



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

MAY 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Mo, Tu, Th, Fri..... 8:30am  
Wednesday..... 6:00pm

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

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**6<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"If you love me, you will keep my  
commandments. And I will ask the Father, and  
he will give you another Advocate to be with  
you always." - Jn 14:15-16

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**LIVE-STREAM OF ALL MASSES CAN BE VIEWED ON THE  
AOL FACEBOOK PAGE OR ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE.**

### Monday, May 18 • St. John I

8:30 am Jackie Ragusa

### Tuesday, May 19

8:30 am Jeffrey & Patrick Cupit

### Wednesday, May 20 • St. Bernardine of Siena

6:00 pm Special Intention

### Thursday, May 21 • The Ascension of The Lord

7:00 pm Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind Hutson, Deborah Acosta,  
Jessica Fournet

### Friday, May 22 • St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 am John Rauch, Jr.

### Saturday, May 23

4:00 pm John Rauch, Jr., Stuart Torres, John Paul Loupe, Cynthia  
Naquin, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Grady  
Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Frank Hoffman, Glen Keating, John &  
Olga Porteous, Rosalie Lucia Sander, Debbie Jones, Bernard  
& Dupuy Families, Edith Layton, Layton Family, Special  
Intention

### Sunday, May 24 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Gwen Booth, Maude Hymel, Nancy Freitas, Daniel Travis,  
Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr., Joseph & Verlie Marks, Fe Laygo,  
Irving & Norma Vial, Souls in Purgatory, Special Intention  
10:30 am Tony & Dolores Dottolo  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners  
7:00 pm Cliff Conrad



### VIGIL LIGHT FOR MAY

In memory of E.J. & Zola Martin, Clarence & Shirley Frost,  
and Steve & Nancy Valure



**PURGATORIAL MASSES** - The 8:30 am Mass celebrated on the First Monday  
of each month is for all the deceased whose names were sent in for All Souls  
Day.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** - The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in the  
Adoration Chapel on the First Monday of every month at 6:00 pm.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** - Join us in praying the 15 decades of the Rosary for  
Peace on the 13th of every month in the Chapel at 11:00 am. All are invited to  
pray this Fatima Prayer. (When the 13th falls on a Sunday, we will not hold the  
Rosary for Peace.)



## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



### First Holy Communion

Ascension of Our Lord will begin with "Family First Communions" at weekend Masses on May 23/24, May 30/31, and June 6/7. If you would like to have your child receive his/her First Communion on one of the dates mentioned above, you **MUST** request that date with Mrs. Gurdian through e-mail at [andreemgurdian@gmail.com](mailto:andreemgurdian@gmail.com). If you do not request a Mass, you will not be able to just show up at one of the Masses.

Our Parish First Communion Mass and Celebration will take place on June 13th at 4:00pm Mass at Ascension of Our Lord Church. We are also working to schedule a Spanish First Communion on June 14th.

You are not required to have a separate "Family First Communion" - you can use the June 13th Celebration as your First Communion if that is easier...or you can do both!

Please remember that all of these plans are pending Governor Edwards' orders and Archbishop Aymond's directives. We are so excited to see the children receive their First Communion in the upcoming weeks!

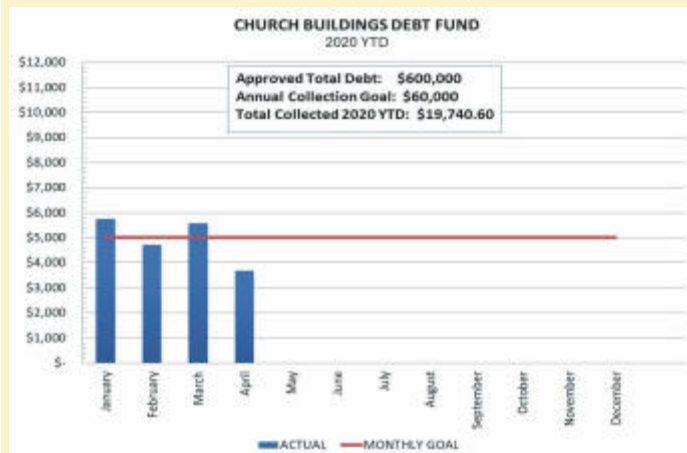


#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER BENJAMIN PIOVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Father Benjamin Piovan Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 9623, is for 7th graders who will be attending St. Charles

Catholic High School in the Fall of 2020. All 7th graders at school or in our Church parish are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the school and church offices and are due back by **May 26th at 4:00pm**. If you have any questions, please give Grand Knight Mike Abbate a call at 985-388-2452.

### Parish Support Church Buildings Debt Fund



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Ascension of Our Lord is a Catholic Church, in full union with the Church in Rome. We are dedicated to, and are under the "Authority of our Holy Father, and therefore, accept and embrace all of the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church". We invite all to worship with us in the confidence of knowing that our Church and doctrines were established by God through Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and safeguarded by His Church, which is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. (Established July 1979)

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, May 18**

**Tuesday, May 19**

**Wednesday, May 20**

**Thursday, May 21**

12:30pm

Hearty Meal

7:00pm

Feast Day Mass & Outdoor Rosary - Church & parking lot

**Friday, May 22**

**Saturday, May 23 • Team 4**

**Sunday, May 24 • Team 4**



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

**The Adoration Chapel  
is now open.**

“Ten minutes a day can make all the difference in the world. The more time you spend in the classroom of silence the more clearly you will hear the voice of God in your life.”

-Allen Hunt



### REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### First Reading

In Acts 2, Luke records how the Holy Spirit initially descended upon the Jewish believers in Jerusalem. In today's reading, we hear how the Holy Spirit also descended upon the Samaritans who believed in Jesus. What lesson do you think Luke is conveying to us?

#### Second Reading

Peter advocates for being prepared to defend the faith, even in the face of danger. How does one find the courage to defend the faith in a hostile environment?

#### Gospel Reading

Jesus reveals to his disciples that the intimacy between himself, the Holy Spirit, and the Father can be shared with fellow believers. How do you experience the intimacy of our triune God?

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### LIVING THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on



our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.

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### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office or 985-630-2837 (evenings).

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.



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**"... I will ask my Father and  
 He will give you another Advocate  
 to be with you always,  
 the Spirit of Truth ..."**

**John 14:15-21**

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we find one of the seven newly ordained deacons, Philip, preaching the Gospel in Samaria. Jews hated the Samaritans but this incident showed the early Church leaders that the gospel of Jesus must be preached to all peoples. The ones responsible for preaching this Good News did not fall specifically on the apostles but on all Christians.

While people such as Philip took an active role in preaching this Good News, the early Church continued to grow as a result of those Christians who LIVED their faith. The word MARTYR comes from the Greek word martyrios which means witness. Early Christians lived their faith with lives of piety, devotion and charity. When called to do so they literally put their lives on the line for their beliefs. Their heroic actions attracted pagans looking for meaning in life. After all anyone willing to die for something must have found something worth dying for.

In the first reading we find that after Philip baptizes the Samaritans he calls on the apostles to come and anoint them with the Holy Spirit. This earliest Confirmation shows the reliance on the apostles as the true teachers of the Faith. As the Church grew these apostles selected successors in each town to carry on their work. We call these men today bishops. As part of the magisterium these bishops continue to guide our 2000 year old Church in the ways of faith.

How do we know that we remain true to the teachings of Christ? In the gospel Jesus tells the apostles that He will send another Paraclete, a helper, to aid them in their mission of carrying on the Good News. Despite 2000 years of at times less than exemplary history, we believe that the Holy Spirit continues to guide our church along the ways of faith. After all how many organizations have lasted 2000 years and have remained true to the core teachings of its founder.

As we gather here today to worship we do so not in a vacuum. Throughout the world Catholics gather to celebrate Mass and pray as a faith community. As we do so we recall Jesus' words to us in Scripture as well as Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at this Mass. Then we go out and proclaim that Good News by the example of our lives. We carry on a tradition that goes back to the time of the apostles. We become modern day martyrs witnessing our faith to the world. We may not find ourselves facing death in the Coliseum but we do give of ourselves in our time and talent.

Our history as a Church is deep and strong. Guided by the Holy Spirit we hope that our children and children's children will look at us with the same admiration we see in those before us who gave so much of themselves to proclaim Christ to the world.

*Fr. Walter Austin*

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
 Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

### Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21  
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20  
 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28  
 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

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