



St. Mary's Catholic Church



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

6-1: Malta - 10:30 A.M: For all Parishioners

Saco— 12:30 P.M. : Poor Souls in Purgatory r/b Lana Fortin

Dodson— 8:30 A.M. : Repose of Anita Green r/b Julie and Gary Howell

6-2: Malta— 8:30 A. M. : Repose of Delmar LaBrie r/b Darlene Cummings

6-3: Malta - 8:30 A.M. : Special Intentions r/b Mary & Maynard LaFond

6-4: Malta— 8:30 A.M. : Repose of Sister Michal Emond r/b Darlene Cummings

6-5: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: My Family r/b Lana Fortin

6-6: Malta: - 8:30 A.M.: Aunt Elaine r/b Lana Fortin

6-7: Malta -5:00 P.M.: Repose of Lee Stevens r/b Darlene Cummings

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00,**
Saturday from **11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from **9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.

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Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

6-1: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

6-2: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs; Acts 19:1-8; Psalms 68:2-7; John 16:29-33

6-3: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs; Acts 20:17-27; Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11

6-4: Wednesday in the 7th week of Easter; Acts 20:28-38; Psalms 68:29-30, 33-36; John 17:11b-19

6-5: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr; Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalms 16:1-2 and 5, 7-11; John 17:20-26

6-6: St. Norbert, Bishop; Acts 25:13-21; Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; John 21:15-19

6-7: Saturday in the 7th week of Easter; Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalms 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20-25

6-8: Pentecost Sunday; Acts 2:1-11; Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23-26

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco— 12:30 p.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Emily Robinson, Ramona Kienenberger, Brian Shevlin, Dianne Salsbery, Ann Enya, Darlene Kolczak, Bob Kaluza, Cindy Davis, Jack Stenswick, Tammy Peterson, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Lee Stevens, Marie Phillips, Anita Green, Helen Mears, Lynn LaBrie, Leo Woods, Myrtle Hould, Digger Hanson, Mark Handley, the poor souls in purgatory and for the comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.—

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fr. Felix

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord (C): Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Lk 24:46-53

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,
The theme of today's liturgy is Christ's victorious return to the Father, empowering the Church, through the Holy Spirit, to be His witness to all nations until the end of time.

In the first reading, Luke reminds us that Jesus' earthly ministry did not end with His Resurrection but continued for forty days as He taught His disciples about the Kingdom of God. Then, in a moment of profound significance, Jesus is taken up into heaven before their very eyes. The Ascension reveals that Jesus' mission on earth is completed with a glorification. He returns to the Father, seated at the right hand of God, signalling the fulfillment of salvation history. Yet this departure is not abandonment. Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, who will empower the disciples to carry out His mission. The disciples are commissioned to be witnesses, bearing testimony to the truth of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and now ascension, to the ends of the earth. This passage invites us to recognize that the presence of Christ transcends space and time, now active in the Church through the Spirit.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians beautifully elaborates on the cosmic dimension of the Ascension. He prays that we may grasp the "hope to which God has called us," and understand the "immeasurable greatness of his power" revealed in Christ's exaltation. Jesus is raised "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion," crowned as head over all things. This is the triumphant reality of the Ascension: Christ is Lord over heaven and earth, and all creation is subject to Him. This truth is a source of hope and courage for the Church, reminding us that the spiritual powers that oppose God's reign have been defeated. In Christ's exaltation, God's plan for salvation and restoration is unfolding. We are invited to live in this hope, confident in Christ's sovereign power and presence.

In the Gospel, Jesus opens the minds of His disciples to understand the Scriptures, revealing that the Messiah's suffering and resurrection were foretold and necessary for salvation. He commissions His followers to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins "in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." This is the heart of the Church's mission — to be witnesses of

Jesus' saving work, rooted in the experience of His death and resurrection. The Ascension marks a transition: Jesus departs physically, but He commissions the disciples and promises them the power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples respond with worship and great joy, returning to Jerusalem to await the promised Spirit. This joy is not mere happiness, but a deep, abiding hope rooted in faith. Their mission begins in humility and boldness, empowered by the Spirit who will come at Pentecost. We, too, are called to that mission, to be witnesses in our time inspired by the same

Spirit. The Feast of the Ascension invites us to live in the tension of Christ's physical absence and spiritual presence. Jesus is no longer visibly with us, but His presence is more powerful than ever through the Holy Spirit. We are called to continue His mission in the world, empowered by divine grace and hope. Let us be renewed in our commitment to witness to Christ's love and salvation, confident that He walks with us always, Amen



Announcements for June 1 , 2025

- **Sunday June 8th will be the Confirmation/ First Holy Communion Mass. There will be a reception following.**
- **Vacation Bible School will be July 14-17. Check the bulletin for more information. Application forms are in the back of the church. There are only 30 slots available.**

Vacation Bible School ©LPI

St. Mary's is joining Malta Lutheran Church again this summer for Vacation Bible School. Come and join the fun.

July 14-17, 2025

Malta Lutheran Church

Grades 1-6

9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

There are only 30 slots available. Applications should be turned in by July 1st. Applications are in the back of the church. For questions or to turn in applications, contact Brenda 406-301-0936

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS – St. Mary's

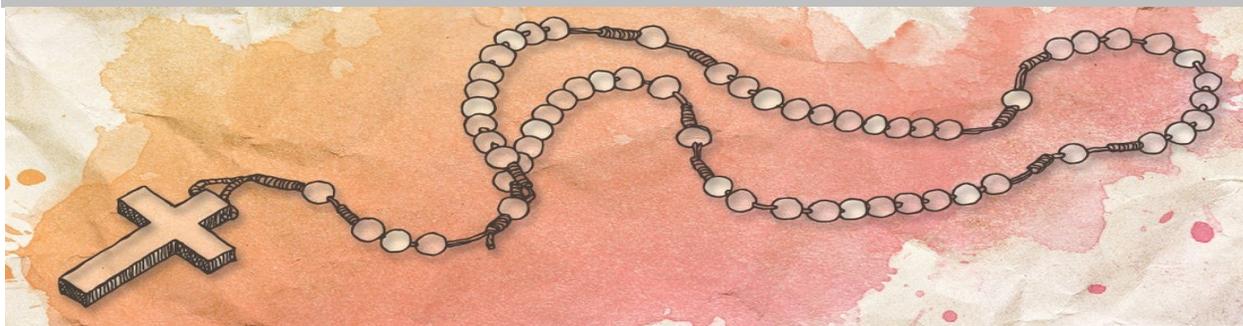
DATE	Event/Details	Contact
June 8, 2025 Sunday	Confirmation / First Communion 10:30 Sunday Mass.	Brenda Rummel
July 14-17	Vacation Bible School	Brenda Rummel

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



Sacrificial Giving for 5-25-2025

5-25-2025

Malta:	\$1,925.59
Dodson:	\$257.00
Saco:	\$508.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to brenda@SaintMarysMalta.org by Wednesday evening. Thanks!

Gospel Meditation

7th Sunday of Easter

John 17:20-26

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother

longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did? Father John Muir

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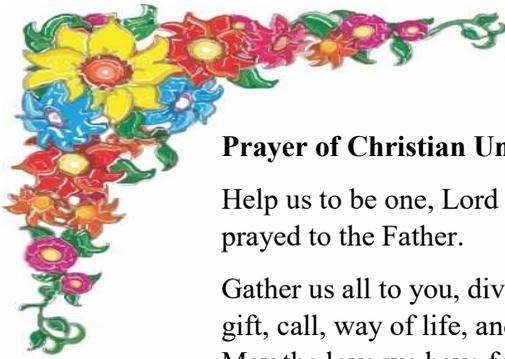
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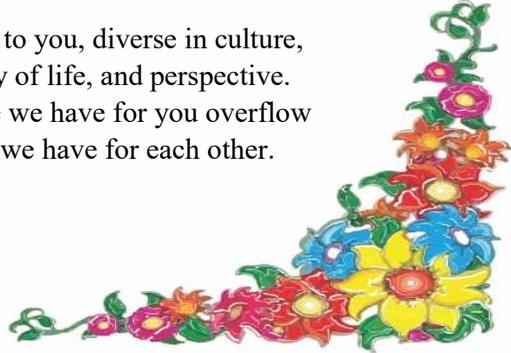
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Prayer of Christian Unity

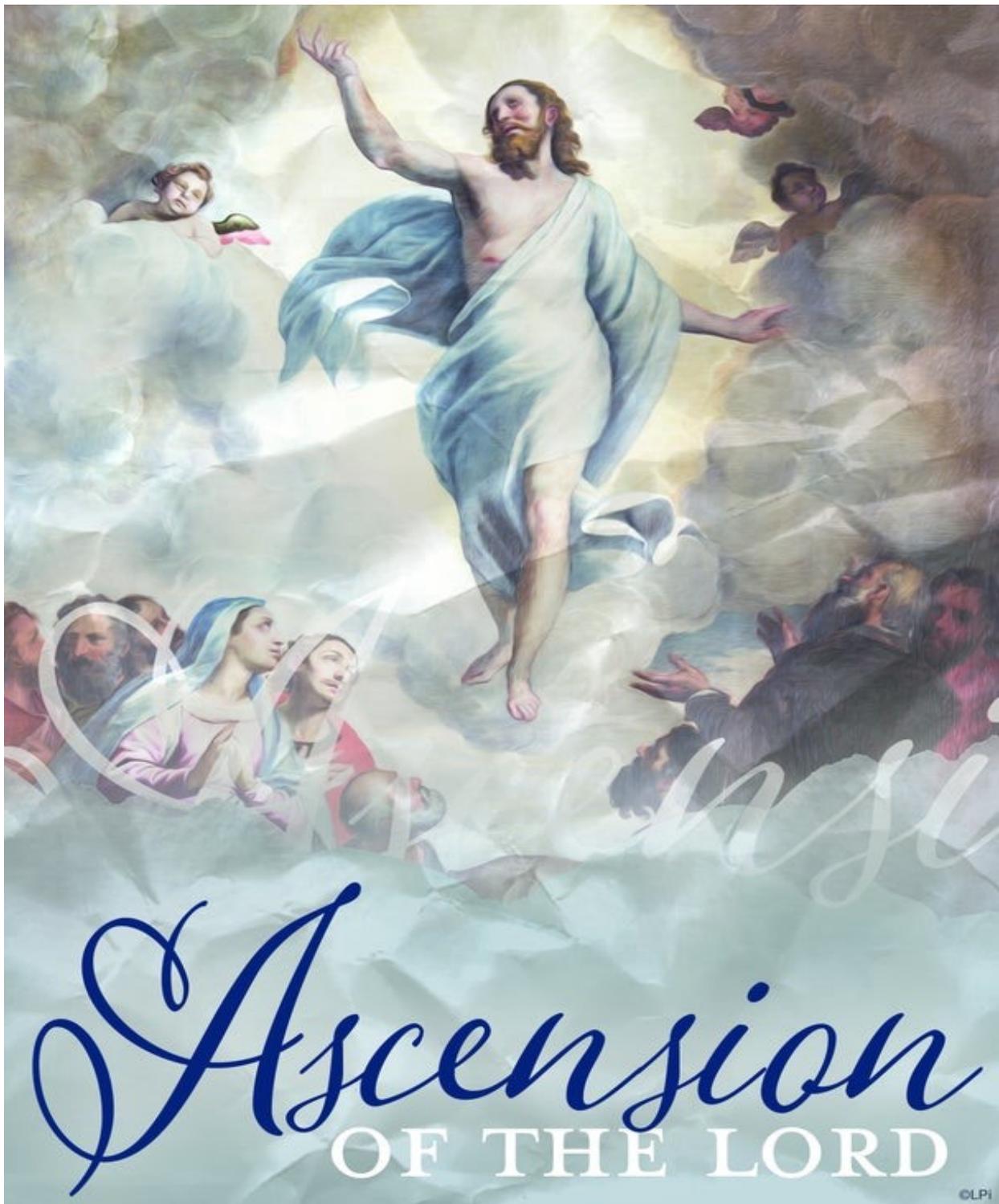
Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you
prayed to the Father.

Gather us all to you, diverse in culture,
gift, call, way of life, and perspective.
May the love we have for you overflow
into the love we have for each other.
Amen.



*Happy 1st Anniversary
To Deacon Tom DePuydt
You are a Blessing to our Parishes.*





Ascension
OF THE LORD