



Saint Peter Catholic Parish



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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekday:
Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Saturday: 8:30— 10:00 a.m.
And by appointment

*Information on Sacraments of
Baptism, Matrimony and
Anointing of the Sick may be
obtained at
www.stpeter.ptdiocese.org*


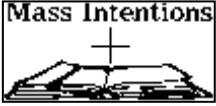
PARISH OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS


Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

The people of
Saint Peter Parish
are committed to
serve Christ as faithful
stewards centered
on the
Eucharist bringing
His Word to life
in the
community
leading all people
to a closer
relationship
with God.

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Recognizable Offering.....	\$2,707.00
Loose Cash	\$611.00
Total Weekly Offering.....	\$3,318.00*
Mass Attendance May 21/22	233
*Does not include e-giving	
	
May 30 - June 5	
Monday	Dennis Beerley(+)
Wednesday	Robert Breslin(+)
Thursday	Susan Johansen(+)
Friday	Trey Corbitt(+)
Saturday	Trey Corbitt(+)
Sunday	St Peter Parishioners



First Friday Holy Hour
Our next Holy Hour is scheduled for
Friday, June 3, beginning right
after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

Totus Tuus

Summer Program

June 12-17, 2022

Grades 7-12 runs 6:30-8:30 PM
Su-Th June 12-16

Grades 1-6 runs 9AM-2:30PM
M-F June 13-17

Register by June 6!



Register Online Now

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Lois Lange*, Karen Chasteen

Tuesday Danny Labatte, Ana Livoti*, Deborah Babiak*, Patty Dominitz*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Aurora Beard, John Fails*

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Johanna Malura

Friday Doug Babiak*, Cheryl Darby, Tom Paul*

Saturday Cynthia Dixon, John Anthony Buttler

Sunday Karen Clayton*, Paul Livoti, Heidi Tye*
*Indicates our parishioners.

Please contact the church office if anyone can be removed from this prayer list.

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!





May 29, 2022
The Ascension of the Lord (C)
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23
Lk 24:46-53

How Far Is Up?

It depends upon your understanding of cosmology, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from *Star Trek*. So with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when "a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight"? Did he just keep going up?

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus' ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as the Gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus' exaltation at God's right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky a little way, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it is a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved honor and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification.

Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God's right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place but is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host's right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is. This is reason to rejoice.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- **Pray the responsorial psalm today.**
- **At his ascension, Jesus said his followers would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Are you one?**

Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

Jesus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen Jesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.



Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to live without dying. We long to know God.

Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body.

The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday MAY 30 Easter Weekday Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday MAY 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday JUNE 1 St. Justin, Martyr Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday JUNE 2 Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday JUNE 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
Saturday JUNE 4 Easter Weekday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25
Sunday JUNE 5 Pentecost Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26