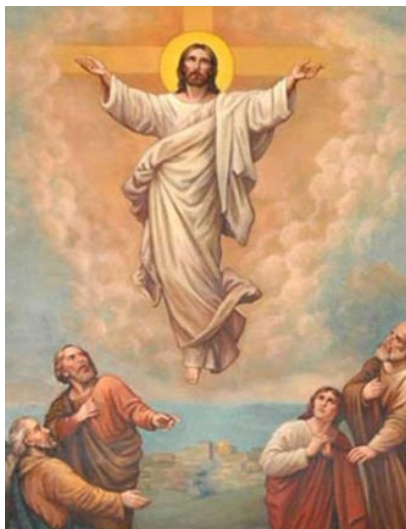




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The Ascension of the Lord—May 12, 2024



We have been baptized into the mystery of God's love and now share the very life and love of God drawing us into **unity**... with God and one another. **Our unity in love allows God's love to overflow and bear witness to the world around us.**

Jesus has promised: as we strive to live together in the name of the Father and of His Son (and enlivened, of course, by the Spirit) then our joy will be complete! Let us pray to be strengthened in our efforts to be a living witness of God's great love to be "one" with one another. Oblates.org,

Holy Mass: Monday—Saturday: 8 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. (Sunday Obligation) **Sunday:** 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Mon.-Sat. 7:15 a.m.-7:55 a.m.

Saturday 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Baptisms: 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30 am

Baptism Prep.: By appointment

Funerals: Fridays at 11 a.m.

Marriages: 6 months in advance

Communion for the Sick: Please call the office.

Adoration & Benediction: every Thursday from 1 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday: 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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St. Paul's Sunday Collections for April 2024: \$ 31,603.45

Annual Ministry Appeal for April 2024:

Diocesan Goal: \$ 31,000.00

Pledges: \$ 26,067.07

Collected: \$ 25,277.07

Participating Families: 48

We are about 81 % of the way to our Annual Ministry Appeal Diocesan Goal. **THANK YOU!!!**



Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Art

The weekend of **May 18th to 19th Bethlehem Artworks** will be selling Olive Wood Carvings and other Religious Items from the Holy Land outside after Mass. Please stop by and see the many inspiring works of art and consider supporting our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.



Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20/
1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30,33-36/Jn 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Ps 11:4-5,7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34/1 Cor 12:3-7,
12-13/ Jn 20:19-23



Pastor's Desk

Peace and all God's blessings.

This seventh Sunday of Easter, we are going to celebrate the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension. If someone asks us a question: What is your current religion? We would answer the question right away: I am a baptized Catholic. Because we have been Christians for a long time—most of us, for all our lives.

I presume that you and I would say that Jesus has quite an influence on our lives.

Would we say that that influence comes from what Jesus had to say and what He did? That is, from the past? Would we say it is more than that? Would we say that we relate to him, not simply as a significant figure from the past but as someone now?

We pray to him, we communicate to him, as someone real now. Perhaps, we would even say that Jesus also communicates with us.

There have been other significant religious figures in the past: The Buddha, and the prophet Mohammad... Do you know of people who talk to them as real people—now? Do they say that the Buddha, Mohammad, communicates with them? Our claim seems to be unique.

What makes us so sure? Is it simply because others have told us? Or would we say: No, It is more than that...? Would we say: we know it—from our own experience? We know it. We know it in our bones. It is not vision. It is not mysterious words we hear inside our head—but, at some deeper level, we know it.

In the celebration of the Lord's Ascension, we rejoice greatly for the assurance that future glory is realized in Jesus Christ and offered to the human race. This gift encourages us to desire deeply and always the glory of heaven. We wish to go to heaven where Christ has gone. The apostles are asked by the angels, "Why are you gazing in astonishment at the sky? Just as you have seen Him ascend into heaven, so in like manner, shall He return" (Act1:11).

According to Pope Benedict XVI, he explained: "*There is an even deeper meaning that is not immediately perceptible. In the passage from the Acts of the Apostles it is said first that Jesus was "lifted up" (v. 9) and then it says, "taken up" (v. 11). The event is not described as a journey to on high but rather as an action of the power of God who introduces Jesus into the space of closeness to the Divine. The presence of the cloud that "took him out of their sight" (v. 9), recalls a very ancient image of Old Testament theology and integrates the account of the*

Ascension into the history of God with Israel, from the cloud of Sinai and above the tent of the Covenant in the desert, to the luminous cloud on the mountain of the Transfiguration".

Jesus returned to where he came from and united with God the Father. A journey to on high with the action of the power of God give us a sure and certain hope that God came and prepared for us heaven places—spiritual realms.

2000 years ago, Jesus left the earth and returned to the heavenly Father so easy. He did not wear a spacesuit, a space helmet and flew with a space shuttle. He entered the light of life by the power of God which was a mystery of ascension of the Lord. There is nothing impossible for God.

In the meantime, we are asked to put our hands to work and our hearts to God, doing the will of God, in preparation for the return of our Savior at our death and at Christ's second coming in glory.

We are baptized Catholics, we shall not to forget to celebrate this May in honoring our Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

According to Pope Francis, he said: "She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us."—Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

May is a month for earthly children to celebrate for moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, mothers-to-be. It is also important to realize that Mother's Day can be difficult or painful for women who struggle with infertility, the loss of a child or children, or who are estranged from their own mothers. Show our love to Mother Mary, and to our earthly mothers by real actions with our sincere hearts.

Have a blessed celebration of the Solemnity of the Accession of the Lord!

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr. James Phan, OFM Conv.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11th

8:00 am In Honor and Thanksgiving to our Lady Virgin of Fatima by Rebecca A. Untalan



5:30 pm Pro Populi

Sunday, May 12th—The Ascension/Mother's Day

8:00 am † For Our Priests by Dan & Sylvia Anderson

10:30 am † Edward Henderson Allen by The Schroeder Family

5:30 pm † Wedding Anniversary for Jaime F. Farao and Maria das Neves (Wedding Anniversary) by Farao Family

Monday, May 13th—Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 am In thanksgiving for 25 years of serving God's people and James Czeck on his 89th Birthday by Fr. Tom

Tuesday, May 14th

8:00 am † Bruno Brunello - Anniversary of passing by John and Donna Brunello

Wednesday, May 15th

8:00 am Prayers for our Brothers and Sisters by Dan & Sylvia Anderson

Thursday, May 16th

8:00 am Fr. Alphonse wishes to express his heart-felt thanks for the Masses, Spiritual Bouquets, letters and gifts received on his 60th Ordination anniversary. A Mass of thanksgiving for all those who made his anniversary the beautiful event that it was.

Friday, May 17th

8:00 am † Manuel Dias by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, May 18th

8:00 am † The departed members of the Altar & Rosary Society by ARS

5:30 pm † Joe Bettencourt by Manuel and Diane Ribeiro

Sunday, May 19th—**Pentecost**

8:00 am † Dorothy Davino by daughter, Carol Coon

10:30 am Int of our Parishioners

5:30 pm † Edra Hauck and Betty Welter by son & daughter - Steve and Sheri Hauck

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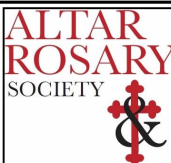
Our Military: YN1 Raechelle S. Anderson USN, Lieutenant Colonel Chris Valine USAF, Lieutenant Ashley Valine, USCG, MSgt. Robert James Gassman, II 101st US Army, Capt. Chris Mount USMC, Maj. Grace Anderson USAF, CPO Nicholas M. Cabansag USN, LT. Jason Walsh USN

Our Sick: Annie Delgado, Frank Spane, Lynda Fullerton, John Cauzza, Pauline Leon Moreno, Beverly Lloyd, Eva, Cheryl A. Untalan, Wayne & Cynthia Toscas, Bill Hanley, Dorothy Avila, Matthias Leipzig, Rosemary Olmedo, Richard Como, Judy Hughes, Rachel Lohr,



KNIGHTLY NEWS

MAY 12: Let us all honor the vocation of motherhood as did our Blessed Mother and her child, Jesus. Join us for a complimentary breakfast for all Mothers (a small charge for others) in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses.



The Altar & Rosary Society is called to assist in the needs of the House of God and the pastor, for the liturgical necessities of the parish Church, such as altar breads, vestments, altar cloths, etc., and to foster continued devotion to the Mother of God.

Please join us for:

-**Recitation of the Rosary Daily** at 7:20 am

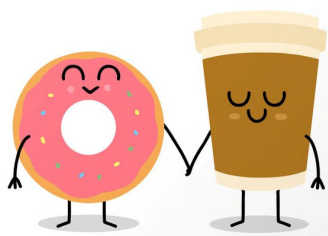
-**Monthly Meeting on the Third Tuesday**, Rosary 10:30, Mass 11:00 and self catered lunch and Meeting 12:00 in the Hall. *No meeting June, July or August.

-Interested Women & Men Welcome. Membership forms available at the rear of the church.

Upcoming Events

-Next Meeting is May 21, Rosary 10:30, Mass 11 and potluck salad lunch at noon then meeting. Last meeting before our summer break.

~Donuts and Coffee served on Pentecost Sunday, May 19~



“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)



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