



Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking up at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way.

ACTS 1:11

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

“Often raise your eyes to heaven, and you will see that the present life is but a passage toward eternal life.”

~ St. Francis de Sales



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- ✚ **Mass and Liturgy Times**
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PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

During the General Intercessions at our weekend Masses, we remember all members of our parish and community who are homebound or suffering any illness. Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Jean Arlotta; Mary Anthony; Nancy Balding; Jeff Baker; Colette Bean; Jerry BeBenette; Jennifer Bland; Mary Bocckino; Fritz Brunssen; Margaret Burnette; Joe Caballero; Dorothy Cain; Joanne Callahan; Marguerite Canning; Alice Chamois; Lois Crowell; Emily Dashner; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Mary Donnal; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Marie Drescher; Irene Dunbar; Jason Ferrigan; Adela Florey; Rosemarie Foytlin; Margie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Archie Jones; Alice Lefebvre; Walter Lupa; Alice McAndrew; Peggy McIntyre; Maria Mitch; Nelida Muniz; Clarence Nonnenmacher; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Kay Patrylck; Margaret Perckett; Tom Pharr; Katarina Prazak; Louise Prevost; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Betty Short; Kathy Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Priscilla Sotolongo; Linda Swierczewski; Brian Smith; Marisa Suarez; Germaine Turcott; Betty Turner; Barbara Xavier

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound, contact the Parish Center to request a virtual visit to share prayer.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday, 8am	(Virtual)*
Tuesday, 8am	Kara McLeod-Lamb (Virtual)
Wednesday, 8am	(Virtual)*
Thursday, 8am	(Virtual)*
Friday, 8am	(Virtual)*
Saturday, 8am	Rita McBride (Virtual)
Saturday, 5:30pm	(In person only)*
Sunday, 11am	Renee Whitmore (Virtual & in person)

* To honor a loved one, living or deceased, with a mass intention, visit holyninfantchurch.org/mass-intentions. For more information on memorials for altar wine, lamp or altar flowers, visit holyninfantchurch.org/memorial-donations.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> 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, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to HolyInfantChurch.org and check the Calendar, News and Events sections for details on the following and more:

- Night Prayer - nightly at 8pm
- VIRTUAL Centering Prayer - 5/18, 8am
- VIRTUAL Liturgical Commission Meeting - 5/18, 7pm
- Praying with St. Francis de Sales - 5/19, 10am
- LIVE Choir Rehearsal - 5/19, 7pm
- RCIA Inquiry Session - 5/19, 7:30pm
- Eucharistic Adoration - 5/20, 12pm
- Parish Finance Council Meeting - 5/20, 2:30pm
- Yan Ministry - 5/20, 7pm
- Durham/Chapel Hill Catholic Young Adults: Holy Smokes Friday by the Fireside - 5/21, 7pm
- Servants of God Prayer Group - 5/22, 2:30pm
- Reconciliation - 5/22, 4pm
- Funeral Mass for Jim McBride - 5/29, 10am
- Rebilas Wedding - 5/29, 2pm
- Pews for sale on 6/12, 9am to 1pm & 6/13 12:30pm to 3pm
- Vacation Bible Camp - 7/11-13, 5:30pm

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last weekend our parish community welcomed **Jaxon and Lucas McGuirk**, sons of **Cassandra** and **Timothy** in the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate these new members and their family. As a parish we pledge our support and prayers as they grow with us in living out the Christian message.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Make Us a Gift

Loving Father,
you sent your Son into the world
that we might see you by seeing him.
He offered his life as a gift
for the life of the world.
On the third day, you raised him to life,
a life so powerful it could never again die.
Grant us the grace to offer our lives
as a gift for the life of the world,
so that, dying with Jesus, we might
rise with him.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, May 16, 2021
We Hope to Follow

Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 4:1–13; Mark 16:15–20. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared again and again over a forty-day period. He explained the Scriptures to his disciples, they touched him, and they shared meals together. Often it took them time to recognize him.

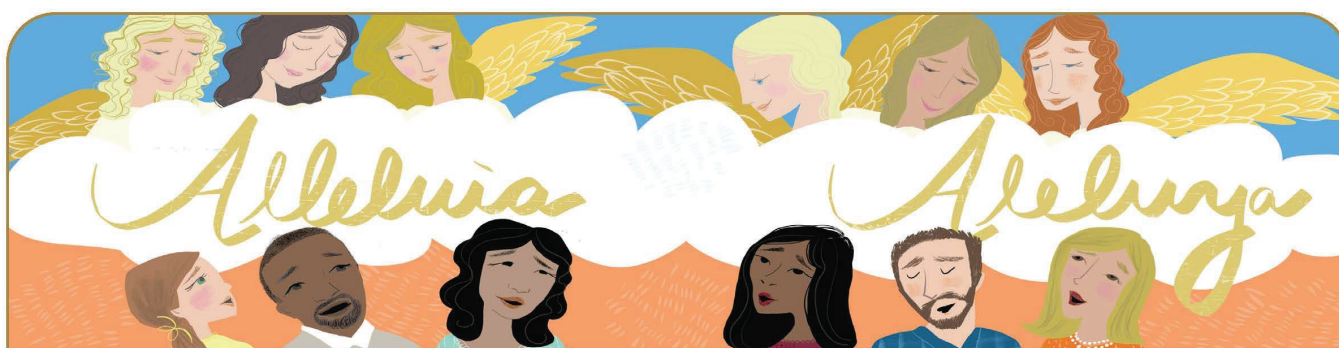
On the fortieth day, Jesus commissioned the apostles to preach the Gospel to all creatures and to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes it seems that these first witnesses were the lucky ones. They saw Jesus, heard his voice and teachings, and perhaps even touched his wounds. Having seen, how could they have done anything but believe? And yet until the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost, they were afraid. They had seen what had happened to him, and even though he had

risen, they could not have been eager to face persecution themselves. But even though Jesus was gone, he had not abandoned them.

The Ascension is a feast of joy, joy in the Father glorifying Jesus. It is also a feast of anticipation, because we hope that we too will be raised, that we too will be taken up to Jesus because we belong to him. We hope that by believing in Jesus and by living in imitation of him, we too might be citizens of heaven, raised up by the Father.

Our lives become gifts to God when we die to ourselves and unite ourselves to Jesus. May our prayer be one of offering our whole lives to the Father so that dying with the Lord, we might rise with him. Where he has gone, we hope to follow.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 17

Transformed by the Spirit

In the reading from Acts, the men begin to speak in tongues after Paul lays hands on them. Our lives should also look markedly different because the Holy Spirit is within us. Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life? When making big decisions, do you rely on the guidance of the Spirit? How can you invite God to be part of your process of discerning your best way forward? *Today's readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

Tuesday, May 18

Bearing Witness

As Paul looks at the possibility of his future martyrdom, his words echo the words of Jesus before the passion. Both focused on the people they served, the people who were their mission. Jesus, sent by God, and Paul, sent by the risen Christ, both call all people into the light so that the plan of God might be fulfilled. God is always sending us too. How are you called to “bear witness to the gospel of God’s grace”? *Today's readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11a.*

Wednesday, May 19

Spring and New Life

As spring progresses in the northern hemisphere, the natural world abounds with beauty. Take some time to walk in nature and experience the beauty of God’s creation. Is this a time when it is easy for you to experience God’s presence? How can you take more time for listening in this way? Care of creation is one of our duties as human beings, to whom God entrusted the natural world. Is there something simple you can do to care for God’s creation today? *Today's readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.*

Thursday, May 20

Peacemakers

The reading from Acts portrays an event in which religious people react to Paul’s actions out of their conviction. So stirred up are the factions that they have a difficult time responding peacefully. Sometimes people who love the Church can be like this. Strong emotions arise when people become defensive, when it seems like their ways of being in relationship with God are challenged. Yet we are called to be peacemakers, even as we are called to speak the truth and give prophetic witness. Christ’s peace is received in the Eucharist. How can you live out this call to make peace within the Church? *Today's readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

Friday, May 21

Our Lives as a Gift

The number of times Peter declares his love for Jesus corresponds to his three denials of the Lord before the crucifixion. With these affirmations, Jesus tells Peter to “feed my sheep.” No matter what we have done in the past, God is waiting to redeem it. Everyone’s life can be offered as a gift to God, the giver of life. *Today's readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.*

Saturday, May 22

Preparing for Pentecost

Consider planning a celebration for Pentecost. Gather party supplies in red, the liturgical color of the day. The celebration could be a birthday party, since Pentecost is often considered the birth of the Church. Decorate with doves or tongues of fire. Prayer cards could highlight the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fear of the Lord, piety, and fortitude. *Today's readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.*





CONGRATULATIONS

First Eucharist

Congratulations to these children who celebrated their First Eucharist on May 15.

Percy Robert Reeder Anderson

Cullen Craig Bagby

Josephine Antonia Bostick

Phillip Kevin Chawarski

Andrew Felix DeWolf

Gabriel Jaiden Diaz

Thia Chiu Doan

Archer Collin Earp

Abigail Gabriela Galindo-Woodring

Michael Scott Hammons

Samuel William Luedke

Ava Rose Martin

Juan Angel Martinez Moraga

Rosalia Lynn Panek

Zoe Elizabeth Papajcik

Jessica Jumarang Samson

Ruby Anne Shatrowsky

Luca Enzo Swift

Silas Anderson Thacker

CONGRATULATIONS

Confirmation



Congratulations to these youth who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 13.

Kyle Robert Budzinski ~ *Blessed Carlo Acutis*

Samantha Marie Carew ~ *St. Maria Goretti*

Matthew Lawrence Degele ~ *St. Giuseppe Moscati*

Haley Mackenzie Evansky ~ *St. Dymphna*

Petronilo De Guzman Gatdula III ~ *St. Agatha*

Benjamin James Miranda ~ *St. Albert the Great*

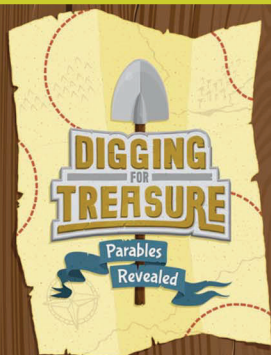
Caroline Lakshmi Sangvai ~ *St. Lidwina*

Peter Joseph Tolman ~ *St. Peter the Tax Collector*

Nicholas Thomas Vallanat ~ *St. Nicholas*

Kaitlin Marie Walczak ~ *St. Joanna*

Maria Sophia Zola ~ *St. Maria Goretti*



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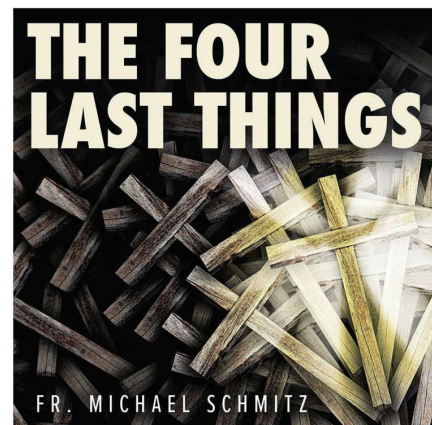
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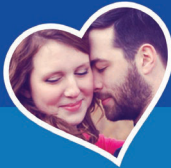
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