

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION  
WOODBIDGE/BETHANY  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 9, 2021**

**Congratulations to our First Communicants  
May 8, 2021**

**Mila Allian  
Jakub Banka  
Nathan Betlinski  
Annabelle Bramley  
Vincent Bruni  
Gabriel Calabrese  
Kenneth Corvigno  
Casey D'Andrea  
Quinn Davies  
Drew Esposito  
Nicholas Francese  
Gavin Garces-Ali  
Maximilian Jimenez  
Liam Koos  
Peyton Krinsky  
Alexandra Mortensen  
Paul Mortensen  
Paige Roberts  
Lincoln Ruszkowski  
John Schuchmann  
John Paul Vitale  
Teagan Whitebread**

**Austyn Borer  
Giavanna Caccavale  
Nora Carbone  
Enzo Cedeno  
Sarina Conklin  
Emilia Coppola  
Kylie DeMatteo  
Gabriella Durso  
Sydney Frate  
Leo Gherlone  
Calissa Giordano  
Luke Jaworski  
Liam LaFleur  
Saorla Maher  
William May  
George Schrade  
Justin Serra**

**Glory to God** in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## READINGS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**FIRST READING: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

L. The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING: A Reading from the First Letter of St. John 4:7-10**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

L. The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

**Gospel: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 15: 9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."



**Reflection:** Pope Francis, has continued to call Christians to move "beyond the boundaries," in his Apostolic Exhortation *Exsultate et Gaudete*: "God is eternal newness. He impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond. He takes us to where humanity is most wounded, where men and women, beneath the appearance of a shallow conformity, continue to seek an answer to the question of life's meaning. God is not afraid! He is fearless! He is always greater than our plans and schemes. Unafraid of the fringes, he himself became a fringe (cf. Phil 2:6-8; Jn 1:14). So if we dare to go to the fringes, we will find him there; indeed, he is already there. Jesus is already there, in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, in their wounded flesh, in their troubles and in their profound desolation. He is already there" (no. 135). In the end, what's at stake

in all of this is the fundamental mission of the Church: to proclaim and live the love of God through acts of service and to love one another after the example of Jesus. Like Benedict's monks and the Apostles, each of us is called to do our part in realizing this mission, but we are also called to reach across the boundaries — whatever form they might take — and invite others to join us in living out this mission.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ANIMA CHRISTI

**Soul of Christ**, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Thy wounds hide me.  
Separated from Thee let me never be.  
From the malignant enemy, defend me.  
At the hour of death, call me.  
And close to Thee bid me.  
That with Thy saints I may be praising Thee,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,  
be our protection against  
the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits who prowl  
about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, May 8 Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
5:00 P.M. All Mothers (L/D)

**SUNDAY, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 A.M. All Mothers (L/D)  
9:30 A.M. All Mothers (L/D)  
11:30 A.M. All Mothers (L/D)

**MONDAY, May 10 St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**  
9:00 A.M. Frank Proto (L) (Speedy recovery from the family)

**TUESDAY, May 11 Easter Weekday**  
9:00 A.M. Birthday Remembrance +Luis Fernandez (Family)

**WEDNESDAY, May 12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs, St. Pancras, Martyr**  
9:00 A.M. 31st Wedding Anniversary, Claudia & Jorge Rodriguez-Larrain

**THURSDAY, May 13 The Ascension of the Lord**  
9:00 A.M. People of the Parish (Center Road)

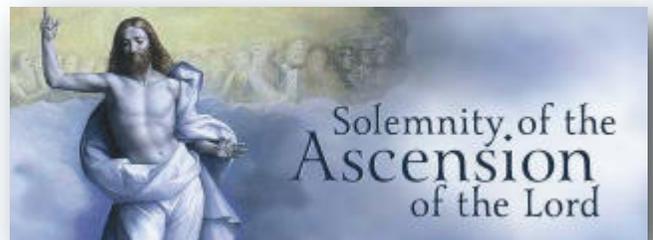
**FRIDAY, May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle**  
9:00 A.M. +Barbara Pickel (The Lowen Family)

**SATURDAY, May 15 Easter Weekday**  
8:30 A.M. +Curt Bradley (Family)

**SATURDAY, May 15 Vigil, Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
5:00 P.M. +Gil Cunha (The Reis Family)

**SUNDAY, May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 A.M. Deceased Members of the LoRicco Family (Family)  
9:30 A.M. +Lawrence Ferlan (Bridget Edell, Patty Kaes)  
11:30 A.M. +Cynthia Schultz (husband, Charles)

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021



**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 A.M.  
AT THE CENTER ROAD CHURCH**

**Church of Our Lady of the Assumption**  
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**Pastor: Reverend Christopher M. Ford**  
**Deacon John "Jack" Mordecai, Deacon Victor Lembo**  
**Deacon Mario DiRienzo, Senior Status**

*Parish Mission Statement*

*Our Lady of the Assumption is a Roman Catholic parish bound together by our faith in God and dedicated to the mission of following Jesus. We adhere to the teachings of Christ and his Church, and seek to encounter Him in the Sacraments, Scriptures and each other and to make ours an understanding, welcoming, and loving community. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to grow in our ministries, holiness, prayer, works of justice and proclaim to future generations the favors of God's steadfast love.*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKDAYS: 9:00 A.M. At the Mother Church**  
(1700 Litchfield Tpke, Rt. 69, Woodbridge)

**(NO MASS ON THURSDAYS)**

**SATURDAY: 8:30 A.M. (Center Road)**

**WEEKEND MASSES: SAT. VIGIL 5:00 P.M., 8:00**  
**A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M (Center Road)**

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00 TO 4:45 P.M**  
**OR BY APPOINTMENT**

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**Dr. Keith Smolinski**

*Director of Adult Faith Formation*  
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**Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

*Office is closed on Thursdays*

*Parish Trustees: Dolph Luciani, Karen T. Cusick*

*Pastoral Parish Council President: Margaret Hamilton*

*Finance Council Convener: Dr. Bruce Marien*

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Ed Rish, Chris Rish, Danielle Esposito, Connie



DiCarlo, Fred Scalesse, Laura Luzzi. Dan Richo, Anna Adamovich, Sandra Overlock, Laura Luzzi, Pamela Willis, Nancy Ferrante Kezel, Mark Cefaloni, Donna Wyda, Patricia McDonnell, Janice Barone. Damian Horbury, Josh Thornberg, Frank DeLucia, Joseph Macolino, Patrick Kennedy, Nancy Cavallaro, and Frank Proto.

Names will remain on the prayer list for two months. After that time, we ask that you call to keep a name on the list or to have a name removed.



Please remember in your prayers those serving in the Military: Pvt Nicholas Rickel, (Army), Dan Kelley (Army), Captain Alexander Carpenter (Army), Captain

Patrick Carpenter Jr., 1st Lieutenant Benjamin Steven Santandreu (Army), SEA BEE Nicholas Listro, (Navy) Lieutenant John Philip Morrissey (Army) Lieutenant Matthew Hansen, Major Daniel Morrissey, (Air Force) Lieutenant Colonel Seth Krummrich (Army), Captain Samuel Hurchala, Lieutenant Sean Leary, Kevin Murphy, Danny Murphy, Pfc. J. Adams, Emily O'Hara, Jonathan Sanchez, Alice Mary, Eric Trivette, Meara O'Hara, Zachary Simpson, Jon Farwell, Sergeant Brian Streit, Ryan Rausch, Mary O'Connell, Andrew Gnidula, and LCPL Glenn Warner.

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS FROM OUR RCIA NEOPHYTES AS THEY LOOK BACK ON THEIR JOURNEY



*What evidence is there in your life that the Holy Spirit lives within you?*  
Forgiveness is a big part of it for me. I find strength in my ability to do so and not get so upset or angry with things I cannot control. I also feel like I want to be a better person every day. (Karen)

The Holy Spirit has guided me to where I am today. I feel as though I am spiritual and have been all my life; however, I really needed a nudge to be able to have the courage to join the Catholic faith. I feel as though I have a sixth sense about things, which is definitely the Holy Spirit helping me; and I can sense negative energy which I could never understand until now, because the Holy Spirit is guiding me and steering me in the right path and will warn me when something is wrong. (Jennifer)

When I see people out and about and proudly tell them I am now Catholic, they can see how happy I am, and I can see how genuinely happy they are for me. So, it must show that the Holy Spirit must live within me. (Catherine)

### BLESSING OF MOTHERS

Loving God, as a mother gives life  
and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be  
strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their  
faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound  
respect and gratitude.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.



We welcome to our Parish family, Patrick John Dempsey, who was baptized at Our Lady of the Assumption on May 2. Congratulations to his family.

PARISH GIVING: May 2, 2021

Weekly: \$6,202.00

Thank you for your generous support

### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

On Saturday, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, seven parishioners completed their thirty-three days of preparation and made their Consecration to St. Joseph during the 8:30 A.M. Mass. May St. Joseph continue to intercede for us in all our needs.



## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need. Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference.



To date, 205 families from our parish have pledged or contributed \$82, 121 which represents 65% of our parish goal of \$125,000.00.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature which can be found at:

[archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal](http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal).

**No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.**

## CHRIST IS ALIVE . . . AND TRULY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST



In preparation for Pentecost Sunday (5/23) at which time all the faithful are invited back to Church, and for the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ on 6/6), there will be a three-week dvd series by Bishop Barron on **Eucharist**. This is an opportunity to delve into the central mystery of our faith by taking a deeper look at this most Holy Sacrament and having a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's Divine Life that we can receive at each and every Mass.

The Introductory session (3') is on our parish website. The following three sessions will be held in the Religious Education Conference Room on Wednesday, beginning May 19, following May 26 and June 2 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. To register, please contact Sr. Carolyn at [carsev2000@yahoo.com](mailto:carsev2000@yahoo.com) or call the office.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

COLLECTION DATE: MAY 15/16, 2021

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally.

Half of all donations to the CCC collected in the Archdiocese of Hartford stay in the Archdiocese to support local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.



## Knights of Columbus Paper Shredding Event

On Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Trinity Council of The Knights of Columbus will be hosting its first annual paper shredding event from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (Center Road) parking lot in Woodbridge, CT. This is the first time the Knights will be offering this free of charge service. All we ask for in return is that participants show their appreciation by making a financial donation to Trinity Council. There will be knights and volunteers on hand to collect donations and help unload cars.



*"God is not Solitude, but Communion; he is Love, and therefore communication, because love always communicates; indeed, it communicates itself in order to encounter the other." (Pope Francis, 2019)*

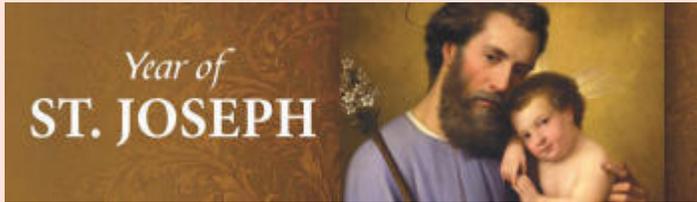
This week's puzzle centers on the Holy Eucharist  
as we celebrate First Holy Communion this weekend!  
ENJOY!

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HOST

## Prayers for the Year of St. Joseph



### Daily Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

### Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death Amen.

### Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

St. Joseph, *pray for us.*

Illustrious son of David, *pray for us.*

Light of patriarchs, *pray for us.*

Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.*

Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.*

Watchful defender of Christ, *pray for us.*

Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.*

Joseph most just, *pray for us.*

Joseph most chaste, *pray for us.*

Joseph most prudent, *pray for us.*

Joseph most valiant, *pray for us.*

Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.*

Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.*

Mirror of patience, *pray for us.*

Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*

Model of workmen, *pray for us.*

Glory of home life, *pray for us.*

Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.*

Pillar of families, *pray for us.*

Solace of the afflicted, *pray for us.*

Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*

Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*

Terror of demons, *pray for us.*

Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy on us!*

V. He made him the lord of His household,

R. *And prince over all His possessions.*

*Let Us Pray*

O God, Who in Thine ineffable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**ARE YOU NEW TO OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION? PLEASE FILL OUT OUR PARISH REGISTRATION FORM. YOU CAN DROP IT OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR MAIL IT BACK TO US AT THE ADDRESS PROVIDED. YOU MAY ALSO USE THIS FORM TO UPDATE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION.**

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## Parish Registration Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name (Surname) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Years in This Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household: Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  Single  Annulled

Adults	Birth Date	Religion	Occupation	Church of Marriage

Children Living at Home	Birth Date	Name of School	Check (√) if sacrament received			
			Baptism	1st Communion	Confirmation	Rel. Education

Parish Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have envelopes, would you like them? Yes  No

Are you interested in learning more about the many volunteer opportunities at the Parish? Yes

Skills/Interests : \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Activities : \_\_\_\_\_

## 17 Inspiring Quotes from Blessed Carlo Acutis



As the world learns more about Carlo Acutis, beatified on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2021 in Assisi, here are some words of wisdom from this young man who died at the age of 15 from Leukemia. May we all learn from his example. Thanks be to God for this beautiful witness of faith, hope, and love.

1. "The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."
2. "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."
3. "By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."
4. "There are people who suffer much more than me."
5. "Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend."
6. "Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us."
7. "Jerusalem is right on our doorstep."
8. All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies"
9. To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".
10. "Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God."
11. "Not me, but God."
12. "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven".
13. "The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy."
14. "Our soul is like a hot air balloon. If by chance there is a mortal sin, the soul falls to the ground. Confession is like the fire underneath the balloon enabling the soul to rise again. . . It is important to go to confession often."
15. "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."
16. "Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."
17. "The Eucharist is the highway to heaven."

*([ncregister.com/blog/17-inspiring-quotes-from-carlo-acutis](http://ncregister.com/blog/17-inspiring-quotes-from-carlo-acutis))*

## The Ascension of the Lord Thursday, May 13, 2021

The mystery of the Ascension dazzles us. If we understand the Ascension, the most abundant treasure of Jesus' gifts will be given to us. His body, no longer physical but spiritual, penetrates the heavens and is present in the Eucharist. He gives Himself to all those who wish to receive and embrace Him. In a hidden way, He is transforming all...

Jesus' Resurrection-Ascension empowers us to live this new life of holy love that is contrary to all the opinions and rules of our materialistically oriented culture. Christ's love is the wellspring of our love. Nothing urges on a person's heart so much as love. Let us walk joyously among the difficulties of this passing life, since all is perfected and brought to perfection in the eternal beatitude of Heaven.

Then Our Savior will glorify us with His splendor, for we loved all things, not for ourselves, but for the glory of God. ([oblates.org/salesian-sunday-reflection-feed/ascension-of-our-lord](http://oblates.org/salesian-sunday-reflection-feed/ascension-of-our-lord)) (Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)

### THE CHOSEN

The Chosen stands out as the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus Christ. This TV drama was created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, with season 1 being the highest crowd-funded TV series of all time. The pilot aired back in 2017 and the first season then began premiering in April 2019.

#### Where to watch Season 1 and 2?

Watch for free in the mobile app at: [www.thechosen.tv/app](http://www.thechosen.tv/app) or search "The Chosen" in your Apple or Android app store. From the app, you can stream to your TV using another device, such as Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Android TV, or Chromecast.



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