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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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**JESUS
ASCENDED
BEFORE
US INTO
HEAVEN
THAT HE
MIGHT
PREPARE
THE WAY
FOR US.**

St. Gregory the Great

Homilies on the Gospels, Homily 29 (AD 593)

Saturday, May 16

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
5:00 p.m. Jim Timmerman +

Sunday, May 17

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the
Hogan & Hoffman Families

Monday, May 18

No Public Mass

Tuesday, May 19

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Cuellar +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, May 20

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

Thursday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Ron Smith Family

Friday, May 22

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, May 23

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, May 24

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Tom Cincotta +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 18 - Easter Weekday [7] - St. John I, Pope, Martyr - Acts 19:1-8 / Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b / Jn 16:29-33

Tues., May 19 - Easter Weekday [7] - Acts 20:17-27 / Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 / Jn 17:1-11a

Wed., May 20 - Easter Weekday [7] - St. Bernardine of Sienna, Priest - Acts 20:28-38 / Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b / Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs., May 21 - Easter Weekday [7] Sts. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Fri., May 22 - Easter Weekday [7] - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious - Acts 25:13b-21 / Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b / Jn 21:15-19

Sat., May 23 - Easter Weekday [7] - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Ps 11:4-5, 7 / Jn 21:20-25

Sun., May 24 - Pentecost Sunday - Acts 2:1-11 / Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 17, 2026

Welcome home to all of our college students and congrats to new graduates!

This weekend (May 16th/17th), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. Marking forty days since **Easter Sunday** and the last Sunday of **Easter tide**, we reflect upon the great mystery of the Lord Jesus' ascension **through His own power** to the right hand of the Father. This celebration is not to be confused with that of the **Assumption**, where Mary is taken up body and soul **by the power of God**.

As we enter the Liturgy of the Eucharist this weekend, the Preface offered for celebration already provides a beautiful reflection for us to reflect upon: *The Lord Jesus ascended today to the highest heavens as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, He ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.*

Even though **Easter tide** is coming to an end, there is still a lot to celebrate. After the **Ascension** this weekend, we will then celebrate the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**, and, finally, the **Feast of Corpus Christi** over the next three weekends. Following **Corpus Christi** and our annual **Corpus Christi Procession** after the 10 AM Mass on June 7th, we will enter back into **Ordinary Time** for the remainder of the liturgical year.

PENTECOST COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

Every registered parishioner household will receive a letter from Bishop Rhoades regarding our annual **Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians**. The Holy Spirit continues to call men from our diocese to prepare for the priesthood. Through this collection, we have the opportunity to support their formation and share in the mission of the Church. Please pray for our seminarians and for all those discerning God's call.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

You are invited to join us this **Memorial Day (Monday, May 25th) at 10 AM for a special Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery on SR 124** as we pray for all those who have died in service to our country and for all the faithful departed. In the midst of remembrance and gratitude, we commend those who have given their lives for our freedoms to the mercy of God and place our hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council held its final meeting for the year at the beginning of May. We will take our annual break over the coming summer months before we resume our monthly meetings in August. We extend a heartfelt "**Thank you!**" to Lori Bender and Tyler Hoffacker as their three-year term on the Parish Council ends. Their leadership and dedication to our parish have been deeply appreciated. Nominations to fill these two vacancies will open in June.

GRADUATION MASS

On Sunday, June 14th, at the 10 AM Mass, we will celebrate our annual **Graduate's Mass** for our graduating High School Seniors. If you have a High School Senior who is graduating and would like them to be recognized at this Mass, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

GENERAL UPDATE—PARISH RENOVATIONS

It was slow going on the construction-side of renovations this week. We've received confirmation regarding shipments for our various flooring material. At the same time, we're still waiting on a number of woodworking projects from Big-C Lumber to help move the Sanctuary work forward. Finally, the statue of Bl. Solanus Casey is beginning to take shape. A clay model is being prepared to shape the statue before a more permanent medium is cast. ~Fr. David



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM



Junior High/High School
June 21st - June 25th—6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Grades 1-6
June 22nd - June 26th—9:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

TWO HOST HOMES NEEDED

We will need 2 **Host Homes** from June 20th - 25th for our four *Totus Tuus* Summer Missionaries. If interested in serving as a host home, please call the Parish Office at (260) 824-1380.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—June 5, 2026

Starts after 8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Sign-up sheet in the back of Church.



Sign in at [FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org) with our Parish Code: 7N68MY



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 17** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 18** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., May 19** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
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- **Thurs., May 21** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 21** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., May 22** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Sat., May 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 23** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 24** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 25** - Memorial Day Mass - 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
- **Mon., May 25 through Fri., May 29** - Parish Office Closed
- **Tues., May 26** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Wed., May 27** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., May 28** - Adult Choir practice - 6:30 p.m.
- **Fri., May 29** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Sat., May 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 30** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.

WEEKEND OF MAY 23RD & 24TH



MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Mike Morrissey
7:30 a.m. Teresa Smith
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Patti Clark-Johnson
7:30 a.m. Christie Felger
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Jill Morrissey
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer



Servers
5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Charlene/AnnaLynn/ Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of May 10TH & 11TH

Adult Envelopes - \$2,879.00
 Loose - \$236.00
 Repair / Rainy Day - \$726.43
 Donation— Parish Needs - \$1,160.00
 NDFCU Elevate Donation - \$36.65
 Ascension - \$20.00
Total - \$5,058.08

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,017.68 ahead of our budget for the month of May 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$20.00

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

To set up **Online Giving** through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit: www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton or Scan the QR Code on the right:



The Parish Office will be closed Memorial Day, May 25th through Friday, May 29th. The office will reopen on Monday, June 1st.

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LIFE DEFENDERS SUMMER CAMP 2026

Equipping Students to Defend Life with Clarity and Courage
Thurs., June 11th (11:00 AM) – Sat., June 13th (2:15 PM)

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Faye Rose Taylor, grandmother of parishioners Josh (Chrystal) Streeter and Janelle (Tony) Valenti, who passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026.




Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?

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