



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 21, 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held  
in the St. Dominic Savio Center  
to the right of the school.

### MASS TIMES

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

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently open every day  
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the  
world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and  
they have kept your word." - Jn 17:5-6

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the world sees us, do they see to whom we belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice? Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do. ©LPI

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**May 27/28 - J/K/L**

**June 3/4 - M/N/O**

**June 10/11 - P/Q/R/S**

**June 17/18 - T/U/V**

**June 24/25 - W/X/Y/Z**

*Food collected is donated to St. John Ministry of Care for distribution to those in need in our community.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

8:30 am Frank Hoffman

### Tuesday, May 23

8:30 am John T. Marman

### Wednesday, May 24

8:30 am Daniel Travis

### Thursday, May 25 • St. Bede the Venerable • St. Gregory the VII • St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

8:30 am Rev. Stephen Marschner, SJ

### Friday, May 26 • St. Philip Neri

8:30 am Special Intention

### Saturday, May 27 • St. Augustine of Canterbury

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Marilyn Torres, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Glen David Vial, Sr., "Big T" Valure, Clarence & Shirley Frost, In Thanksgiving, Rory & Jourdan Growl, Special Intention

### Sunday, May 28 • Pentecost Sunday

8:30 am Karen Angelo, Gertrude Mary Fisse, Souls in Purgatory, Maxie, Max, & Mary Lee, Shelbi Ory, Lester Savoie, Douglas C. Black, Ernest Edmond DeSalle  
10:30 am Terry Collins  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners  
7:00 pm Brock Michael Waguespack

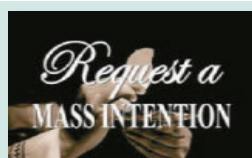


### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

In Memory of "Big T" Valure

### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

In Memory of Marilyn Torres

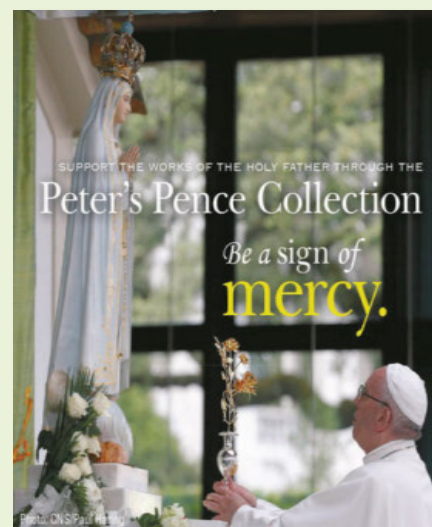


## Online Mass Request

Visit our website [aolparish.org](http://aolparish.org) and click on the "Request a Mass Intention" link to make your request. Payment must be made at time of request.

## Special Collection May 28th Peter's Pence

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisaniopietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisaniopietro.va/en.html).





## First Communion

### Congratulations to our 2023 First Communion Class

May our Lord in the Holy Eucharist bring continuous joy to you, and may God in Heaven bless you each and every day.



Kennedi Bowden  
Steven Brown  
Christina Collins  
Colton Curry  
Christian Duhe  
Kaylee Felipe  
Elijah Fontenot  
Edward Franco

Johnathan French, II  
Laila Gauff  
Eder Gonzalez  
Patia Jones  
Tatum Steinert  
Vivienne Tamplain  
Tylae Thomas  
Greyson Vandenborre

## SILVER CRUSADERS

### The Silver Crusaders are back!

All 55 years and older are invited to join us on

Wednesday, May 24th at 1:00pm in Piovan Parish Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Lucille Crayon at 504-487-8010.



Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

No Camp  
July 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday – Friday

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Before & After Care Available



For information and registration forms visit

[www.aolcrusaders.org/pre-k-summer-camp-program](http://www.aolcrusaders.org/pre-k-summer-camp-program)

or call the school at 985-652-4532 with any questions.



## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Congratulations to our 7th graders who were recently promoted!

Our prayers are with you as you begin your high school journey!



### ACTS Women's Retreat

June 1 - 4, 2023

Lumen Christi Retreat Center

All women interested in attending may visit our parish website for more information and registration forms.

Or you may contact one of the retreat directors:

DIRECTOR: Tanya Tregre 504-559-3760

CO-DIRECTOR: Erin Roussel 985-703-2468

CO-DIRECTOR: Hollie Faucheux 504-487-1835

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*Congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates!*

*We are proud of you and will pray for you as you embark on the next chapter of your life.*



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Wednesday, May 24

12:00noon School Early Dismissal  
1:00pm Silver Crusaders Meeting - Piovan Parish Hall

#### Thursday, May 25

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Savio Center  
12:00noon School Early Dismissal

#### Friday, May 26

8:30am School Mass - Savio Center  
10:00am Last Day of School Early Dismissal

#### Saturday, May 27 • Team 4

#### Sunday, May 28 • Team 4



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!**

**Adoration has resumed in  
the Chapel every day from  
9:00am to 9:00pm.**

Keep in touch with us  
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE 



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### Kids Corner

#### Prayer

God, thank you for my friends. Help me to treat them like you would.

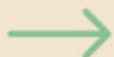
#### Mission for the Week

The next time you talk to God, pray for each of your friends. Ask your friends to pray for you, too.

#### Sharing the Gospel

Jesus prayed for his friends. He knew they were a special gift from God. Jesus was patient with them. He taught them about God. He cared about his friends and forgave them from his heart. Everything that Jesus did showed what God was like. Be a friend like Jesus. Care for your friends like God does.

**Now color  
the picture!**



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

ETERNAL  
CHRIST  
FATHER

GLORY  
GIVEN  
FOLLOWERS

WORLD  
SHOWN  
PRAYING

E	A	I	T	O	I	E	U	P	E	Y
T	C	H	R	I	S	T	Y	A	R	I
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S	O	A	F	W	O	R	L	D	P	O
I	L	N	A	E	L	N	I	S	R	N
R	L	Y	T	R	E	A	V	E	A	U
A	O	R	H	U	G	L	O	R	Y	R
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U	E	T	R	A	V	O	N	U	N	L
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"So you could not  
keep watch with me  
for one hour?"



### 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 at 985-652-2615.

**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.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

### Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun

Servant of God Chaplain Emil Kapaun's legacy as a light to prisoners of war and soldiers on the battlefield is vast. His cause for sainthood is currently being investigated due to a number of possible miracles attributed to his intercession as well as the possibility of his dying a martyr.

Emil was born in 1916 on a farm in Pilsen, Kansas. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1940 and remained local, serving in his home parish, St. John Nepomucene, in Pilsen. In 1944, he decided to enter the army as part of the Chaplain Corps. He served in India and Burma during the end of WWII. In 1949, after a brief break to earn a degree back in Kansas, he re-enlisted and was sent to Japan. Kapaun was assigned as chaplain for the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Not long after his assignment, Fr. Kapaun and the 1st Cavalry Division were ordered to Korea to help repel North Korea's invasion of South Korea.

During grueling, sleepless months of battle, Fr. Kapaun became known as someone who would risk his own life to save others on the battlefield. He ministered to his division by praying with them, offering confessions and baptisms, and by saying Mass from an improvised altar he set up on the front end of a Jeep. During this time, as the United Nations forces progressed northward, Fr. Kapaun and his troops were surprised by a contingent of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army — the PVA.

A number of the troops were able to retreat and escape, Fr. Kapaun was encouraged to go with them, but he stayed behind with the 800 men of his 3rd Battalion during the Battle of Unsan. He personally saved the lives of more than 40 soldiers during that battle. He and the others were taken prisoner by the PVA and marched over 80 miles to a prison camp. During this time, he helped others carry the injured among them despite this being forbidden by their captors. They were eventually held at Prison Camp 5 at Pyoktong, North Korea.

During his time as a prisoner of war, Fr. Kapaun was known by those he was imprisoned with as someone who could be relied on as a caretaker of all. The morale in the camp was awful, as many as 2 dozen men would die on a daily basis of malnutrition, disease, and the cold, but, Fr. Kapaun spent every waking hour doing his best to serve those he was with and raise moral in the camp. He was even known to steal food and medicine for those starving or too sick to care for themselves.

Despite developing pneumonia, dysentery, and a blood clot, Fr. Kapaun was still saying Mass and serving the other POW's until he was physically too weak to do so. He died of malnutrition and pneumonia on May 23, 1951, and was buried by friends up on a hill marked with stones, away from the mass graves others were dumped in.

For his bravery and service, Fr. Kapaun was awarded a Medal of Honor, a Bronze Star Medal, a Purple Heart, and the highest military recognition awarded by the Republic of Korea — The Taegeuk Order of Military Merit. These are only some of the many awards he was given while alive and posthumously.

In 1992 Pope John Paul II named him a Servant of God and, although the miracles attributed to his intercession are still under investigation, in January 2022, it was announced that the Vatican was considering whether to declare Fr. Kapaun a martyr for the Catholic faith. If this title is granted to him, it would greatly speed up his canonization. ©LPi

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

*"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." - Psalm 27*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	<i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/ Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
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, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	<i>Morning:</i> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> 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 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 <i>Extended Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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