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Ascension of the Lord

ASCENSION: the act of rising to a higher level

The Ascension of the Lord takes place **forty days** after the resurrection of Jesus (Easter).

Technically, this day falls on a Thursday, but the celebration is transferred to the following Sunday.

On this day, Jesus was taken up to Heaven in his resurrected body in the presence of his apostles.



BIBLICAL REFERENCES

① While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
Luke 24:51

② So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.
Mark 16:19

③ As the apostles were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."
Acts 1:9-11

Following the **Ascension of the Lord**, the Church awaits **Pentecost Sunday**, which falls fifty days after Easter and marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

The ascension is also professed in the Nicene Creed and in the Apostles' Creed:
"He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father..."

Jesus departs, he ascends to Heaven. He returns to the Father. But this does not mean a separation, for he remains forever with us, in a new way. **By his ascension, the Risen Lord draws the gaze of the Apostles - and our gaze - to the heights of Heaven to show us that the end of our journey is the Father...** Yet, Jesus remains present and active in the affairs of human history through the power and the gifts of his Spirit; he is beside each of us: **even if we do not see him with our eyes, He is there!** He accompanies us, he guides us, he takes us by the hand and he lifts us up when we fall down.... **The Lord is with us!**
Pope Francis, June 1, 2014

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Alfred Gordon +

Sunday, May 16

- The Ascension of the Lord / Seventh

Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Jean Steele +
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, May 17

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, May 18

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Vera Johnson +

Wednesday, May 19

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Herbert Lohmuller +

Thursday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Mary Haecker +

Friday, May 21

8:30 a.m. Jim Cole +

Saturday, May 22

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Leo & Florence Gillig Family

Sunday, May 23

- Pentecost Sunday -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Tom Cincotta +
12:05 p.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 17 - Easter Weekday - Acts 19:1-8/
Jn 16:29-33

**Tues., May 18 - Easter Weekday - St. John I,
Pope and Martyr** - Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a

Wed., May 19 - Easter Weekday - Acts 20:28-
38/ Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs., May 20 - Easter Weekday - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26

Fri., May 21 - Easter Weekday - Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19

Sat., May 22 - Easter Weekday - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious - Acts 28:16-20,30-31/ Jn 21:20-25

Sun., May 23 - Pentecost Sunday - Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a,16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 / Day: 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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 16, 2021

This past Thursday marked the *fortieth day* since **Easter Sunday**. This is traditionally when **Ascension Thursday** would be celebrated. In the United States, however, our national conference of Bishops has transferred this celebration from Thursday to this Sunday to make its solemn celebration as opportune as possible for the Faithful. Next weekend, marking *fifty days* since **Easter Sunday**, we will celebrate the **Solemnity of Pentecost**.

PENTECOST COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS

Next weekend, as we celebrate the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we will also have our annual special collection for the education of our diocesan seminarians. Included as a handout in this bulletin is a letter from Bishop Rhoades regarding this annual collection. Similar to last year, each registered parish household will also receive a letter from our diocesan Director of Vocations, Fr. Andrew Budzinski. Fr. Budzinski shares the good problem that our diocese has consistently faced in recent years: We have many seminarians!

Next Saturday, Bishop Rhoades will ordain **two** men to the transitional diaconate. On June 6th, he will ordain **seven** men to the priesthood. We have another **20+** young men in various stages of discernment towards the priesthood. This is a very good problem to have! The annual Pentecost Collection helps to fund the education of these men as they study for the priesthood within our diocese. On behalf of our seminarians and future priests (*including those that will come from our own parish!*), thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

In the coming weeks, we have many exciting opportunities arising. Next weekend, Michelle from our Parish Office will be available after all Masses to update parish registry information and register any new families to our parish. Members of the **Knights of Columbus** and our newly named **Women's Group, G.I.R.L.'s Night Out (Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)**, will also be available after all Masses to provide information about their respective groups.

Beginning on **Thursday, June 3rd**, we will be offering a **weekly Summer Bible Study**, entitled *Beginning with the End*. Meeting **every Thursday evening at 7 PM** in the **Parish Social Hall**, we will walk through the **Book of Revelation**. Over nine weeks, we will walk through this book, also known as the *Apocalypse*, unpacking the extravagant symbolism found throughout this apocalyptic literature.

On **Tuesday, June 8th**, from **3:30-4:30 PM**, we will host an informational session for **Well-Read Moms (WRM)**, a nationwide network of local book clubs for women. For the past decade, **WRM** has sought to accompany and bring women together in the reading of spiritual classics. **WRM** is seeking to pilot book clubs in a parish-based setting throughout the country. All women in our parish and our surrounding community are invited to this session to learn more about this opportunity.

In July, we will be hosting **Totus Tuus** from July 11th-16th. **Totus Tuus** is a week-long Scriptural and catechetical program that has tracts for both our **1st-6th Graders** and our **7th-12th Graders**. Led by a group of college students and seminarians, this program seeks to teach the Catholic Faith and to ignite hearts on fire with the love of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney, Nora LaVine and Pete Geels.



UPDATE YOUR INFO

YES to any of these questions, someone will be available in the narthex next weekend, May 22/23 after all the Masses to take your information. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our Parish records as accurate as possible!

Mixes in a Jar 7th and 8th Grade Fundraiser

A great big "Thank You" to everyone who supported our Mixes in a Jar Fundraiser; we are able to help 5 students with tuition and others school expenses. We have some jars of Snicker Doodle and Chocolate Chip Cookie mixes available in the conference room as we made extra! We are selling the extras at \$5 per jar. For your convenience, there are envelopes beside the jars for you to put the money in, and you may put the envelope in the offertory basket. Thanks also to everyone who helped fill the jars. Many hands made light work and you all did a FANTASTIC job!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., May 15 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 15 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 16 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., May 16 - Discussion Forum- The Papacy - 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Tues., May 18 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
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- Sun., May 23 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sat., and Sun., May 22 and 23 - Registration Update weekend after all Masses.
- Tues., May 25 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., May 26 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., May 29 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 30 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 30 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Mon., May 31 - Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed
- Tues., June 1 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Tues., June 1 - Knights of Columbus - recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Wed., June 2 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., June 2 - Parish Council meeting following 7:00 evening Mass.

No longer have a landline phone? Have a new email address? Moved? Added a child to your family? Or are new to the Parish and would like to register to become a member of the St. Joseph Parish Family? If you answered



DISCUSSION FORUM - The Papacy

Join Fr. David for a Discussion Forum - The Papacy, on Sunday, May 16, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and also on Wednesday, May 19 following 7:00 evening Mass in the Parish Social Hall. The forum will also be live-streamed if you are unable to attend in person.

Diocesan WYD 2021

Stand up

I Appoint You As A Witness Of What
You Have Seen. Acts 26:16



Diocesan World Youth Day is an annual World Youth Day experience offering young men and women grades 9-12 a fun and faith-filled celebration of our Catholic faith. Parish groups and individual students alike are welcome to attend. In 2021, the event will be a single-day, outdoor event complete with music, food trucks, speakers, activities and games, and finally, Eucharistic exposition and Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The young Church will encounter the contagious enthusiasm of following Christ from faith-filled priests, seminarians, religious, youth, and youth leaders from our diocese.

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report May 8/9 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$3,591.00
Child Envelopes- \$3.00
Loose- \$117.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$834.66
Religious Ed. Fund- \$250.00
Easter Offering- \$500.00
Legacy of Faith- \$400.00

Total- \$5,695.66

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$135.74 *ahead* of our budget for the month of May.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$500.00

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Saturday, June 12

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