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The Ascension of the Lord - June 1, 2025

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Why did Jesus ascend into heaven instead of remaining here and leading us Himself? We long for security and clarity and often wish God would be more visible, tangible, and hands-on. But the Ascension tells us something radically important: that Jesus trusts us. He believes that we, filled with His Spirit, can carry forward His mission of love and mercy.

This trust can stir something in us. We are not bystanders or spectators in the story of salvation—we are participants. Just as the disciples stood on that hill outside Jerusalem, looking up into the sky in awe, we too might feel uncertain about what to do next. But then the angel's words come to us: "Why do you stand looking into the sky?" In other words: Don't get stuck gazing upward—go out, move forward, live the Gospel.

Think about the world around us: wars rage, loneliness runs deep, truth is twisted, and many feel directionless. The temptation to retreat or despair is real. Yet, the Ascension reminds us that Jesus is not absent—He is present in the mission He gave us. Every time we feed the hungry, forgive an enemy, stand up for the vulnerable, or simply show compassion, we manifest the reign of Christ.

It is easy to mistake connection for communion. We scroll and swipe but often feel more isolated. The Ascension challenges us to pursue real presence—not just with God, but with one another. Christ went up so the Church could rise up. He ascended so that His Spirit could descend into us—into our relationships, our families, our neighborhoods, and yes, even our messy, imperfect lives.

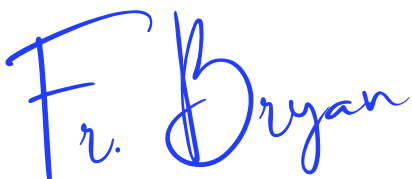
When we feel overwhelmed by the demands of discipleship—when we wonder how we can possibly make a difference—the Ascension reminds us of three things:

1. **We are not alone.** Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, and that Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and comfort us.
2. **Our mission matters.** What we do today for love's sake echoes into eternity.
3. **Our future is secure.** Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us, but He is also preparing us for that place.

What is one way you can witness to Christ in the world today? It doesn't have to be dramatic. It could be a phone call to someone who is grieving. A word of encouragement to a struggling co-worker. A decision to forgive someone who hurt you. These are not small things. These are how the Kingdom grows—quietly, steadily, faithfully.

The time is now for us to walk forward, as the early Church did—together, in prayer, full of hope. The same Jesus who ascended into heaven is coming again. Until then, He reigns in love. Let us bear witness.

With every blessing in Christ,



Are you praying for something or someone?

Would you like more time with God?

Come to weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday @ 12:30

The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer.

Pope Paul VI



# MASS INTENTIONS

## MAY 31 - JUNE 8

**SATURDAY** 5 PM CUSTODIO SEQUEIRA  
**MAY 31** FROM FERNANDES FAMILY

**SUNDAY** 10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
**JUNE 1** 12:30 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
OF EUGENIO & NIEVES ARBOLEDA  
FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY

**TUESDAY** 12:30 PM ELI & VENER DELA CRUZ  
**JUNE 3** FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY

**WEDNESDAY** 12:30 PM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR  
**JUNE 4** EUGENIO P. ARBOLEDA  
FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY

**THURSDAY** 12:30 PM GOOD HEALTH FOR  
**JUNE 5** CAIT HEANEY  
FROM HEANEY FAMILY

**FRIDAY** 12:30 PM NIGEL BARNES  
**JUNE 6** FROM FR. JOHN KORBELAK

**SATURDAY** 5 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF  
**JUNE 7** DR. VIC JOSEPH  
FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA

**SUNDAY** 10 AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR  
**JUNE 8** ELIZABETH GIBSON  
FROM ANETA COLLINS & FAMILY  
12:30 PM. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### Sunday Scripture

June 1

Acts 1:1-11

Eph. 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

June 8

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

## DONATIONS



OVER THE WEEKEND OF  
MAY 24 AND 25, 715 PEOPLE  
ATTENDED MASS WITH  
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$29.68.

ONE TIME  
GIFTS AND  
VISITORS



CONSISTENT  
SUPPORT AND  
PARISHONERS



THANK  
YOU FOR  
ALL OF  
YOUR  
SUPPORT



## OLC First Holy Communion & Confirmation Prep

2025-26 Registration for  
Sacramental Preparation for  
First Holy Communion  
& Confirmation

**Now Open!**

Students prepare for each  
Sacrament through a two-year  
educational program: Grades 1  
and 2 for Communion and Grades  
7 and 8 for Confirmation. Please  
go to [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org) for signup  
and more information.



SAVE THE DATE



**UNDER 40  
BBQ**

• LET'S ENJOY ONE ANOTHER •

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19 AT 7PM**

120 SUSSEX ST, JERSEY CITY

**OLC CHURCH MERCH**

sport your parish pride



Someone at OLC loves me!

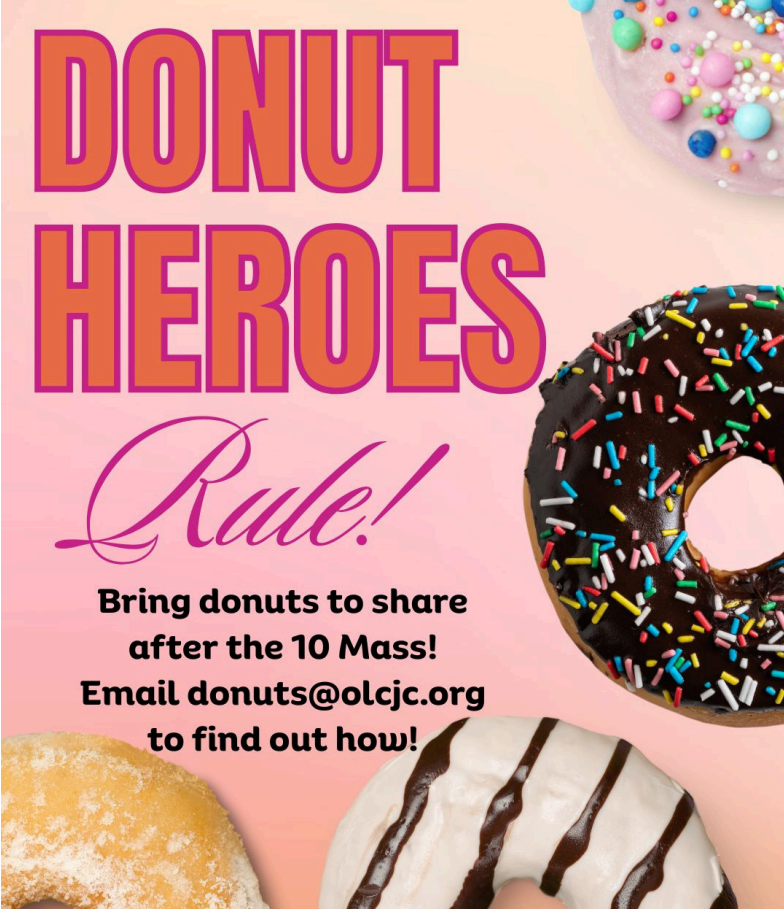
and much more!

**DONUT  
HEROES**

*Rule!*

Bring donuts to share  
after the 10 Mass!

Email [donuts@olcjc.org](mailto:donuts@olcjc.org)  
to find out how!



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
7 PM







## June is Dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus



You have probably seen a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It's a popular image found in old living rooms around the world because of its simplicity. The heart is a symbol of love. The Bible mentions the heart more than a thousand times, often when talking about prayer. The greatest commandment of the Law is to "love the Lord your God **with all your heart**, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Deut. 6:5, Mark 12:30). Jesus repeats this commandment. In talking about the Sacred Heart, then, we're talking about the person of Jesus, His humanity, and His love for the Father and for us.

### St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

"The Divine Heart was presented to me in a throne of flames, more resplendent than a sun, transparent as crystal, with this adorable wound."



Between 1673 and 1675, St. Margaret Mary, a nun in France, had visions of Jesus. In these visions, Christ revealed His heart as a symbol of his boundless love for humanity. He told her how important it is for people to return His love through devotion and prayer. Jesus also shared 12 promises of care and love to Margaret Mary for anyone who prays for nine first Fridays of the year in a special way to His sacred heart.



Pompeo Batoni painted this image of the sacred heart in 1767 for a church in Rome.

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S  
LITURGY:  
June 8th

### Today is the Feast of St. Justin, Martyr

*Saint Justin was a philosopher who was martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ in the year 165!*

Saint Justin studied many different ideas and religious views before becoming Christian. He believed philosophy led one to Jesus. He is considered one of the first Christian philosophers and an apologist, or person who explains what Christianity means.

