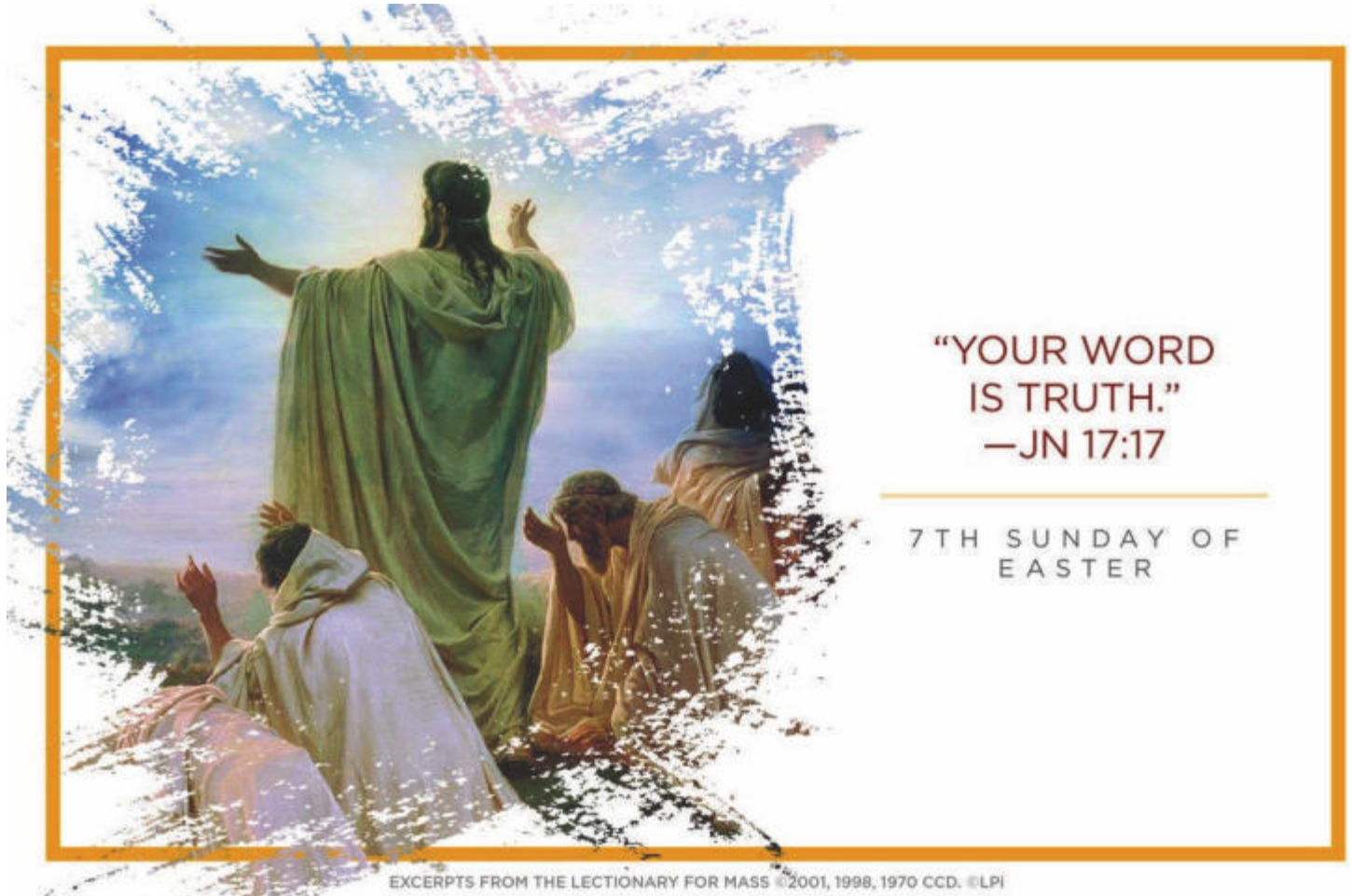




# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



“YOUR WORD  
IS TRUTH.”  
—JN 17:17

7TH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

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## Marian Devotions

“Hail, full of grace.” Mary guides the Church in discovering God’s grace. We can learn how to find God in our daily lives from Mary’s “yes”. Join us for a special time of prayer to honor the Mother of God and to grow closer to Jesus her Son. **Sundays in May, 3:00pm. May 16, 23.**

The prayers will last about 40 minutes and include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Marian hymn, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Benediction. Families and Children are encouraged to attend.

*“Family Unity Through Family Prayer”*  
—Fr. Patrick Peyton, servant of God



Please look for parish updates and events via Flocknote. Sign up instructions on page 3.



## ST. HELENA PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena

**Sunday** 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

**Tue–Fri** 8:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Saturday** 3:30–4:30pm

**Sunday** Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

**Tuesday** 7:00–8:00pm

**Tues–Fri** Before 8:00 am daily Mass | By appointment, call parish office



## ST. PATRICK PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday** 10:30am

(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

**Thursday** 9:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Sundays** after 10:30 am Mass  
By appointment - call parish office

## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Busy, tired and unfinished

Dear friends in Christ,

The Easter season ends next Sunday with the celebration of Pentecost. Today however, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Before we can receive the Holy Spirit, our Lord returns to heaven. If we consider the events on Jesus' schedule after his Resurrection, we could wonder if he Ascended into heaven busy, tired and with much unfinished work.

Throughout the 50 days of Easter the Scripture selections highlighted the reality of the Resurrection. Jesus ate real food with the disciples, manifested the wounds of the Crucifixion, and yet he displayed some of the glories of the world to come. He passed through locked doors and vanished from sight at will. The distances Jesus travelled, the people he encountered and the work he intended to accomplish... busy, tired and unfinished!

A close examination of the Mass prayers is a secret to understanding the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Although we experience the realities of business, tiredness and unfinished work, would Jesus feel the same things? In the Ascension, we find the completion of Christ's earthly mission—our redemption is accomplished. Saint John Paul II says, "the Ascension indicates the goal to which personal and universal history is hastening: heavenly glory." Therefore, the Ascension is not a feast of Jesus abandoning us; rather, our gaze is to be fixed on Christ in glory even as we labor tirelessly for him in this present age.

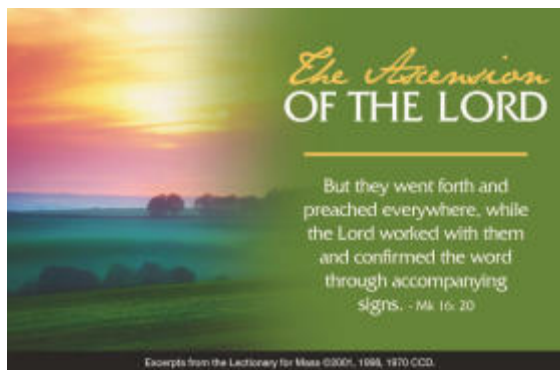
The collect (opening prayer) says, "Gladden us with holy joys... for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has

gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope." In the prayer over the offerings of bread and wine we pray, "... that through this most holy exchange we, too may rise up to the heavenly realms." These two prayers are intended to break through our business, tiredness, and to remind us of our ultimate goal as Christian disciples. Our attendance at Mass is a sacrifice of our time. Breaking free from the cares of the passing world, we enter the church to offer worship, praise and adoration to the only source of salvation.

Turning to the words of the Preface prayer (lift up your hearts... It is truly right and just...) the Church gives us the clear meaning of the Ascension, "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." Dissecting this prayer, some might balk at calling our present status "lowly." Forgetting about original sin and focusing solely on the abundance of material things leads to this flawed belief that our present culture is somehow "better" or "higher" than previous generations.

The preface prayer reminds us of our baptismal status, we are members of Christ's flock. The prayer also names Jesus as the Mediator between God and man, and Judge of the world. Although these titles of Jesus may sound lofty and demanding, they point back to the previously highlighted phrase: Jesus came to save us from the lowly state of the fallen world. In the prayer after Communion we pray, "Almighty ever-living God... that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you."

Fr. Asselin



## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

5/16—Altar Society Meeting following Mass  
 5/16—Marian Devotions, 3:00pm  
 5/18—Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 7:00pm  
 5/19—May Crowning and Social 6:30pm  
 5/23—Senior Sunday, 10:30am Mass  
 6/13—Fr. Asselin's Farewell Potluck following Mass, details to come  
 6/20—Farewell Potluck for Fr. Asselin—St. Patrick



### Seven Sisters Apostolate

Do you have 1 hour per week to help with the Seven Sisters Apostolate? The Seven Sisters pray for our pastor. We start the new year with this commitment on June 1. Please let Joletta know before May 25 if you would like to join our group.

### St. Helena Altar Society

Meeting will be today, May 16 after 8:30 mass. Please plan to attend!

### Fall Raffle Donations

St. Helena Altar Society is now taking donations for the annual Raffle to be held Sep 26, 2021. Contact Michele T. or Kathy M. to make a donation.

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and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

### Connect with us on FLOCKNOTE

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 Uno the sheep is waiting for you to join!



## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

To schedule a baptism please contact the parish office.

### Matrimony

Those preparing for marriage, please contact Fr. Asselin at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available anytime. Talk with the priest before or after Mass, or call the parish office to make an appointment. Don't hesitate to call, especially if you are preparing for a medical procedure or surgery.

## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 22/23	(5:00pm)	(10:30 am)
Usher	Volunteer	Pete Flynn, Jr
Collection		Bob Radtke
Lector	Volunteer	CarolLee Carruth
EMHC	Volunteer	Matt Thorpe
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Carruth Family
Altar Servers	Annah T, Madeline T	Ivan C, Devin W
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	Carey & Dawn Wald

### St. Helena Breakfast Servers

May 16	Joyce G, CarolLee C, Amanda T
May 30	Knights of Columbus

## WEEKLY GIVING

May 9

Adult	\$1010.
Children	\$7.77
Plate	\$34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1051.77</b>

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## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 23	(8:30 am)
Lector	Mona
Gift Carriers	Megan & Owen
Altar Servers	Kate, Liam
Rosary Leader	Mona

### For the Month of May

Breakfast Server	Corrine and Laura
Collection Counters	Christy and Allan Glynn
Church Cleaners	Alana and Christy
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

### God's Gift Appeal 2021

*Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope*

Report as of 5/7/2021

St. Helena's: \$8379: 48% of goal, 33% participation

St. Patrick's: \$11,525: 207% of goal, 41% participation

Thank you for your support!

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Tue. May 18**

8:00 am †Louis Reis

**Wed. May 19**

8:00 am †Juliet Kelly Parten

**Thu. May 20**

8:00 am (St. H) Open

9:00 am (St. P) †Sylvester & †Marie  
Radermacher

**Fri. May 21**

8:00 am Priscilla Brandenburger

**Sat. May 22**

5:00 pm †Thomas Kelly

**Sun. May 23**

8:30 am (St. P) Deceased Family of Gene & Faye  
Lonski

10:30 am (St. H) For the Parishioners

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*...for all who are sick, elderly or alone*

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Heupel, Edna Scherman, Val Hunt,  
Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina.

If you or someone you know would like to be  
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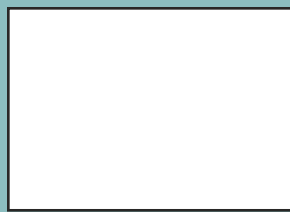


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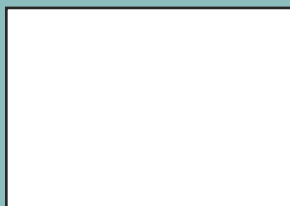


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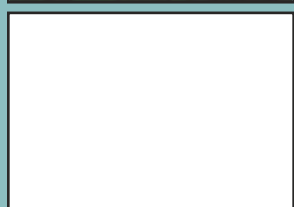
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