



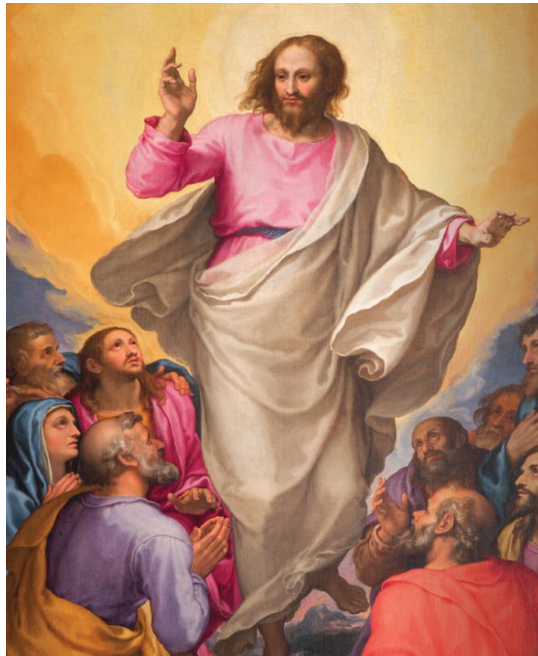
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- Mt 28:18b-19

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Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
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Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are **Live Streamed** on our website
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Rosary - 8:00am
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Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

We hear how the Apostles gathered in prayer with others (including Mary) in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus' ascension into heaven. When do you find yourself being called to prayer?

Second Reading:

Peter teaches that we may suffer insults and ridicule for our belief in Jesus. Have you ever been insulted by others for your faith?

Gospel:

We hear Jesus praying for us to his heavenly Father. Have you ever prayed for Jesus in prayer?

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11;
Psalm 47;
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

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Today we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord — that moment when Jesus, 40 days after His Resurrection, was lifted up into heaven as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading from Acts and our Gospel from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

Yet the first reading makes clear that the apostles were not meant to remain there, simply gazing upward. "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" In other words — do not just stand there. Do something.

This is a message for us as Christian stewards. We have been given countless graces — through the Mass and the sacraments, through the Word of God, and through the many gifts and blessings entrusted to us in daily life. We have been given our time, our talents, our material resources, and the opportunities God places before us each day. Like the apostles, we are not meant to simply receive these gifts and remain unchanged. We are called to put them into action in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us.

The Ascension, then, is not an ending, but a commissioning. Before returning to the Father, Jesus entrusts His mission to His disciples. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This call is not reserved for a select few — it is given to every Christian. In our homes, our parish communities, our workplaces, and our daily encounters, we are called to be witnesses to Christ. We do this not only through words, but through the witness of a life lived with faith, generosity, and love — offering our time, talent, and treasure in service to God and to others.

Our second reading reminds us of the greatness of the God we serve. St. Paul speaks of "the surpassing greatness of His power" — the same power that raised Christ from the dead and placed Him above all things. This is the God Who calls us to this mission. And He does not ask us to rely on our own strength alone. Stewardship is not simply about what we can accomplish — it is about cooperating with God's grace at work within us.

Still, like the apostles, we may hesitate. We may feel uncertain, inadequate, or hesitant to respond fully. The Gospel tells us that when they saw Him, "they worshiped, but they doubted." Even in their weakness, the Lord did not withdraw His call. Instead, He reassured them: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Their mission — and ours — rests not on human strength, but on His authority.

Then He gave them their mission — and ours. And He gave them a promise: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." The One Who sends us also remains with us — strengthening us through His presence, His Word, and His grace.

On this feast of the Ascension, let us take time to "look up" and reflect on the greatness of our God and the many blessings He has entrusted to us. Then let us respond as good stewards — not by standing still, but by putting those gifts to work in grateful service to Him, confident that He is with us always.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	5/17	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD World Communications Day Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
Mon	5/18	St. John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b; Jn 16:29-33
Tues	5/19	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wed	5/20	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19
Thu	5/21	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Fri	5/22	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19
Sat	5/23	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sun	5/24	PENTECOST SUNDAY Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	5/18	8:30 am	Fr. Mark Catalana †
Tues	5/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Wed	5/20	8:30 am	Melinda Manning †
Thu	5/21	8:30 am	Rena Giorgi (birthday)
Fri	5/22	8:30 am	Joseph Healy †
Sat	5/23	8:30 am	George Maldonado †
		5:00 pm	Virginia McQuade †
Sun	5/24	9:00 am	Alfredo Sr. & Radigunda Mabutas †
		11:00 am	Marianne Groh †
		5:00 pm	Colette Lackovic †

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

COMPARE ASCENSION'S ROLE WITH PENTECOST IN CHURCH MISSION

Ascension and Pentecost are two inseparable steps in the Church's mission: **Christ makes possible the work, then the Holy Spirit makes it effective.**

The **Ascension** (forty days after Easter) means that Jesus' victory over sin and death culminates in his being "seated at the right hand of the Father." It is not simply Christ moving away; rather, he enters a new mode of presence. From heaven, Christ remains active: he continues to bless, guide, and intercede for his people, and he commissions the apostles to carry the Gospel to all nations. His exaltation therefore grounds the Church's confidence: the mission rests on the reign of the glorified Christ, the Head of the body.

Between Ascension and Pentecost, the apostles wait in obedience and prayer. Then **Pentecost** brings the decisive gift: the Holy Spirit is sent so that the Church can proclaim with courage and clarity, not relying on human strength. The Spirit awakens faith, forms the community, and empowers witness. In short: **Ascension establishes Christ's enduring, saving presence; Pentecost supplies the Spirit's power for mission and evangelization.**



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

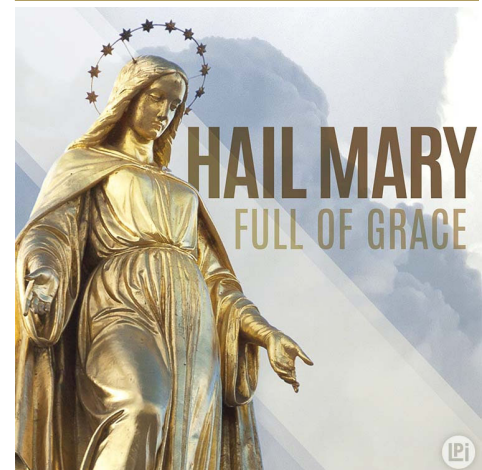
My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

POPE LEO XIV'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: MAY

That everyone might have food
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week? ©LPi



FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:

Joan Zadel; Shirley Foley; Arlene Rocchio; Schuyler Garfield; Armon LaMotte; Brenda Lis; Mary Ellen Fox; Magdolma O'Brien; Marietta Riney; Honora Hannan; Maria Guadalupe de la Riva

For those who have recently died:

Norwood "Woody" Nedom; Victoria Castello; Sheryl Pelzel; Ida Buechel

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



MAY 23 - 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday 5:00 pm - Cantor & Piano/Organ

Sunday 9:00 am - Cantor & Piano/Organ

Sunday 11:00 am - Cantor & Piano/Organ

Sunday 5:00 pm - Cantor & Piano/Organ

Summer Break till August

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Professor Bart D. Ehrman of the University of North Carolina, titled "The Historical Jesus." Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.

Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Tim O'Rorke at tj@timororke.com.



ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 10:15am in Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

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LITURGICAL RENEWAL IS PART OF THE DIOCESAN JOURNEY

Liturgical renewal is one key strand within spiritual renewal on our Journey to 2031, not *“one more change.”*

- ◆ Supports the **Pastoral Plan Priority of Worship** and its objectives that focus on understanding the Mass, joyful music, helpful homilies, and a sense of being generously welcomed.

Renewed at the Table of the Lord Beginning Our Journey

In this Easter season of new life and resurrection, our diocese begins a journey of liturgical renewal called Renewed at the Table of the Lord. Over the next two years, we will walk together through the parts of the Mass, deepening our understanding and participation in the source and summit of our Catholic life: the Holy Eucharist.

This renewal is an invitation to experience more fully what we already have: the incredible gift of encountering the mystery of Christ's sacrifice made manifest in the Mass, and God's tremendous love for each of us. The Second Vatican Council called all members of the Church to participate fully, consciously, and actively in the liturgy. This means bringing our whole selves to Mass: our hearts, our voices, our attention, and our lives.

This spring, we are focusing on the Introductory Rites: those opening moments when we gather as the Body of Christ, ask for God's mercy, and prepare to hear His word. In the fall, we will explore the Liturgy of the Word. Next Lent brings the Liturgy of the Eucharist. And in fall 2027, we will reflect on being sent forth as missionary disciples in the Concluding Rites.

This journey is part of our diocesan Pastoral Plan, which culminates in 2031 under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Just as our Blessed Mother leads us to her Son, this renewal helps us discover how the Mass forms us, nourishes us, and sends us forth to love and serve. Your parish liturgical leaders have been trained and are ready to guide us in this renewal.

In the weeks ahead, watch for articles in our bulletin, resources on our parish website, diocesan social media posts, and other opportunities to learn more. Most importantly, come to Mass with open hearts and bring all that you are before the Lord, who promises to be with us always. Let us walk this journey together, allowing the Mass to transform us into the people God calls us to be. May Our Lady of Guadalupe guide us closer to her Son, that we may be Renewed at the Table of the Lord.

Liturgical renewal is a diocesan effort to deepen spiritual renewal by helping our people more fully, consciously, and actively participate in the Mass—the source and summit of our life together.

WHY LITURGICAL RENEWAL — IN ONE SENTENCE



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MAY CROWNING MASS

Our TK and Kindergarten students led a beautiful Mass celebrating Mary, with support from our 8th graders who helped collect flowers and crowned Mary. This cherished tradition reminds us of the love and grace that surround our community!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027: AUG. 3-8, 2027

The Organizing Committee for World Youth Day Seoul 2027 has officially announced the patron saints who will spiritually accompany the next major international gathering of young adult Catholics (ages 18-35), which will take place in the South Korean capital Aug. 3-8, 2027.

- ◆ Saint John Paul II - a pope who reached out to the world! He shared a message of peace and courage.
- ◆ Saint Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions - the first Catholic priest in Korea! He gave his life for the faith as a martyr.
- ◆ Saint Francesca Xavier Cabrini - the patron saint of immigrants! She showed love through her actions.
- ◆ Saint Josephine Bakhita - a saint who turned pain into love! She shared hope even through suffering.
- ◆ Saint Carlo Acutis - "God's influencer," a saint of our time! He lived his faith in everyday life.



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