

# The Ascension Of The Lord

## *Jesus Awaits Us*

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

June 2, 2019

### **GOOD NEWS!**

In the Nicene Creed, we pray, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven, where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man" (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). So we're not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for "the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit" upon each of us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 667).

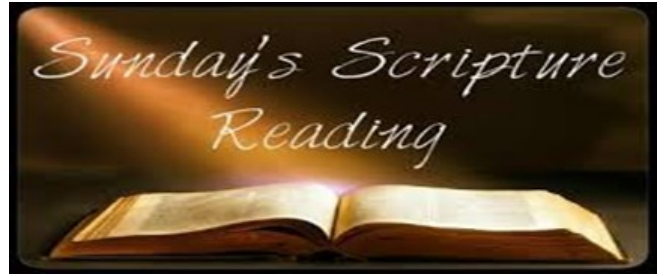
Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us? He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn't of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to "his kingdom [that] will have no end," to quote the same Creed. So let's live with newfound confidence that Jesus reigns in heaven, interceding for us, preparing our eternal home.

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

### **For Reflection**

***Do we live like people who are aware that we're on our way to heaven forever? How can I live this week with a more heavenly perspective?***

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### **Reading I - Acts 1: 1-11**

Jesus asked his followers to be witnesses in the world. That mission is still being carried out throughout the world by the Christians who witness to the power of the risen Christ.

### **Reading II - Ephesians 1: 17-23**

God showed that he could raise Jesus from the dead and bring him into heaven. That same power and love is also shown to each one of us as members of the church.

### **Reading III - Luke 24: 46-53**

We are left with the assurance of the continuing presence of Christ even though Jesus has ascended to the Father. This is what reassured the disciples and empowered them to spread the good news to all the ends of the world.

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

### ***Pentecost Sunday***

***1st Reading—Acts 2:1-11***

***Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34***

***2nd Reading—1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13***

***Gospel—John 20: 19-23***



## ***JUNE Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis***

### **The Mode of Life of Priests**

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Yuriko Enomoto	June 1
Constance Smith	June 1
Ethan Bautista	June 2
Jasmine Labrador	June 21
Charles Goo	June 22
Frankye Boyd	June 25
Pam Escalona	June 25



*Happy  
Wedding  
Anniversary!*

*Barbara*

**Mel & Gigi Labrador  
Married 23 years**

**June 30**

## **PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK**

*Please pray for the sick*

Kia Rose Adams	Arthur Ho
Loranzo Alota	Stanley Ho
Becky Alota,	Maria Elena Jencks
Darlene Amoro	Jack Jucewicz
Eddie Bantolina	Christopher Jucewicz
Ho Lun Big	Darren Kaupu
Olivia Mia Blake	Maggie Lutero
Charmaine Boyd	Bob McCoy
Frankye Boyd	Richard McCrea Jr.
Arthur Cababa	Edwin C. Munalem
Susie Cababa	Betty Ann Nault
Willis Chang	Carmencita Oasan
Milanie Cleofas	Olivia B Olegario
Avon Czerwinski	Judy Orlando
Regina Czerwinski	Andrea Pontillas
Teresita Custodio	Jack Sanders
Blanche DeConte	Rita Stocker
Aida Diao	Rafael Inigo Suarez
Shirley Dungo	Lolita Sutton
Tessie Dungo	Andrea Pontillas
Yuriko Enomoto	Lisa Tang
Encornita Esteban	Ruth Tavares-Toma
Charles Goo	Khristian Vinca
Robert Heisler	Theresa Yu

## ***Father's Day—June 16th***

**Remember your Dad**

**on Father's Day.**

*They do so much for us! We were loved and guided in  
our faith by their prayers and encouragement.*

Send a Father's Day card if they are still living  
and submit their names.

We will remember all those who have gone  
before us as well.

Please print their names clearly on the  
Father's day intention envelope and  
submit by June 9, 2019.



### **Novena to the Holy Spirit (continues)**

To better prepare ourselves to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and make our hearts more receptive to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit join in the Novena to the Holy Spirit from Friday, May 31 to Saturday, June 8.

**June 2 (Sunday)** - 6:45 a.m. only  
**June 3 (Monday)** - 7:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.  
**June 4 (Tuesday)** - 7:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.  
**June 5 (Wednesday)** - 7:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.  
**June 6 (Thursday)** - 7:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.  
**June 7 (Friday)** - 7:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.  
**June 8 (Saturday)** - 11:45 a.m. only

We pray the people of our State and Nation, our parish  
and our Diocese be moved by the mighty wind of the  
Holy Spirit.

## One Minute Meditations

### St. John Fisher

Born in Beverley, England, St. John

Fisher became a

renowned scholar and bishop. He even served as

chaplain to the mother of King Henry VIII. Things with the royal family soured when St. John denounced the king's divorce from Queen Catherine and refused to recognize King Henry as Head of the Church of England. He was arrested twice but remained loyal to the Catholic Church, even to death. He shares his feast day with St. Thomas More.

### St. Joseph's way

In St. Joseph's life, God found the silence he needed to be heard over the noise of a carpenter's routine and was able to establish an immediate rapport. When God spoke, St. Joseph immediately obeyed. God will speak to us, too, in the silence of our lives.

*"If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing"*  
(1 John 1:9).



## Is sin real?

The world tells us that sin doesn't really exist and we should just try to be good people. Frankly, that isn't enough. Sin results when we don't follow God's laws. Dealing with sin is uncomfortable but the consequences are eternal.

**God's rules**  
**rule.** While we may think we are "good" and others may look up to us, eventually God will decide if we have been what he considers "good." Since his opinion is the one that matters, his rules rule.

**Sin is real.** The world tells us that sin doesn't exist but Catholics know that "sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God" (*Catechism of the*

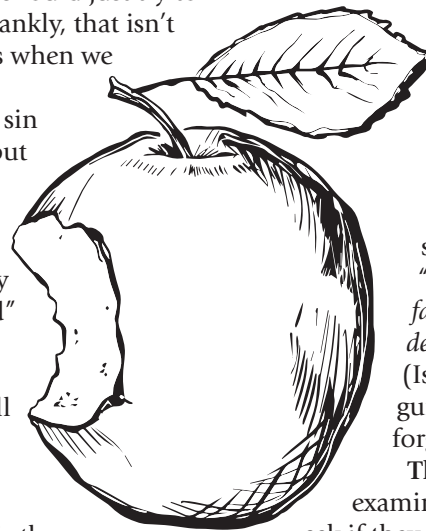
*Catholic Church*). The law can be found in the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and in Scripture. The law says sin is real.

**No guilt, no forgiveness.**

Unconfessed sin separates us from God. *"For you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt"* (Isaiah 64:6). Avoiding guilt means losing God's forgiveness.

**The plan.** Each evening, examine the day's actions and ask if they please God or not.

Resolve to do better and take steps to change. Seek absolution through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then when you meet God he will say, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:23).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics believe the Church is holy?

The Church is holy, not because of her individual members, but because God, who created, guides, sustains, and purifies her, is holy. She also has the means to grow in holiness: the sacraments, the Ten Commandments, prayer,



and the virtue, charity. This holiness comes from the lives of the saints, who followed Christ faithfully and practiced heroic virtue. "The Church, then, is 'the holy People of God,' and her members are called 'saints'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*, 823).

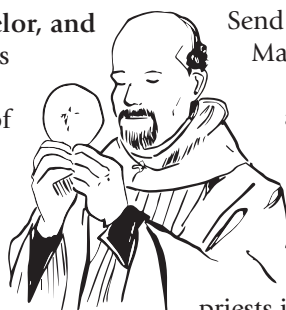


## We can help our priests help us.

The parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, and financial manager. He works more than 60 hours weekly, doing everything from administering Sacraments to taking out the trash, yet nine out of ten priests report being happy in their ministry. Our support can help them stay strong:

**Pray for a priest every day.** Let him know, and the knowledge of your prayers will strengthen him in difficult times.

**Express appreciation.** Tell your priest when something he has done or said makes a difference to you.



Send an encouraging note or e-mail, or mention it after Mass.

**Wait for the facts.** A priest's visible position can attract misunderstanding. Until you have the facts, give your priest the benefit of the doubt.

**Roll up your sleeves.** A priest's job is easier if we each use our gifts in our parishes. Ask how you can help.

**Attend Mass.** The best way to support our priests is to attend Mass every weekend and Holy Day. Acting in the person of Christ is the greatest job benefit.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 9:51-62, The profile of a disciple

This Gospel passage is all about the requirements of discipleship. The first man, filled with enthusiasm, blurted out his intention to follow Jesus. Jesus reminded him that he had no home, no family, and no place to sleep. The difficulties of having to "let go" and, if needed, "do without" to follow Christ have turned many away.

For the second man in the story, the problem was priorities. Jesus called him personally, but instead, the man wanted to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. Whenever God invites us to follow him, we can't delay him. Our



duty, as disciples, is to obey.

The third man wanted to say farewell to his family at home before leaving. Jesus knew that

looking back while plowing can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man

understand that, if we are serious about following Christ, we

can't constantly be changing our decision.

We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus, but he promises us that the rewards will be worth much more than anything we leave behind.

### Q & A

#### What is "Catholic guilt?"

Popular culture often refers negatively to "Catholic guilt," implying that Catholics are weighed down by a regretful awareness of having done

wrong. Actually, guilt has a purpose. Our conscience is like the compass in our car, and guilt is what tells us we're going the wrong way. It helps us to get back on the road—in this case, to Heaven.



There's good guilt and bad guilt. Good guilt is what someone feels if he did something he knew was wrong on purpose, i.e. if he sinned. Sin hurts our relationship with God and is harmful to us. "Healthy" guilt calls for a contrite heart and a change of behavior. For Catholics, guilt should disappear when we're forgiven in Confession.

However, guilt with no corresponding sin, or lingering guilt over confessed sins, is bad guilt. This "useless" guilt denies God's goodness, mercy, and power to save. It also robs us of peace and joy. If you struggle with bad guilt, talk to a priest, counselor, or trusted friend for help.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 5 - St. Boniface (754).** The "Apostle of Germany," St. Boniface was a monk dedicated to spreading the Gospel in Germany. He converted many to Christianity and restored dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia.

**June 17 - St. Emily de Vialar (1856).** Born into the French aristocracy, St. Emily used her inheritance to found a religious order—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition. They cared for the sick and started schools in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

**June 23 - Corpus Christi Sunday.** On

this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

**June 29 - SS. Peter and Paul (1st century).** Peter, an ordinary fisherman made extraordinary by God's grace, was chosen by Jesus to lead the Church. An early persecutor of the Church, Saul became the Great Apostle Paul, also transformed by grace.



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# STEWARDSHIP

## TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

### TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions  
and Faithful Stewardship.*

The Collection for **May 25—26** is as follows:

**\$16,007.14**

### ENVELOPES

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$9,196.66
Mass Intentions	271.00
Baptism	200.00
Funeral	50.00
Blessing	50.00
Electric Votive & Candles	600.25
Total:	<b>\$ 10,367.91</b>

<b>IDENTIFIABLE</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>UNIDENTIFIABLE</b>	<b>68%</b>

Building Fund	\$4,654.23
Outreach	260.00
Catholic Care Project	100.00
Donation	415.00
Altar Flowers	150.00
Total	<b>\$ 5,579.23</b>

### Special Collections

Ascension	\$10.00
Father's Day	40.00
Holy Thursday	10.00
Total:	<b>\$ 60.00</b>

### This Week's Events June 2—8, 2019

*M – Main Church, U–Upstairs Parish Conference Room,  
R – Reception room, B - Blue room, G - Green Room,  
C – Courtyard*

#### Sunday June 2

*Ascension of the Lord*

6:15 am —Rosary (M)  
8:15 am — Youth choir practice (B)

#### Monday June 3

*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs*

6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

#### Tuesday June 4

6:10 am – Rosary (M)  
11:15 am – Rosary (M)  
7:00 pm – Centering Prayer (M)

#### Wednesday June 5

*St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr*

6:10 am – Rosary (M)  
7:30 am – Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help (M)  
11:15 am – Rosary (M)  
1:00 pm – Legion of Mary, Queen of Peace (R)  
5:30 pm—Pastoral Council Meeting  
6:00 pm – RCIA (B)  
~~7:00 pm – Scripture Study (B)~~ resumes June 12

#### Thursday June 6

*St. Norbert, Bishop*

6:10 am – Rosary (M)  
11:15 am – Rosary (M)  
5:15 & 6:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)

#### Friday June 7

*First Friday*

6:10 am – Rosary (M)  
7:40 am - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart  
Devotion  
10:00 – 11:30 am Confession and Spiritual Direction  
10:45 am – Divine Mercy Devotion & Chaplet  
11:15 am—International Rosary  
11:45 am—Benediction  
~~6:00 pm—Stations of the Cross~~ resumes after Pentecost

#### Saturday June 8

11:15 am – Rosary  
3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)

***Mahalo for your contributions to the Building Fund.***

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, **June 1 & 2**, our special collection is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the *Honolulu Diocese* to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



## AROUND THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

# 50th Anniversary

**Mahalo to all who volunteered their time and to those who purchased and donated to our malasada sale.**

The funds raised will finance the projects to prepare the church for our 50th Anniversary. Our total from malasadas and other sales is \$6,789.25.

**We are looking for creative minds who can interview, organize and write for the church 50th Anniversary book and video. Please contact the office at 941-0675.**



### *Healing Hearts*

The "Healing Hearts" ministry offers consolation and support for those mourning the loss of a loved one through scripture, prayer, reflection and faith sharing.

We invite you to come to one or all of our sessions at Mary, Star of the Sea Church in Waialae-Kahala.

These sessions are open entry so you may choose to attend one, two, or all of them. The ministry offers consecutive two-hour sessions on Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. in the parish second floor activity center.

Last session date is June 8.

To register or for more information, email Kanani at [healingheartshawaii@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartshawaii@gmail.com).

## BE STILL...

A SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT  
at ST. ANTHONY RETREAT CENTER

3351 KALIHI ST., HONOLULU, HI 96819

**Come to the silence... Wednesday, July 24,  
5p.m. through Sunday, July 28, noon, 2019.**

There will be opportunities for spiritual direction and practicing different prayer styles.

Cost is \$450 for a private air-conditioned room and meals throughout the retreat.

Registration and a \$100 deposit is required by Monday, July 8th, to secure your spot. Space is limited.

Please call 845-0065.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

**THE FEAST OF  
CORPUS CHRISTI**

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019

<b>HOLY MASS</b> <b>10:30AM</b> CO-CATHEDRAL ST. THERESA  BISHOP LARRY CELEBRANT	<b>EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION</b> <b>11:45AM</b> PROCESSION TO CATHEDRAL BASILICA OUR LADY OF PEACE  BRING YOUR OWN WATER AND SUN PROTECTION FOR THIS APPROX. 1.5 MILE MARCH	<b>ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b> <b>1:00PM</b> CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE  BISHOP LARRY CELEBRANT
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP: (808) 585-3342

## Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

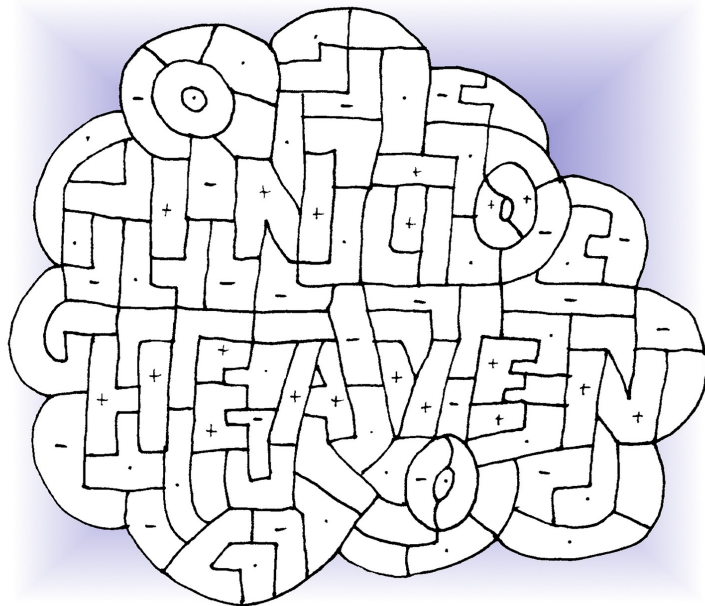
Answers to The Ascension True or False:  
1. True, 2. True, 3. True, 4. False, 5. True, 6. False, 7. True.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension

May 30 or June 2, 2019



*Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after He rose from the dead. Where did He go?*

*Colour in the spaces with crosses (+) to find out!*