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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

12:30 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses 9:00 AM Monday to Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30 to 3:15 PM



<u>Baptisms</u>: Registered parishioners should contact the office to make arrangements. If possible, this should be done at least three months before the birth of your baby. Baptisms will be celebrated in **April**, **August**, and **December**.

<u>Marriages</u>: Registered parishioners should contact the office at least one year in advance of making marriage arrangements.

OCIA: This process is open to anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the office.

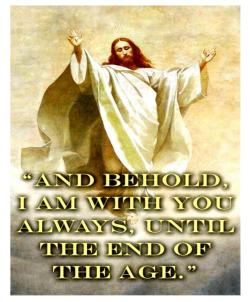
Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the office if you need a priest to come to your home to anoint you, or to be anointed at a weekday Mass.

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Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen.

ASCENSION DAY PRAYER

The Great Commission

"He would be everywhere, whenever his friends gathered to pray. He would continue to act through them just as he promised: forgiving sins, sharing mercy, bringing young and old into the embrace of eternal life through Baptism, and feeding their very souls with himself, the Bread of Life. He would remain on earth through his Church." (Great Adventure Kids Catholic Bible Chronicles, by Amy Welborn, p 265)

There is one command at the end of the Gospel of Matthew; to go and make disciples. A disciple doesn't just believe, but acts. He imitates his leader. As we recognize in James 2:26 that faith without works is dead, we are called to live our faith out in our daily life. By doing so, we inspire others to follow similarly.

Catholic Social Teaching explains, "No one can be a Christian merely for his own benefit. Coming to Jesus, seeking his friendship, and following him also means publicly professing faith in him, allowing him to speak to us and commission us. All of us must be 'messengers' and 'witnesses' of the Gospel." (DOCAT 235)

So that we might proclaim the Kingdom of God in word and deed, God gives us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Having wonder and awe of how good God is, we will seek to please Him by sharing this same goodness. We show what we believe by loving one another.

In the end, God will measure our lives by how much we love. How much we love Him will show by spilling over to how much we love those that he has placed in our path. Christ lives in us through our words, healing, sharing, acts of kindness and mercy. Unconditionally serving one another is essential to true love.

Scripture Readings For the Week of May 21, 2023

Sunday **Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph

1:17-23: Mt 28:16-20

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious 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

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, Wednesday

35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Venerable Bede, Priest and Doctor Thursday

of the Church, Gregory VII, Pope,

St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi,

Virgin

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5,

7-8. 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, **Friday**

Priest

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,

19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Saturday

Bishop

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and

7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday **Pentecost Sunday**

> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn

20:19-23



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, May 22

9:00 AM FOR ALL MOTHERS

TUESDAY, May 23

9:00 AM FOR ALL MOTHERS

WEDNESDAY, May 24

9:00 AM P BELLA FLAVIER By sister, Vener

THURSDAY, May 25

FRIDAY, May 26

SATURDAY, May 27

SUNDAY, May 28

8:00 AM & EUGENE & JOANE GOODROW By family

10:30 AM ♥ THANKSGIVING - RUSSELL

By Perrin family

12:30 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Pray for our sick...

Vince Wojteczko, Mary Gruss, Alma Eberle, Shirley Pell, Ken Goss,

Andrea Gumaskas, Joanie Hayward, Alberto Sitchon, James Smith, Ileen Jervis, Anna Palmer, John Rodgers, Diego Bertagna, Gene Brizuela, Mary Iosso, Michael Alberts, Bonnie Johnson, Ed Matos, Angelita Uy, Aline Castonguay, Enoc Moreno, Jr., Joe Carta, Remy Natividad, Mary Petersen, Johnny Rodriguez, Patricia Wescott, Odie Malave, Jaimie Farmer, Diane Citron, Richard Cangelosi, Al LeBlanc, Marge Abernathy.



Remember Our Deceased

We remember our brothers and sisters who have died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light

shine upon them.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

May 20-June 2, 2023

In Memory of

DECEASED MEMBERS OF REBURIANO & SOKOL FAMILIES

By Myrna Sokol



BREAD & WINE

May 20-31, 2023

In Memory of

DECEASED MEMBERS OF ALBRECHT & GUMM FAMILIES

By Kay Albrecht-Daniels & family

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Discipleship through Stewardship and Sacrificial Giving

Prayer is the foundation of our faith and stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

May 14, 2023	
Offertory	\$6,424.80
Online Giving	\$1,337.00





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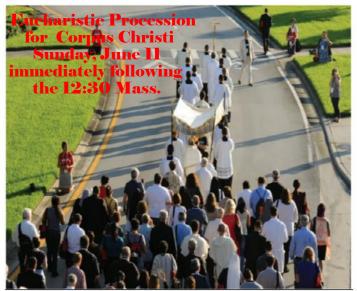
In Memory of DINA MARIE HOFFMANN

By Mom & Dad

Eucharistic Procession and Adoration

Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi June 11th by participating in our parish Eucharistic Procession and Eucharistic Adoration following the 12:30 Mass. Save the date and come and spend some time with your parish family giving glory to Our Lord.

Planning is going on now for this beautiful Church tradition. St. Francis says, "The procession with the Blessed Sacrament...reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives."





ATTENTION CROCHERS

A GREAT SUMMER PROJECT MAKING PLASTIC MATS FOR OUR HOMELESS. Two parishioners have volunteered to give instructions

on crocheting these mats. There will be a class on Wednesday, May 24th at 2:00pm and on Monday, June 5th at 4:00pm. You will need to bring plastic bags, a scissors and a crochet hook letter Q. The Q hook is available at Walmart and online. Please call the Parish office to sign up for this one time learning experience. This project is a true corporal work of mercy.



Canned Fruit, Pork & Beans, Soup, Toilet Paper

DROP OFF DAYS
June 13th & 20th A.M. ONLY



Please take note, we are closed for the summer, NO DONATIONS accepted from May, June, July. We will accept donations in August and reopen Labor Day weekend.



Join us in praying the rosary MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:00 AM before the Mass starts 6:00 PM at the Grotto

CCW

Our Lady of Grace TEA PARTY Hosted by CCW May 8, 2023—PLC







To all ladies who graced the tea party, your presence made a difference. Special mention to Mr. Ed for the concert with songs to Mary and a May crowning.

Again, thank you for a great year!



Our Lady of Grace Parish Financial Report Summary

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 1 January 2023 - 30 March 2023

OPERATING INCOME Offertory Revenues Other Operating Revenue Pastoral Leadership Worship and Music Faith Formation Charity and Outreach	\$ 114,234 585 2,870 1,165 192 2,540
Diocesan Support School Support Other Ministries and Organizations Supplemental Operations	0 4,116 295 5,241 Income Totals \$ <u>131,238</u>
OPERATING EXPENSE Pastoral Leadership (includes salaries) Worship and Music (includes salary) Faith Formation (includes salary) Charity and Outreach Diocesan Support School Support Other Ministries and Organizations Administration (includes salaries) Facilities/PPE (includes salary) Supplemental Operations	\$ 27,024 19,947 3,782 3,805 2,714 4,071 736 30,798 44,690 924 Expense Totals \$ 138,491
OPERATING DEFICIT OTHER INCOME: Endowment Earnings Parish Interest Income OTHER INCOME	\$ (7,253) 4,457 9,288 \$ 13,745

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES

Parish Financial Council

Rev. Erwin Belgica *Pastor*

Ed Ryan Chairperson

\$ 6,492

Our Lady of Grace Church, Beverly Hills, Florida 34465



An Opportunity to Serve

Our Faith Formation Program is in need of adults actively living out their Catholic faith. Is that you?

We are looking for classroom assistant to the teachers of grades K-5th grades and 7th grade. We meet Sundays from 9:00-10:20. You would be working with a small group of students assisting the lead teacher. We pray you will consider this important ministry to your parish family. If you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you, please see Mary Arnold or call the parish office (352-746-2144) to inquire.



Week of May 21, 2023



Pentecost | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to enhance your prayer and expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode, they discuss Jean Restout's depiction of



The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



The Holy Spirit: Third Person

I rie Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity by Fr. Shannon Collins In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives or believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation of this 'sweet guest of our soul' who seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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Why Does the Ascension Matter?

The Ascension is all about the presence, not the absence of Jesus. The apostles did not understand the Ascension to mean that Jesus was no longer with them. They expressed no grief or disappointment. Instead they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." (Lk 24:52) That's not how you feel when you lose your best friend. The Ascension did not mean they lost something. They gained something. Jesus' ascension brought him closer

to them and to us than he was before. He left us on that mountain so that he might be with us. He was taken from our physical sight so that he might come to us – everyone – wherever we are.

Let's prayerfully reflect on what the Ascension means for us:

- Jesus told his disciples that in order for the Holy Spirit to come, he had to return to the Father. The rather limited physical presence of Jesus – which could only be shared by a few disciples – had to be withdrawn so that the universal presence of Jesus might become available forever to everyone all over the world.
- The Ascension tells us finally and completely who Jesus really is. The picture of Jesus returning to God the Father enables us to let go of previous and incomplete pictures of him. Certainly, Jesus is the baby at Bethlehem, but that's not who he is now. He is the teacher of the Sermon on the Mount, but we know much more than just a record of his words. He died on the cross, but that's not where he is today. The Ascension adds a final and critical photograph to the album of who Christ is and what he does. He is ascended – once more with the Father, Lord of heaven and earth, ruler of life and conqueror of death, the ruler of all human history. Jesus is still present to us each and every day.
- The Ascension gives us something to do. Jesus commanded the apostles and us to make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey his commandments. With one stroke Jesus removed any and all ethnic and racial barriers. All people of all nations are to be invited to share in the communion of the Church.

The Ascension is not about absence. It's about presence. The last words of Matthew's Gospel are from Jesus: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (28:20) -Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP, is an Adrian Dominican Sister who has spent many years in parish and archdiocesan catechetical ministry, including past Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

May 8, 2023 | This year we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on May 21. Every time we recite the Nicene Creed, we state our belief in this important feast of our faith: He [Jesus] ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

La Gran Comisión



"Él estaría en todas partes, siempre que sus amigos se reunían para orar. Continuaría actuando a través de ellos tal como lo prometió: perdonando los pecados, compartiendo la misericordia, llevando a jóvenes y mayores al abrazo de la vida eterna a través del Bautismo, y alimentando sus almas con sí mismo, el Pan de Vida, permanecerá en la tierra a través de su Iglesia". (Great Adventure Kids Catholic Bible Chronicles, por Amy Welborn, p 265)

Hay un mandamiento al final del Evangelio de Mateo; para ir y hacer discípulos. Un discípulo no solo cree, sino que actúa. Imita a su líder. Como reconocemos en Santiago 2:26 que la fe sin obras es muerta, estamos llamados a vivir nuestra fe en nuestra vida diaria. Al hacerlo, inspiramos a otros a seguir de manera similar.

La enseñanza social de la Iglesia explica: "Nadie puede ser Cristiano sólo por su propio beneficio. Ir a Jesús, buscar su amistad y seguirlo significa también profesar públicamente la fe en él, dejar que nos hable y nos encomiende. Todos nosotros debemos ser 'mensajeros' y 'testigos' del Evangelio". (DOCAT 235)

Para que podamos proclamar el Reino de Dios en palabra y obra, Dios nos da los dones del Espíritu Santo. Sintiéndonos maravillados y asombrados de lo bueno que es Dios, buscaremos agradarle compartiendo esta misma bondad. Mostramos lo que creemos amándonos unos a otros.

Al final, Dios medirá nuestras vidas por cuánto amamos, y eso se demuestra al derramar el amor a aquellos que él ha puesto en nuestro camino. Cristo vive en nosotros a través de nuestras palabras, la sanación, al compartir, los actos de bondad y la misericordia. Servirnos incondicionalmente unos a otros es esencial para el amor verdadero.

Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana del 21 de Mayo de 2023

Domingo Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Hch 1, 1-11; Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9; Ef 1, 17-23; Mt 28, 16-20

Lunes Memoria de Santa Rita de Casia, Religiosa

Heh 19, 1-8; Sal 67, 2-3ab. 4-5acd. 6-7ab; Jn 16, 29-33

Martes Hch 20, 17-27; Sal 67, 10-11. 20-21; Jn 17, 1-11

Miércoles Hch 20, 28-38; Sal 67, 29-30. 33-35a. 35bc-36ab; Jn 17, 11-19

Jueves Memoria de San Beda el Venerable, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia, San Gregorio VII,

Papa, Santa María Magdalena de Pazzi, Virgen

Hch 22, 30; 23, 6-11; Sal 15, 1-2a y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11; Jn 17, 20-26

Viernes Memoria de San Felipe Neri, Presbítero

Hch 25, 13-21; Sal 102, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20ab; Jn 21, 15-19

Sábado Memoria de San Agustín de Canterbury, Obispo

Hch 28, 16-20. 30-31; Sal 10, 4. 5 y 7; Jn 21, 20-25

Domingo Domingo de Pentecostés

Hch 2, 1-11; Sal 103, 1ab y 24ac. 29bc-30. 31 y 34; 1 Cor 12, 3b-7. 12-13 o Gal 5, 16-25;

Jn 20, 19-23 o Jn 15, 26-27; 16, 12-15

ORACIÓN

Te rogamos, oh, Dios todopoderoso y eterno, por medio de Jesucristo has revelado tu gloria a todas las naciones, que conserves las obras de tu misericordia, para que tu Iglesia, extendida por todo el mundo, continúe con una fe inmutable en la confesión de tu nombre.

Amén.



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