

May 13, 2018

*Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)/
Ascension of the Lord*

Seventh Sunday: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26;

1 Jn 4:11–16; Jn 17:11b–19

Ascension: Acts 1:1–11; Eph 1:17–23 or

Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13; Mk 16:15–20

Sent to be Missionaries

The beginning of the Book of Acts presents a summary of the life of Christ and how he called and taught the apostles in the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection, Christ kept the apostles in Jerusalem, where they prayed together with the Virgin and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit which would give them power to witness to him beyond the city and into the outlying countries and regions, just as the Gospel reading commands.

This Spirit given to them by Christ is a spirit of mission and witness. When Jesus was finished speaking, when his revelation had finished, he was taken to heaven. And the apostles were left standing there, looking up after him.

That looking up can be interpreted as a longing for Jesus' presence that was no longer in human form. Things had radically changed. Jesus' mission had finished, and now theirs was beginning. Their situation is the same as ours. We are sent on a mission!

An essential element of being Christian is to understand that we are sent into the world to build Christ's kingdom. We are his missionaries, his representatives. He counts on us to go into the world and bring his message to all his beloved children just as he did—with preaching, testimony, and love. Jesus doesn't send us to be comfortable, professionally successful, and wealthy. He sends us to be missionaries!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Holy Trinity and the Apostles*, 1507-1508

Artist: Pietro Perugino

Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Do I live as if I am Christ's presence on earth, aware that I am his missionary?

If Jesus were in my family, social, and professional situations, what would he do?

*When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.*

Acts 1:9

Calendar

Monday
May 14
*St. Matthias,
Apostle*
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Tuesday
May 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday
May 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday
May 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

Friday
May 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

Saturday
May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

Sunday
May 20
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
or
Gal 5:16–25
Jn 20:19–23 or
Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

Dear Padre,

**It says in the Gospel account of the ascension that Jesus was taken up body and soul into heaven.
Why would Jesus need a body in heaven?**

In the Old Testament, there was a great chasm between our bodies and heaven. We were told that no one could see the face of God and live, let alone live with God in heaven. Jesus came to bridge that gap through his body and blood.

Jesus' glorified body is in heaven to show that we, too, will be glorified like him, showing that, as part of God's creation, our bodies are inherently good and worthy of heavenly life. Jesus' ascension will be followed by our ascension into heaven. Our bodies will become like Jesus' glorified body. Our life with God will become like Jesus' life with God. We see in Jesus our own future. Our lives and our loves will not be snuffed out like a candle. Rather, we will carry them in our spiritual and glorified self, leaving behind pain, death, and human inadequacies.

Christianity is a flesh-and-blood religion. We can't bypass the physical to reach the spiritual. Jesus ascended into heaven, body and soul. We do not reach higher spiritual truths by rejecting the material world. Heaven won't contain disembodied spiritual beings, but will be full of glorified human bodies without the inadequacies we suffer now. Saint Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15:35–40, tries to explain this to the people of Corinth. He tells them that the splendor of the heavenly body is of one kind and the splendor of the earthly body is another.

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A Word From Pope Francis

[God] asks us to be missionary disciples, men and women who radiate the truth, beauty and life-changing power of the Gospel; men and women who are channels of God's grace, who enable his mercy, kindness, and truth to become the building blocks of a house that stands firm.

—Homily, November 26, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 12

8:00 a.m. + Corsejo & Dominador Arroyo by Pacita Stewart
5:00 p.m. + Palmer Lewis by John & Barbara Belmont

Sunday, May 13

7:00 a.m. + Amelia R. Simpao by Ruth & John Lowry
8:30 a.m. + Connie Furlong by John & Theresa Wood
10:00 a.m. + Anna Sabol by Mary Kirby & Family
11:30 a.m. + Rachel Laughrige by The Laughrige Family
1:00 p.m. + Marjorie Spruill & Mabel Outlaw by Nancy & Tim Outlaw
3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
- Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
5:00 p.m. + Dale McKee by Kathy Reece

Monday, May 14

6:30 a.m. + Gerald Cox by Ana McCollim
8:00 a.m. + Putla Eusha Annamma by Putla Xavier & Santha

Tuesday, May 15

6:30 a.m. + Anna Kozar by Ana McCollim
8:00 a.m. + William Cawley Dobranski by The Dobranski Family

Wednesday, May 16

6:30 a.m. - Varkey Kallarakal by The Family
8:00 a.m. + Tom Swain by Joe Boyle

Thursday, May 17

6:30 a.m. + Rosie Dimata by Roselita Patagnan
8:00 a.m. - Gary Hobbs by The Beltran Family

Friday, May 18

6:30 a.m. + James Connors by Joe Wojnar
8:00 a.m. + George Leckenby by The Bergeron Family

Saturday, May 19

8:00 a.m. - Teddy Iyob by The Ezenwa Family
5:00 p.m. + William Patrick Cawley by The Dobranski Family

Sunday, May 20

7:00 a.m. + Luisa Colalillo by Connie & Robert Hudson
8:30 a.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
10:00 a.m. + Laura Andres by The George Andres Family
11:30 a.m. + Helen Hucksam by Jamie Shapiro & Family
1:00 p.m. + Andrew Montario by The Hayden Family
3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
5:00 p.m. + James McKee by Kathy Reece



Newly Baptized

In Baptism we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. With this in mind, we welcome these children of God who were baptized **May 6, 2018**:

Christopher Ariel Abrego Rivera son of Daniel & Rosibel;
Santiago Garcia Gutierrez son of Miguel & Judy;
Byron Daniel Perez Zamora son of Ernesto & Silvia;
Sheyla Soraya Madrid Arias daughter of Jose & Maria;
Luis Enrique Mendoza Lopez son of Luis & Yecenia

Liturgy

**HOLY COMMUNION:
THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS**

The parish began a pilot period of distributing Holy Communion with both the Body and the Blood of the Lord Jesus.

This will be celebrated at the **Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm.**

**Text @64ghk6
to 81010
for updates**



Our next meeting will be May 20th focused on how to relax and chill out with God.

*For more information, email Fr. James at:
youthministry@sjcherndon.org*



New Lector Training: If you feel called to share your faith through proclaiming the Word, call Mark Overberg at (703) 787-9824.

New lector training is scheduled in the church on May 19 from 9-10AM.

Collections:

The weekend of May 6, 2018

Offertory - \$ 18,221 plus Faith Direct \$ 14,142

Second Collection - Parish Facility Fund

\$ 8,219 plus Faith Direct \$ 7,425

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and kind generosity.

**THANKS TO OUR
SPONSOR
OF THE WEEK**



George B. Zacko, D.D.S.

and Associates

FAMILY DENTAL CARE

1712 Clubhouse Road

Reston, VA 22090

471-6600



The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:

We offer our congratulations and blessings to the youth of our parish who celebrated their **First Communion**. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families. A special thanks to the parents, catechists, and parish/school staff for their ministry of teaching and witnessing to the Catholic faith as they prepared the youth of the parish for First Communion. Many blessings!

We thank the **Parish/School Office and Facilities Staff** for their planning and preparation for the celebration of **First Communion**. Know that we appreciate your ministry to the parish.

We thank **our parishioners** who participate in the **Little Messengers** ministry. Your commitment to sharing the Catholic faith to the very young children of the parish is appreciated. Many blessings!

We thank **our parishioners** for their support of daily **Mass intentions and Flower donations** for the weekend Masses. If you are interested in honoring the memory of a loved one or the celebration of a loved one's anniversary, birthday, etc ... please consider having a Mass for them or donating flowers in their honor. Many blessings!

We wish to thank the **catechists/trainers of the parish's altar servers**. Know that we appreciate the time which you and the new altar servers have committed to their training. We look forward to the **new altar servers** joining this ministry in the parish during next few months.



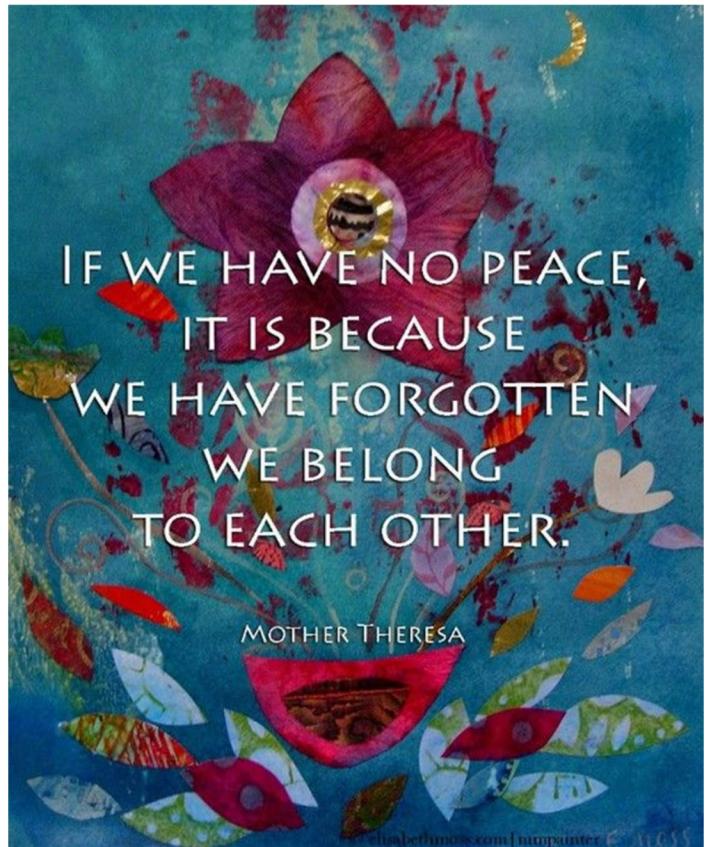
Blood Drive is Sunday May 20th 7:45-12:30. Please register to donate using sponsor code 0116 at www.inova.org/donateblood, at the registration table this weekend, or contact Paul Mich at SJCBloodDrive@aol.com. Walk-ins are accepted. However the longest wait is normally after the 10:00 AM Mass so please come earlier if possible.



May 20, 2018 – Sunday
After the 7:00 am, 8:30 am, & 10:00 am Masses
Parish Hall C – Free Will Offering

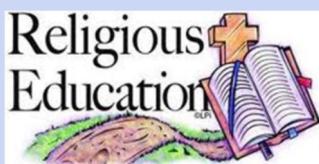
As we prepare the youth of our parish to participate in the **Diocesan Work Camp 2018**, we invite you to join us for a Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast is hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the proceeds from the breakfast will support the parish's participation in Work Camp 2018.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast with parishioners as we continue to thank God for the gifts of mercy, faith, and love.



**A HUGE THANKS TO OUR CATECHISTS,
ASSISTANTS, AND OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!**

On behalf of all our Saint Joseph families, our Franciscan Friars, and the Director of Religious Education we would like to thank you all for so generously giving your time, energy, and love to the youth of our parish. Without your willingness to share the Catholic faith with the children entrusted to your care many may never come to know the love of Jesus and His Church. May God bless you and your families!



**Religious Education (CCD) Class Registration
for 2018-2019**

The Office of Religious Education is now accepting registrations for rising Preschool children through Adults for those who wish to learn (more) about the Catholic Faith as well as those who need to prepare to receive a sacrament (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Holy Communion). For more information call Mrs. Rosalind Murphy at (703) 880-4305, email at ReligiousEd@sjcherndon.org, or click the "Faith Formation" tab on our parish's website at www.sjcherndon.org.

Catechists (teachers) and Assistant Catechists Needed

St. Joseph Religious Education (CCD) is already preparing for the 2018-2019 school year. Textbooks and supplies will be ordered in anticipation for the upcoming 600 students who will be attending our parish's Catechism classes. However there is just one thing still missing – YOU. Please consider volunteer teaching or assisting for Religious Education classes starting this September and ending in May of next year. For more information call Mr. Reyes Ruiz at (703) 880-4332 or email at rruiz@sjcherndon.org.

This week we are highlighting we need help on **Sundays 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** for the following:

One Preschool Catechists (3 year olds) & One Preschool Catechist (4 year olds)



Vacation Bible School

WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING CHILDREN WHO ARE RISING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE.

HOWEVER THERE STILL ARE SPACES AVAILABLE FOR PRESCHOOLERS AS WELL AS RISING 4TH & 5TH GRADERS.

We are very excited to announce our 3rd annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) here at St. Joseph Catholic Church! This year's theme will be "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." It will run from Monday, June 25th through Friday, June 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Last year we had close to 100 young people participate; this year we are aiming for the same!

Your help is greatly needed. If interested, please call Mr. Reyes Ruiz at 703-880-4332 or email at rruiz@sjcherndon.org.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Craft Fair

October 27, 2018—1:30 - 3:30 a.m.

**Save the date! 14th Annual Craft Fair Sat Oct 27 2018
We are looking for business sponsors!**

Applications for vendor booths are now open to the public.

**Contact Jacki Esguerra 571-331-6274 or
stjpcraftfair@gmail.com**

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Find us online

<http://sjccraftfair.wix.com/craftfair>



Parish BBQ!!

Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 1:30 pm



**St Joe's Men's Society
23rd Annual Golf Tournament
Herndon Centennial Golf Course
Save The Date: Friday June 8th**

The Men's society is hosting their 23rd annual golf tournament at Herndon Centennial on Friday, June 8th from 8:30-2pm.

Registration is \$115 per golfer which includes greens fees, practice balls, cart, beer, refreshments, lunch and awards. All men and women as well as single players are welcome. For more information, contact Tom Madden @ 703-674-9466 or t_madden@msn.com.

Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC)

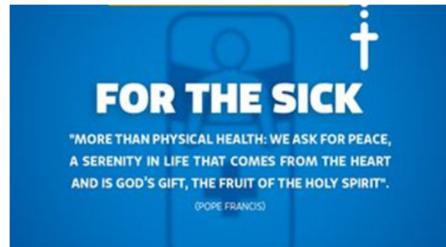
PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC) is a Washington-area social group serving single Catholics 40 and over. Share in Christian fellowship with us! See what we offer by visiting: <https://ptscnva.wixsite.com/website>, or by contacting Patricia Huttman at pava1319@gmail.com or (703) 527-3455, or John McBride at jfmcbride_526@hotmail.com or (703) 820-9196.

Happy Mother's Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are: Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Aug 3-5, 2018 in HANOVER, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING A SERIOUS ILLNESS

A Retreat for People Facing a Serious illness will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia, June 1-3, 2018. The retreat begins Friday, June 1, at 1:30 pm and ends on Sunday, June 3, at 2:30 pm. The retreat will consist of two priests serving as Spiritual Directors, along with doctors, nurses and helpers. The June retreat theme is "The King of Love my Shepherd Is." For more info contact Catholic Charities at 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington, VA 22203; 703-841-3830 (P); 703-841-3840 (F) info@ccda.net

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Especially the sick in our parish:

Maximo Acevedo	Francis Davis
Roberto Alcalde	Lena Reyes
Kay Allen	Carolyn Rop
Kristen Coughlan	Jose Silva, Sr.
Jim Holt	

Ecumenical News: The Oreintale Lumen XXII Conference with Eastern Rite, Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians will be held June 18-21, 2018 at the Washington Retreat House on Harewood Rd, Washington, DC 20017. For information please call 703-691-8862 or register at www.olfoundation.net.

PRIVATE SCREENING OF POPE FRANCIS MOVIE ON SATURDAY, MAY 19TH

Come support the new Vatican-supported inspirational film **Pope Francis: A Man of His Word** at a special **private screening** on Saturday, May 19th at 7PM at the Regal Countryside Theaters in Sterling on Route 7. To register, please email Mary Brett ASAP at dcmaryesq@aol.com. Cost is only \$10. Confirmed reservations are necessary. See the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOmY8i-uBcY>



That Man is You! is an interactive, multi-media men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. Each lesson successively considers men in their relationship to God, to their spouse and to their children. The program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive.

Come join the Men of our Parish in enriching relationships with both Christ and family.

All men are invited to attend TMIY on **Friday mornings starting September 2018**.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE I

Manuel Alberto Mereira Marquez &
Vilma Yanira Ayala Alvarado
Rosa Romero & Adrian Diaz
Katherine Vargas & Ken Robair-Diamond
Ramon Baez & Dena C. McGuigan