

May 22, 2022

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church

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*Archdiocese of
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Mass Schedule
Wednesday No Mass
Friday Noon
Saturday 4:15
Sunday 10:00

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Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00

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May 22, 2022

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

As our Easter journey continues, may the promise of the
Holy Spirit give us hope and strength.

The early Church – under the guidance of the Holy Spirit –
debates whether the Gentiles should be forced to abide by Jewish
ways and customs. John describes a stunning vision of the holy city
Jerusalem with its walls, gates, inscriptions, and the glory of
God giving it light. In the Gospel, Jesus grants his disciples the gift
of peace and the promise of the Spirit, who will teach and remind
them of all he taught them.



Mass Time & Intentions

Wednesday May 25th

No mass

Friday May 27th noon

Honor of Estelle Vitanza

Memory of Nick Abbott

Saturday May 28th 4:15

Joe & Mable Rek

Sunday May 29th 10:00

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Saturday May 28th 4:15 pm

Lectors:

Delores Posinski & Joan Pushee

Rosary:

Delores Posinski

Altar Servers:

Jacob Borski, Evan Borski, Claire Borski,

Ushers:

Stephen Pasket,, Darrel Wagner, Danny Pasket, Michael Wisnoski

Sunday May 29th 10:00 am

Lectors:

Blake Vezurk & Mandi Wroblewski

Rosary:

Linda LaSalle

Altar Servers:

Kyle Buenger, Ryan Buenger, Morgan Moriarty

Ushers:

Ed Marek, Gary Klodzinski, Daniel Klawinsky, Don Sowell

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ASCENSION

JESUS CHRIST, ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

Jesus' ascension, or return to God, is best understood as a continuation of the resurrection event—God's action to reward Jesus' faithfulness to death by continuing their relationship in a new way. Although the ascension is only described in Luke's Gospel some 50 years after Jesus' death, the belief in Christ's heavenly presence with God and glorification in the place of honor at God's right hand, is already widespread in early Christianity and attested in several New Testament letters.

In Paul's letters, which precede the written Gospels by at least 10-20 years, he mentions without having to explain the already common belief that "Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us" (Rom 8:34). This is a result of "God's great power, which God worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens" (Eph 1:19-20). The letter to the Hebrews also stresses that Christ the high priest now sits forever in glory at God's right

hand (Heb 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12). The first Letter of Peter claims that Christ "has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him" (1 Pet 3:22).

In the Gospels, only Luke describes the ascension, and he provides two accounts, as if to stress that Jesus' presence with the disciples in his visible resurrected body now comes to a definitive end. A briefer account comes at the end of his Gospel on Easter evening (24:50-53). The more familiar version in Acts (1:6-12) occurs 40 days after Easter, during which time Jesus has been instructing the disciples about the kingdom of God.

Jesus' ascension has several consequences for the Church. First, it assures us that God's commitment to Jesus did not cease when Jesus died but God continues their relationship with the gift of new life. Second, his enthronement at God's right hand invites Christians to worship Christ as they do God. Third, it reminds us that Christ eternally intercedes and advocates for us with God.

NOT GONE BUT STILL WITH US

All the early Christians believed that Jesus was risen to new life and appeared to his followers. They believed that though absent in his risen body, the risen Christ continued to dwell with them and allowed himself to be discovered under forms that we can experience and thus recognize him.

The New Testament authors stressed Christ's abiding presence in various ways. Matthew described Jesus as "Emmanuel, God with us" (1:23) and reminded us that Christ is present whenever we gather in his name (18:20) and will be with us always (28:20). Luke illustrated the hidden presence of the risen Christ as a mysterious stranger who explained scripture and shared bread (24:13-36). John described the abiding presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit or Advocate (Paraclete) (14:26) who continues in us the presence of the absent Jesus. Paul described the Christian community as those incorporated into the body of Christ (Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 10:17, 12:12-27) here on earth who continue his ministry and mission.

This hidden presence of Christ in us, in our community and in the world is also the foundation of our sacramental approach to reality. What we can perceive with our senses is not all there is to the mysterious reality we live in. So we seek this always present but hidden Jesus in prayer, in word and sacrament and in the others in our community. Like the disciples, we are not called to stand gazing into heaven to detect his return (Acts 1:10-11), which will surely come, but to go back to our households and jobs and neighborhoods to show forth the power of the Spirit that has been given to us by the ascended Jesus. By our attitudes, our words and our deeds, we display to the world around us the importance of Jesus' ascension.

Christ's Presence in the Eucharist

Pope St. Leo I, the Great, reminded us that "Our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. What was presented to the disciples' bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven."

In his book *Sacramental Theology*, Franciscan Fr. Kenan Osborne summarizes our belief in the many forms of Christ's eucharistic presence. "Jesus is present in the gathering of the community, in the proclamation of the word, and in the banquet of bread and wine. Beyond this we must find the Lord not only in the table of the Eucharist, but in the table of the world around us. If we do not see Jesus in this table of the world, we will really not find Jesus in the table of the Eucharist; and if we do indeed find Jesus in the table of the Eucharist, we should leave the Eucharistic celebration with eyes of faith that allows us to find Jesus throughout the table of the world."

Jesus, Alive in Our Midst

"The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: the crucified and risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the risen Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven."

—Pope Francis

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Why Many Celebrate on a Sunday

Many countries including the U.S. that do not observe the Ascension as a public holiday have obtained permission from the Vatican to move the feast to the following Sunday to encourage more Catholics to celebrate this important event. In the U.S., all dioceses transferred this feast to Sunday except those in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Nebraska which still celebrate it on Thursday.

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May 22, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In the reading from John's Gospel today, Jesus eases into the message he has for his disciples – a message he knows they don't want to hear: He has to leave them. But Jesus tells his disciples that if they love him and keep his commandments, he and the Father will "make their dwelling" within them. He then assures them they will not be alone: The Advocate will come to not only remind them of all he taught them, but also teach them everything they need to know in the future. Finally, he offers them peace, the peace that comes only through the Spirit and draws them closer to God. Though Jesus knows they are broken-hearted that he is leaving, he tells them to rejoice if they love him, for he is returning to his Father. Jesus' words to the first disciples ring true for every disciple throughout the ages. He does not leave anyone who loves him alone. He sends his Spirit to dwell in us, to teach and remind us of his love and how to love one another. The Spirit guides us, encourages us, and sustains us – always. We are never alone.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The first Christians, guided by the Holy Spirit, shared this message with the Gentile communities to whom they were ministering: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities." This is a profound moment in the Church as it shows first, the power of the Holy Spirit working in and with the Apostles; and second, the importance of faith (not ritual circumcision, or other human laws) for salvation. The Gospel is intended for all, without exception, and the Holy Spirit is our help and our Advocate in our own lives of faith, and in our sharing of that faith with others. Let us seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit in all we do, that we might be a blessing, not a burden, for everyone seeking the glory of God's light.

STUDY The Acts of the Apostles is an amazing account of how Jesus' followers grew from a small group of frightened people into the courageous and zealous missionaries who founded his Church. Read the *catechism* from 687-747 to learn more about the Holy Spirit and pray for the grace to let him work in and through you for the salvation of all who seek him.

"Peace I
leave with
you;

*my peace I
give to you."*

(Jn 14:27)



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

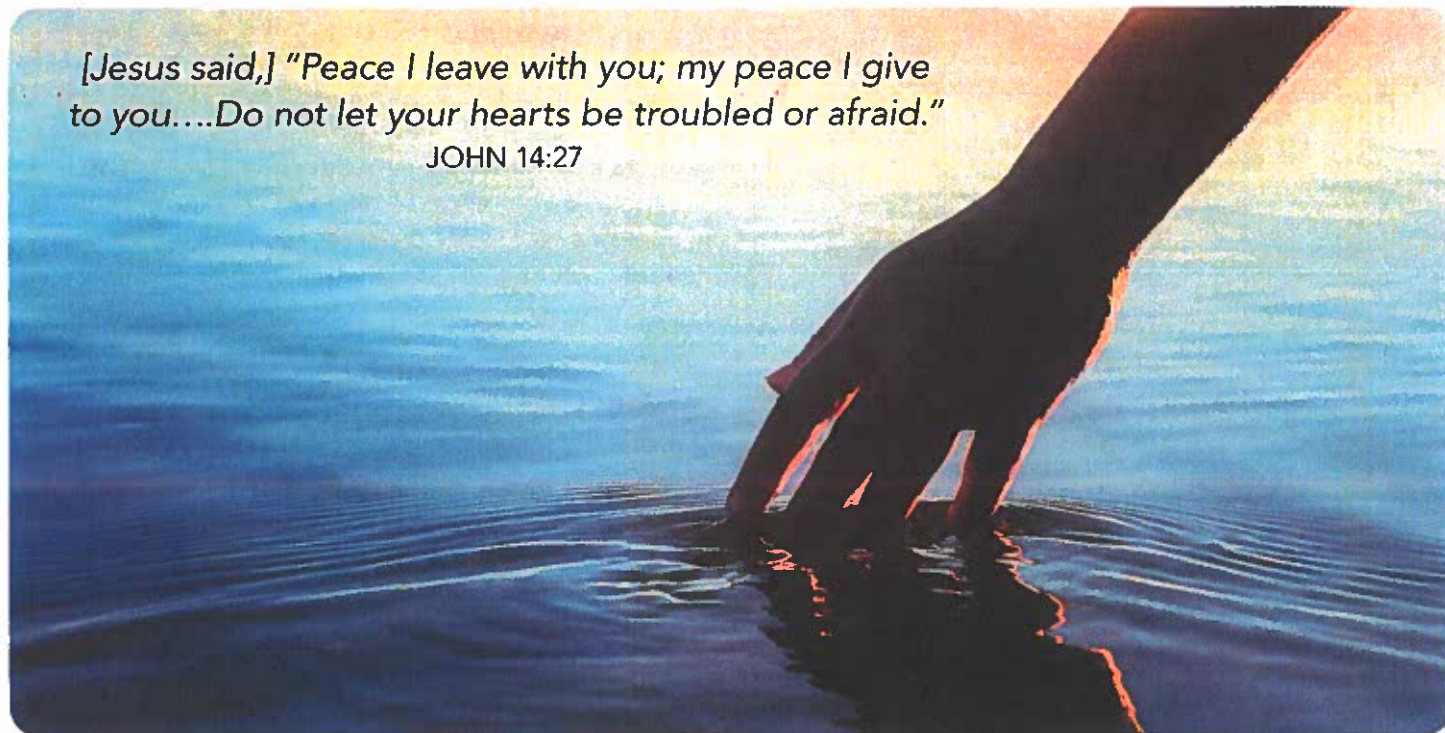
Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

Rev 21:10–14, 22–23

Jn 14:23–29

[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

JOHN 14:27



Times Are a-Changin'

Today's Gospel expands a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. They prefer Latin chants and the organ rather than folk music with guitars. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

Actually, such understanding of the unchanging Church is only partially correct. The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed. It is the ways we understand or practice our faith that have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with three essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers have changed, and at Mass we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but

there are some changes in theological understandings too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways.

Today's reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish practice, not Christian. Dissent arose. But the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *In what ways have changes made your faith more meaningful to you?*
- *As we move toward Pentecost, pray to be open to the working of the Spirit in your parish.*

Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers *in vitro* fertilization (Latin for fertilization “in glass” or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons:

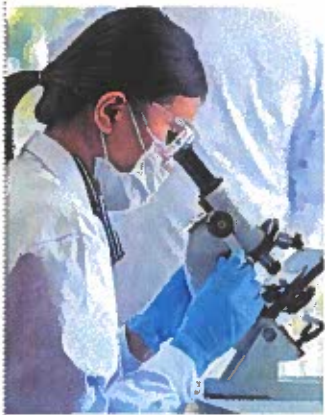
First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life.

In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved). All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial

relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way.

ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

Calendar

Monday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 29

The Ascension
of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or

Heb 9:24–28;

10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53

**Do you have
a question for
the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and learn more about
Dear Padre.

Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to become a register member 936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May

For 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.

Anniversary, birthday & farewell dinner in honor of Father Eli June 11th after the 4:15 mass in the parish hall.

We will have a potluck, so cook enough for your family as well as a little extra.

We will have music, food and fun. Plan on coming out to celebrate Father Eli.

Please contact Jenni Abraham, Susan Wisnoski (936) 825-2511

or Carol Serres in the office for more information (936)873-2291.

Adoration

Our last adoration for the spring will be May 23rd 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Fall adoration will start September 12th

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Father Louis Sikorski.

Our Gospel brings us back to the Last Supper. Knowing his disciples will need encouragement for the events that lie ahead, Jesus grants them the gift of peace and the promise of the Spirit. We also need those gifts as we strive to live the Gospel life and be faithful to Christ.

Altar Society:

Meets the first Thursday
September to May. The
next meeting will be
Thursday September 1st
@ 6:00 in the rectory.
All Catholic ladies are
welcome.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

On the 1st weekend of every
month Fr. Eli will bless
anyone with a birthday
or wedding anniversary
during that month following
each Mass.

Choir Practice:

Choir practice is on
Thursday evenings at
6:15pm in the church.
Contact Leo Hock at
713-435-9949 for more
information.

Knights of Columbus:

KC Council #4054 meets at the
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Contact Deen Miller
936-524-1700 for membership
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12 Hour Adoration:

Our church is open every
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scheduled persons.

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Anyone seeking the Rite of
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RCIA classes to start in
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May 29th Catholic Communications

June 12th St. Vincent de Paul-local

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Shelby Seale, Phillip Walkowiak, Travis Watson

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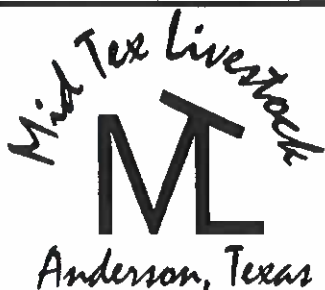
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