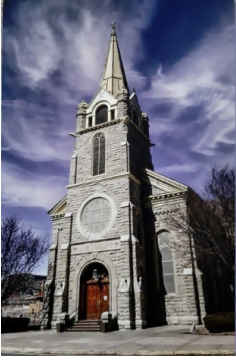


# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | MAY 12, 2024



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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday (Anticipatory):** 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

**Monday-Friday:** 8:00 AM (Rosary at 7:30 AM)

**Wednesday:** 5:30 PM (at Office Chapel)

**First Saturday:** 9:00 AM (Nov-Apr at church,  
May-Oct at Ave Maria Shrine) Rosary at 8:30 AM

### CONFESSION TIMES

**Saturday:** 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

### MISSION CHURCHES

San Isidro Church (Vigil, CO)

**1st & 3rd Saturday:** 4:00 PM

Confession 30 minutes before Mass

St. Ignatius Church (Segundo, CO)

**2nd & 4th Saturday:** 4:00 PM

Confession 30 minutes before Mass

*Check Bulletin for 5th Saturday Mass location.*

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### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**BAPTISM OF INFANTS:** Please call Ingrid Zamora to begin preparation for the Baptism of Children 6 years and under.

**HOLY MATRIMONY:** Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding date.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office during regular business hours. For after hours emergencies, contact the priest's cell phone numbers (found to the left)

**BECOMING CATHOLIC:** Please call the Parish Office to learn more about becoming a fully initiated member of the Roman Catholic Church. Classes run September-May.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** If you are ill or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Every Wednesday at the Office Chapel from 8:30 am-5:15 pm.

### THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

#### Mon., May 13:

Stations of the Cross (8:30 am)

Youth Group at St. Joseph Hall (6-8 pm)

#### Tue., May 14:

Bible Study at HFH (12:30pm or 5:30pm)

#### Wed., May 15:

Adoration at the Office Chapel  
(8:30am-5:15pm)

Book Club at office (6 pm)

#### Thur., May 16:

Parish Council Mtg at office (4pm)

Finance Council Mtg at office (5:10 pm)

Theology on Tap at Tequilas (6:30 pm)

#### Sat., May 18:

Confession from 2:30-3:30 pm

Rosary prayed in the church (3:15 pm)

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Breakfast*

SUN **12** MAY

8AM-12:30 PM

Join us for Scrambled eggs,  
Waffles, Sausage, Juice or Coffee  
\$10.00 per plate  
Location: Sebastiani Gym in Trinidad  
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Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus

MASS INTENTIONS			
Sat	5/11	4 PM	Leo & Dora Corral, Dave Hadad, Irene Montera, Jacinto Silva, Florie Massarotti, Elaine Alfonso Naccarato, Joe Reorda, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Billie Adams, David & Maryanne Kaessner & Family, The Ozzello & Paolucci Families, The Barela & Vigil Families, Mother's Day Novena ( <b>Anv. Minnie DeCristino, Jon Saccomanno, Carmelita Barela</b> )
Sat	5/11	4 PM	<b>St. Ignatius</b> Seth Abeyta, Jarrod & Joey Lopez, Joe Costa
Sun	5/12	7 AM	Lucy Coszalter, Rose Aragon, Joanne Sissons, Sister Maria Embestro, Rosemarie Bevsek, Yolande Senes, Joe Costa, Florie Massarotti, Art & Mary Garcia, For the Deceased Consecrated to God, Healing of Vic Cordova
Sun	5/12	9 AM	Mary Ann Guadagnoli, Betty Vasquez, Kris, Kari & David Patrick, Evelyn J. Casias, Isabelle Gutierrez, Fannie Della Betta, Marilyn Shew, Thelma Lujan, Alice Vigil, Lucy B. Garcia, Frances Garbo, Healing of Michael Guadagnoli
Sun	5/12	11 AM	Antoinette Coszalter, Moises Cisneros Jr., Joe, Rose, & Anthony Veltri, Elinor Perry, Rose Peretto, Irene Montera, Matthew Bondoc, Mary Rose Gomez, Richard Mark Pachelli Sr., Theresa Regusa, Isabelle Gutierrez ( <b>Anv. Domenic Mark Pachelli</b> )
Mon	5/13	8 AM	Florie Massarotti, Scott Redfield, Joan Sciacca, Healing of Eddie Martinez
Tue	5/14	8 AM	Irene Montera, Living & Deceased of the Nichols/Villani Family, Blessings for Lou Matte
Wed	5/15	8 AM	Phyllis Cuccia, Tom Sakariason, Healing of Eddie Martinez
Wed	5/15	5:30 PM	<b>Chapel</b> For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
Thu	5/16	8 AM	Joey Lopez, Living & Deceased of the Gyurman/Fabec Family ( <b>Anv. Eileen Pederson, Frank &amp; Elizabeth Massarotti</b> )
Fri	5/17	8 AM	Rose Peretto, Mary Roberts
Sat	5/18	4 PM	Antonio & Eufelia Montoya, David Hadad, Irene Montera, Florie Massarotti, Billie Adams, Stefanita Silva, Elaine Alfonso Naccarato, Special Intention for Jim & Joelle Sissons and for Sean McCrory & Family, Healing of Michael Guadagnoli, Souls in Purgatory
Sat	5/18	4 PM	<b>San Isidro</b> Seth Abeyta, Rome & Esther Romero, Betty & George Glover, Joe Costa, Joey & Jarod Lopez, Birthday & Healing Blessings for Melanie Dubis, Healing for Gloria Starkey
Sun	5/19	7 AM	Robert Hand, Joseph Mahon, Thomas Booth, Keith J. Filipp, Leroy Smith, Florie Massarotti, Frank Aranda Jr., Albert Martinez, For Souls Closest to Heaven ( <b>Anv. Alejandro "Alex" Mestas</b> )
Sun	5/19	9 AM	Jamie & Desiree Aragon, Isabelle Gutierrez, Marilyn Shew, The Modica & Sudar Families ( <b>Anv. Gaetano Paolucci</b> )
Sun	5/19	11 AM	William B. Hammond, Moises Cisneros Jr., Matthew Bondoc, Jayme Abeyta, Carmen Matthews, Joe Costa, Irene & Ducky Montera, Frank Aranda Jr., Blanche & Doris Santistevan

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday May 18 4 pm	<b>Proclaimer:</b> Tom Perry <b>Server:</b> Sariyah Gutierrez <b>Euch. Ministers:</b> Lynn S. (H), Sue H., Anne P. <b>Hosp. Ministers:</b> Paul M., Carl S., Volunteers
Sunday May 19 7 am	<b>Proclaimer:</b> Phyllis Massarotti <b>Server:</b> Jim Sissons/Alexis Malespini <b>Euch. Ministers:</b> Joelle S. (H), Carol G., Joan M. <b>Hosp. Ministers:</b> Joelle S., Alfred S., Pete D.
Sunday May 19 9 am	<b>Proclaimer:</b> Virgil Micek <b>Server:</b> Chris S./Gaige S. <b>Euch. Ministers:</b> Karen G. (H), Deb H., Volunteer <b>Hosp. Ministers:</b> Frank S., Nick S., Mike D., Sam M.
Sunday May 19 11 am	<b>Proclaimer:</b> Nancy Cooney <b>Server:</b> Bernard Peretto/Jayzah Felthager <b>Euch. Ministers:</b> June T. (H), Steve E., Becky B. <b>Hosp. Ministers:</b> George T., James L., Buddie C., Sal. O.

## PARISH EVENTS/NEWS

### FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR ZACH

Although our Seminarian, Zach, will be here off and on throughout the summer, his official last weekend with us will be May 18/19. As a thank you for all the work he has put in during the year, we will have a light reception in Sebastiani Gym on **Sunday, May 19**. Please feel free to stop by for some coffee and cake between the hours of 9am and 1pm to visit with him and wish him well as he returns to the seminary.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will be held once more at Tequila's restaurant at 6:30 PM on **Thursday, May 16th**. We will be discussing devotional prayers and how they can draw us into relationship with Jesus. Please RSVP at the office by noon on Thursday.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Since coming back from Covid, we have not been able to get our volunteer base back up to par. We have a small group of very dedicated volunteers, many of which are involved in multiple aspects of the parish. We are now reaching out to those who feel they would be able to give of their time in some way. We are looking for volunteers in all aspects of parish life: liturgical ministry (proclaimers, altar servers, eucharistic ministers, hospitality ministers, musicians), catechists for our religious education program, eucharistic ministers to visit the homebound in our community, parish council and finance council members, maintenance, etc. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. If interested in any of these areas, please contact the office.

We are also looking for a volunteer to fill the gap in bringing communion to the men incarcerated at Trinidad Correctional Facility. They are our brothers in Christ and deserve to be remembered by us in prayer. Please contact the office if you are interested for more information on what this work of mercy entails.



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

### MAY 12, 2024

THEME: BACK TO HIS GLORY IN HEAVEN AND TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR US

Ref. 1st=Acts.1:1-11. 2nd=Eph.1:17-23. 3rd=Mk.16:15-20.

The Gospel according to St. Mark, which we heard today, does not say much about the Ascension of Christ. His brief presentation on this comes after the 'Great Mandate', probably on the day of resurrection - Easter Sunday (Mk.16:19). On the other hand, the presentation by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles (1<sup>st</sup> reading), which indicates that Christ's Ascension came 40 days after His resurrection, is the most popular in the Church. The precise teaching we got as kids on Christ's Ascension, is that 'after 40 days of rising from the dead, Christ in His glory, ascended into the glory of heaven and seated at the right hand of God the Father'. Recall that Jesus had earlier told His disciples about His Ascension (Jn.14). This brought some mixed feelings in the minds & hearts of His followers. Aware of their thoughts and fears, Jesus told them that He was going to prepare a place for them where they would be with Him forever (Jn.14:3). Above all, He promised them that He was going to send them the Holy Spirit; who would lead them to all truth, be their advocate, remind them of all that He taught them & remain with them forever (Jn.14:16-18). He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until this happened (1<sup>st</sup> reading - Acts.1:4). This assurance strengthened their faith & gave them the courage to accept the Ascension of Jesus as a source of 'better things to come'. That is how we should equally see His Ascension.

As a source of better things ahead, the Ascension of Christ gives us the **assurance of a home in heaven** where we shall be with Jesus after our mission on earth. This makes us look beyond this life in all we do and live it in such a way that we shall earn heaven at the end. So, if the world looks down on us, we should look up to Christ who is our way to heaven. If the world praises us for our talents, intelligence or achievements, we look up to God in humility and thanks since our greatest and best achievement in life is to be with Christ in heaven. With this understanding, we will not place any earthly achievement ahead of heavenly glory or see death as an annihilation. Hence, we no longer feel frustrated or dejected when we are in danger of death or facing terminal illnesses because we now know that there is a better home with Christ in heaven, where there is no sickness, pain or sorrow, but eternal happiness (hymn: I know there is another fellowship in heaven...).

Secondly, the Ascension of Christ tells us that **there is a reward for faithfulness to God**. Having come into the world, Jesus worked His way back to heavenly glory by remaining faithful & obedient to the Father's will (Phil.2:6-11). With this, He was able to overcome the temptations of the devil, ignore the attacks & insults from humans, survive the challenges of a poor home, was never deterred from doing good for sinful humanity and endured the excruciating pain of the cross. Our patience, endurance, humility, obedience and sacrifices in this world and for our belief in God will not be in vain. This was evident in the lives of the holy men and women whose praises we sing in the Scriptures & in the Church. That was why St. Paul said, 'For I am certain of this; that neither death nor life, nor Angels nor principalities, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God made manifest in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom.8:38-39). He said this because of the reward that awaits us in heaven (which the Ascension of Christ points to). Hence, John tells of his vision, 'I heard a voice from heaven saying, write this: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, because their good works go with them' (Rev.14:13). The emphasis here is the **good works**, which plead for us before God for the merciful reward of eternal salvation with Christ.

Thirdly, it is clear that **Jesus does not want His mission on earth to end with His Ascension**. This is evident from the gospel of today. He mandates His disciples and all of us to 'Go into the whole world & proclaim the gospel to every creature & to baptize those who accept the message in His name' (Mk.16:15-16). That was why He told His followers to remain in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit who will give them the power to witness for Him in Jerusalem and other parts of the world (Acts.1:8). This puts us in the proper mood for the commemoration of the Feast of Pentecost come next Sunday and compels us to get involved in the Christian duty of evangelization (beginning with our families & friends). It also keeps us close to the Church & keeps alive our life of worship.

My dear friends in Christ, we should understand that the 'way of Christ' is our true and only way to eternal happiness. Sometimes, we need to give a thought to where we shall be after this life. Jesus really wants us to be with Him eternally in the glory of heaven. This we can achieve by making the proper choices today & always, making needed sacrifices in all situations, holding firm to Jesus with complete trust & obedience and being true witnesses (for Him) to help save souls. We can do it because the Holy Spirit helps our sincere efforts.

*Remain blessed! Fr. Timothy*

## PARISH EVENTS/NEWS (CONTINUED)

### MASS INTENTION GUIDELINES

Due to the limited space in the bulletin, effective May of 2024, Mass intentions will be limited to 8-10 per Mass. Requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If the date and time is unavailable, the next closest date will be scheduled. It is highly encouraged to submit your requests at least 2 weeks in advance and to keep the wording as brief as possible. As a reminder, Masses cannot be scheduled more than one year in advance. Any questions, please contact the office.

### SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled—but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples—these and all the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).



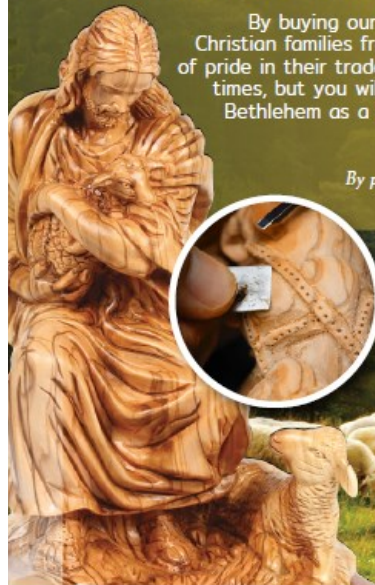
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