bishop of Kalamazoo



From Rick Hardy

**Ministry: It Looks Good on You**

What does Ministry look like, in your life? How do you know what you're called (by Baptism) to do for the good of the Church and the world, in the name of Christ?

Where there is a need acknowledged by the Church (represented by the local parish), and there are the gifts and skills to meet that need, there is an opportunity for ministry to take place.

Every baptized Catholic Christian is called to some ministry, some form of service as a response to God's gifts of life, experience, passion, and skill.

Some ministries serve the Church itself, including the Liturgical ministries such as Lector, Server, Communion Minister, Musician, and Minister of Hospitality (ushers, greeters). Other ministries are directed to bringing the presence of Christ to the world and those who are in need.

As described last time, each ministry has six characteristics: 1. Doing something; 2. For the coming of the Reign of God; 3. In public; 4. On behalf of a Christian community; 5. Which is a gift received in Baptism; 6. Which has particular limits and identity within the diverse range of ministerial actions. (from *Ministry*, by Richard P. McBrien, Harper-Collins, 1988.)

The call to ministry is rooted in *Charisms*, which are gifts given to each person by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church and the world. Discerning and putting our Charism to use brings a profound sense of fulfillment and joy.

Our Charism is not necessarily the same as a skill that we have acquired in life. For example, my wife Nancy was a wonderful cook. She could cook an elegant dinner for 100 people, an appealing casual meal for 50 teens, or an exquisite dinner for two (these were my favorites!). But cooking was not her Charism. Her Charism, as she described it, was "challenging people to grow spiritually and helping them do it." The cooking was a means to this end, so she acquired that skill. But it was helping others move toward a deeper spirituality that made her feel that she was doing what God created her to do.

There are formal ways to discern one's Charism, and I look forward to introducing these in our parish in the future. But there are simple ways, as well. Do you love to tell a story? Are you good at telling jokes? Do you love the Word of God? These are indications that you might find a place as a lector.

Do you love to get people together for a festive meal, whether formal or casual? Do you have more than one set of dishes, and use all of them at various times? Do you also love the Eucharist? You can see where this is headed: you might be called to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Are you outgoing, friendly, eager to meet people, and do you love our parish? Greeter / Usher (now being called "minister of hospitality.") Are you a young person with an interest in the Mass, and a desire to take on a bit more responsibility as you grow? Altar server!

*Continue on the next column...*

*Rick Hardy's note continued here*

And I must not forget: do you like to sing, or play an instrument? Do you have some musical training, or can you learn and carry a tune easily? Music ministry!

Chances are, you're called to do something in the parish community. And it's certain that you're not called to do everything. Just something that fits who you are and what makes you feel fulfilled, rewarded, and closer to Christ in this faith community. There are more ministries than just those in the Liturgy. Let's talk!

*(Personal message: Someone emailed or messaged me last week with an interest in volunteering in a ministry. I somehow lost the email. If you wrote to me and haven't heard back, please reach out again! Thank you!)*

From the Diocese of Kalamazoo

**EVENTS**

**Diocese of Kalamazoo Caregivers Connection:** Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? You are invited to a virtual gathering on **Sunday, June 6 from 1:00 – 2:00p.m.** The focus is to build relationships, share faith and experiences, and create a supportive community. To learn more or to register go to <https://diokzoo.org/caregivers> or contact Lisa Irwin at the Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-903-0177 or by email at [lirwin@diokzoo.org](mailto:lirwin@diokzoo.org). Zoom link will be sent to those who register.

**The Way**

The Way is a free and easy to use online faith-formation program designed to provide an innovative solution for any family to learn, pray and live the faith together. Lessons are available for 1st through 8th grade students with additional resources for those who want to learn more about a certain subject. Access this diocesan created program and learn more at [diokzoo.org/theway](https://diokzoo.org/theway).

Catholic Relief Services

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection which provides funds for six Catholic agencies who provide services for the poor and marginalized around the world. Your contributions make a difference! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Learn more about the collection at:

[www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



Congratulations  
to one of our  
Faith Formation  
students  
for making her  
1st Reconciliation!



# 1st communion



Congratulation  
to eight of our  
Faith Formation  
students for  
receiving their  
First Communion  
last Sunday.  
May the love  
of Jesus shine in  
their hearts now  
and forever!

# Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

## La Misa de Niños



**Lunes 24 de Mayo**  
**A las 6:30 p.m.**

Vamos a celebrar la Fiesta de María, Madre de Dios coronando su imagen durante una Misa de Niños. Todas las familias están invitadas a participar. Una oportunidad para celebrar la Misa con nuestros niños y familias.

## La Novena del Pentecostés



Esta semana estamos en el tiempo de la novena al Espíritu Santo. Hay oraciones en la entrada de la iglesia para rezar en casa.

Miren la Facebook de la parroquia cada día para ver una oración breve y meditación cada día. Pedimos por la renovación de nuestra parroquia después de la pandemia y por los jóvenes que se van a confirmar este año.

## La Campaña Anual del Obispo

Hemos recibido **6** compromisos y hemos llegado a **\$1,600** comprometidos. Traiga su ficha de compromiso o use un sobre en la entrada de la iglesia. No hay cantidad tan grande o tan pequeña.

Hay talleres para parejas cada jueves por Zoom de las 7-9 p.m. Para registrarse: <http://bit.ly/SBAIMTaller29Abril> Siguen hasta el 3 de junio.

## La Bendición de los Jóvenes



En las misas de los jueves **20 y 27 de Mayo** vamos a tener la **bendición de los jóvenes que se gradúan este año.**

Pedimos que lleguen antes de la Misa a las 6:15 p.m. y que vengan con su gorra y bata de graduación. Avísenos que van a venir o si no pueden venir esos jueves y se gradúa.

## Una Presentación

Después de la Misa  
**HOY domingo 16 de mayo**  
a las **2 p.m.**

vamos a tener una presentación sobre varios cambios en las leyes que van a afectar la vida de los inmigrantes en Michigan. Vengan a recibir esta información.

## Traigan su Biblia

**¿Por qué no viene a sumergirse en la Sagrada Escritura? Tiene Oportunidad!!!!**



**Este martes a las 6:30 p.m.**  
**Tema: Sacramento del Orden Sacerdotal**

Felicidades a los 33 niños y adolescentes que recibieron por primera vez a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en la Santa Comunión.



Tenemos mucho orgullo de ellos y sus catequistas y papás que hicieron gran esfuerzo por prepararlos. Que Jesús sea siempre su mejor amigo en la vida.

# Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

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### lecturas de la semana del 16 de mayo del 2021

#### Domingo:

**La Ascensión del Señor;  
Día de las Comunicaciones  
Mundiales**

Hch 1, 1-11/Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9/  
Ef 1, 17-23 o Ef 4, 1-13 o 4, 1-7.  
11- 13/ Mc 16, 15-20



**Lunes:** Hch 19, 1-8/Sal 67, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 16, 29-33

**Martes: San Juan I, papa y mártir**

Hch 20, 17-27/Sal 67, 10-11. 20-21/Jn 17, 1-11

**Miércoles:** Hch 20, 28-38/Sal 67, 29-30. 33-35. 35-36/  
Jn 17, 11-19

**Jueves: San Bernardino de Siena, sacerdote**

Hch 22, 30; 23, 6-11/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/  
Jn 17, 20-26

**Viernes: San Cristóbal Magallanes, sacerdote,  
y compañeros, mártires**

Hch 25, 13-21/Sal 102, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20/Jn 21, 15-19

**Sábado: Santa Rita de Casia, religiosa**

**Mañana:** Hch 28, 16-20. 30-31/Sal 10, 4. 5 y 7/Jn 21,  
20-25

**Domingo siguiente: Domingo de Pentecostés**

**Vigilia:** Gn 11, 1-9 o Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20

o Ez 37, 1-14 o Jl 3, 1-5/  
Sal 103, 1-2. 24. 35. 27-28. 29. 30/  
Rom 8, 22-27/Jn 7, 37-39

**Día:** Hch 2, 1-11/Sal 103, 1. 24.

29-30. 31. 34/1 Cor 12, 3-7. 12-13 o  
Gal 5, 16-25/Jn 20, 19-23 o  
Jn 15, 26-27; 16, 12-15



6° Domingo de Pascua - 9 de mayo

Colecta de Domingo \$ 1,434.00

La Misas de la Primera Comunión (5/8) \$ 1,110.00

El Plato de Arroz (La Cuaresma) \$ 663.00

\*\*\* Gracias por su generosidad. \*\*\*

### LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

#### ¿Por qué Estamos Mirando al Cielo?

Hombres de Galilea, ¿por qué miran al cielo? Parece una pregunta bastante insensata para que los ángeles se la hagan a los discípulos. Su mejor amigo acaba de irse volando en una nube. Creo que, en esa situación, mi primera reacción probablemente sería detenerme y mirar también.

Pero no olvidemos que los discípulos tenían mucho trabajo por hacer. Un mundo lleno de almas para evangelizar. Siempre me ha divertido un poco la idea de los ángeles bajándolos del Monte de los Olivos. ¡Ponte a trabajar! ¡El reino no se va a construir solo!

En nuestra propia vida de fe, a menudo nos encontramos mirando al cielo, ¿no es así? Somos los fieles, después de todo. Hemos visto a Cristo. Lo hemos aceptado. Nos hemos entregado a Él. ¿Qué más necesitamos hacer? Quizás moramos excesivamente en el pasado o anticipamos ansiosamente el futuro. Tal vez no podemos superar un error que hemos cometido, o estemos rehuyendo un desafío frente a nosotros. Todos tenemos nuestra propia nube que nos ha encantado.

Pero recordemos, nuestra fe obliga a la acción. Una vez más, el reino no se va a construir solo.

¿Por qué miras al cielo? El trabajo está aquí. La hora se acerca. Un buen corresponsable debe ser consciente del don del tiempo. ¿Cuál es la montaña que necesitas bajar? ¿Cuál es la tarea que Dios te encomienda? ¿Con qué propósito te ha colocado Dios aquí, en este mismo momento de la historia?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



#### Una Colecta Especial

Esta semana, se hará la **Colecta de Servicios de Ayuda Católica** para ayudar a seis agencias católicas que brindan alivio y apoyo a las comunidades en dificultades, trabajan por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestros

hermanos y hermanas marginados aquí y en todo el mundo. Por favor, considere en oración cómo puede apoyar la colecta. Conozca más sobre la colección en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Hay un sobre extra en sus cajas de sobres para usar con esta colecta.