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The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

celebrates the entry of Jesus' humanity into divine glory in God's heavenly domain, 40 days after His Resurrection.

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, GLOSSARY

From the Bible:

⁵⁰ Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them.

⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

LUKE 24:50-53



Ascension Lessons from Pope Francis (GENERAL AUDIENCE, APRIL 17, 2013)

1 Before returning to the glory of the Father, the risen Jesus blesses his disciples

Luke 24.50

Jesus thus appears as our eternal Priest. True God and true man, he now for ever intercedes for us before the Father.

2 The Apostles returned to Jerusalem "with great joy"

Luke 24.52

They realize that the risen Lord, though no longer physically present, will always be with them, guiding the life of the Church until he returns in glory.

"As we contemplate the mystery of the Ascension, may we, too, bear joyful witness to the Lord's resurrection, his loving presence in our midst, and the triumph of his Kingdom of life, holiness and love."

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 20

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
- 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
- 5:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Jane Krevda

Sunday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord

- 7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
- 7:30 a.m. Chris Hartman
- 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, May 22

No Public Mass

Tuesday, May 23

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
- 8:00 a.m. Glenna Cayot +
- 8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, May 24

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
- 7:00 p.m. Intentions of Frances Gruss

Thursday, May 25

- 8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

Friday, May 26

- 8:30 a.m. Diana Cole

Saturday, May 27

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
- 4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

- 5:00 p.m. Herbert Lohmuller +

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost

- 7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
- 10:00 a.m. David Paul Butler +

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 21, 2023

This weekend (May 20th/21st), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. Marking forty days after **Easter Sunday**, the **Ascension of the Lord** actually fell this past Thursday. In our diocese, however, this celebration is transferred to the nearest weekend to better allow all the Faithful to join in its celebration. This desire for all to join in its celebration should serve as an emphasis of how truly important this solemnity is in the life of the Church.

In the **Ascension of the Lord**, Heaven has caught up the joy of earth. Angelic Choirs are preparing to receive their promised Lord, standing at the Gates that they may open them upon the mighty Conqueror's approach. Those holy souls that were liberated from death's domain on the morning of the Resurrection are waiting for the happy moment when Heaven's gate, closed by Adam's sin, will be thrown open. They will rejoice as they enter Heaven with their Redeemer.

Before ascending our Risen Jesus visits His Apostles and bids them farewell. They do not, however, allow His Ascension to sadden them, instead "returning to Jerusalem with great joy" (Luke 24:52). The Mysteries of our Redemption have been brought to completion! This is a day meant for joy and triumph!

ST. FRANCIS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Next weekend, we will begin sign-ups for our **St. Francis Summer Reading Program**. This program, running June through July, is meant to encourage our young parishioners to continue their religious formation throughout the summer by reading various faith-filled books. The book cart will be available in the Narthex starting in June and books can be checked out throughout the summer.

Participating youth will be able to claim prizes from the Prize Box throughout the summer. At the end of the summer, the top readers in our various grade levels will be awarded special prizes, including Chamber Bucks, for their hard work. **If you are willing to help hand out prizes from the Prize Box after Masses each weekend, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex this and next weekend.**

PENTECOST COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

Next weekend, as the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we have a special collection for the diocesan-wide **Pentecost Collection for Seminarian Education**. This collection helps to support the education and training of our future priests. This year, two men are being ordained to the transitional diaconate and seven to the priesthood for our diocese.

Every parish household will be receiving a letter from our diocesan Vocation Director encouraging your support of this collection and explaining the ways to donate. To make a donation through the parish, please place the specially marked "**Pentecost Collection**" envelope from your envelope packets in the collection basket next weekend or donate to this fund through our online giving options.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On Sunday, June 11th, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. This will also mark the end of the Diocesan Year for the **National Eucharistic Revival** and the beginning of the Parish Year. **Following our 10 AM Mass on Sunday, June 11th, we will hold a Corpus Christi Procession on our parish campus.** You are invited to join us in procession as a reminder that we are a pilgrim people journeying through this earthly existence following after Jesus.

In a Eucharistic Procession, we follow after the Lord physically even as we pledge anew to do so spiritually. We also give public witness to our acceptance of the Lord's words: "*The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world*" (John 6:51). It is my hope that next year, on the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**, we will have our first ever Eucharistic Procession that goes beyond our parish campus and out into our local community as we transition from the Parish Year to the National Year of the Eucharistic Revival. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

Note: Next weekend, our nation observes **Memorial Day** as we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country. Join us in beginning the day in prayer with a special Mass on Monday, May 29th, at 8:00 AM.

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 22 - Easter Weekday -
St. Rita of Cascia, Religious - Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 23 - Easter Weekday - Acts
20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 24- Easter Weekday - Acts
20:28-38/ Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 25 - Easter Weekday -
St. Bede the Venerable; Priest and Doctor of
the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary
Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin - Acts 22:30;23:6-
11/ Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 26 - Easter Weekday - St. Philip
Neri, Priest - Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27 - Easter Weekday -
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop - Acts
28:16-20,30-31/ Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost - Acts 2:1-11/ 1
Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/ Jn 20:19-23



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.

ASK FATHER

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Ask Father Thursday, May 25th at 5:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be Mass on Memorial Day, May 29th at 8:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



Fr. David will lead prayer at the Annual Memorial Day Program at the Grover Sheets American Legion Post 111 (111 W. Washington St.) at 9:00 a.m. Fr. Stephen Felicichia will serve as the American Legion's guest speaker.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, June 2, 2023
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Confession 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus
Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 20** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 21** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 23** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., May 23** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., May 24** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 24** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 25—Parish Office Closed**
- **Thurs., May 25** - Ask Father - 5:30 PM in Conference Room
- **Sat., May 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., May 27** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 29 - Memorial Day - Mass 8:00 a.m.**
- **Mon., May 29 - Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed**
- **Tues., May 30** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 31** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., June 2** - First Friday - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Confession 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m.
- **Sat., June 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., June 3** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 6** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., June 6** - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Rosary 6:40 p.m. in the Church / Meeting in the Social Hall 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., June 7** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., June 7** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m.

Weekend of May 27/28 Weekend



5:00 Mike Morrissey
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Josie Andrews/Sam Smith/Children's Choir



5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Marita Crawfis



10:00 Monica Harris, Tammi Helm, Diana Cole (Choir)



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Isaiah Bedwell
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of May 14/15

Adult Envelopes- \$3,981.00
Loose- \$149.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$359.56
Votive Candles- \$81.00
Religious Education Fund- \$125.00
Ascension- \$50.00
Parish Bulletin Ads- \$175.00
"Name that Bell Donation"- \$90.00
Total- \$5,010.56

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$3,331.34 ahead of our budget for the month of May.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$100.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

If you would like to set up Online Giving, please use this website:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for **TOTUS TUUS!** - July 23-29



Totus Tuus is for those students who will be entering Grades 1-6, Grades 7-8, and Grades 9-12 for the 2023-2024 school year, and those students who will be graduating in 2023 are also invited to attend. The missionary team consists of two young men and two young women. Eric and Tammy Mechling have graciously opened their home this year to host the young ladies. We will need a host home for the young men, preferably close to the Mechling home on Deerbrook Court as the group shares one vehicle. If you are interested in serving as a host home, please call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

REGISTRATION WEEKEND!

On the June 24 & 25 weekend after all Masses in the narthex, we will be registering students and volunteers for Tutus Tuus. If you are not available that weekend, please call or stop by the Parish Office to register your child(ren). All volunteers will need to go through the Safe Environment Program, including a background check, prior to the start of Totus Tuus, if you have not already been approved. We look forward to another fun week with the Totus Tuus Missionary Team!

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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
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Friday's: 3pm-8pm
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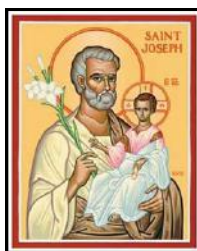
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