May 16th, 2021— Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

St. Anthony of Padua Parish and School

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions – Saturday
(2:30pm to 3:30pm)

Saturday Vigil– 4:00pm
Sunday – 6:30am, 8:00am
& 10:00am
12Noon Spanish

Daily Rosary & Mass
Monday through Friday: 12Noon
Adoration
Fridays, 11:00am to 12Noon

The Parish Office remains closed to the public but we are available to answer your calls at (520) 836-0601. Monday-Friday Hours: 8:30am to 12Noon and 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism:
Baptism preparation classes are held in English & Spanish once a month. Please contact the Parish Office 9am to 4:30pm Monday—Friday. *Las clases en Espanol son una vez al mes. Para registrarse, por favor llamar al teléfono de la oficina (520-836-0601) de Lunes a Viernes, de 9:00am a 4:30pm.*

Sacrament of Marriage:
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New Parishioners
Please call the parish office to register. Many opportunities are available for you to get involved in your new faith community!

THEY WENT FORTH AND PREACHED EVERYWHERE.
—MK 16:20

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ELLOS FUERON Y PROCLAMARON EL EVANGELIO POR TODAS PARTES. —MC 16, 20

LA ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR

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MASS INTENTIONS

"A Morning Offering: Oh my God, I offer to you today, all I think & do & say. Uniting it with what was done, on earth by Jesus Christ your Son."

Mass Intention Book is now open through November 30th, 2021

4:00pm †Flora Montano, †Mary "Tencha" Singh, †Gerry Helfrich, †Antonio Garcia

Sunday, May 16th — Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
6:30am †Kitty Ustic, †Lupe Delsi; SI: Debbie Cattran, Joe Fileccia, Steve Fileccia, Deacon Bob Penzenstadler
8:00am †Ramon Villanueva; SI: Rolando & Julieta Santos
10:00am For the People
12Noon †Deceased members of the Gabriel Family, †Armando Barrientos; SI: Gabriel Family

Monday, May 17th — Easter Weekday
12Noon †Vito Ponsi, †Amado Gonzlez, Sr., †Amado Gonzalez, Jr.

Tuesday, May 18th — Easter Weekday/St. John I, pope/martyr
12Noon †Fr. Bob Carney; SI: Rolando & Julieta Santos, Gary Tostenson

Wednesday, May 19th — Easter Weekday
12Noon †Stanford Howes, †Maria Roman, †Mary Sitko

Thursday, May 20th — Easter Weekday/St. Bernadine of Siena, priest
12:00Noon †Ramon Villanueva, Sr.; SI: Melissa M. McFaden, Gary Tostenson

Friday, May 21st — Easter Weekday/St. Christopher Magallances, priest & companions/martyr
12:00Noon †Karen Skier

Saturday, May 22nd — Easter Weekday/St. Rita of Cascia, religious
4:00pm †Yeh-Moo Shen, †Wei-Ming Shen, †John Battistella, †Ken Sankey, †Flora Montano, †Mary "Tencha" Singh, †Alvin Hamman, †Lucia Goitia

Sunday, May 23rd — Pentecost Sunday-Solemnity
6:30am †Trinidad Gonzalez, †Trudy Cody
8:00am †Arturo P. Cosillos, Sr., †Cruz M. Cosillos; Frankie A. Cosillos, Arturo M. Cosillos, Jr., DaShawn White, Cosillos & White Families, Christopher Slate
10:00am †Ramon Villanueva, Sr., †Marian Warfel
12Noon For the People

Readings for the Week of May 16th, 2021 *©LPI, Inc*
Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39; *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39: *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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The Ascension of the Lord

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

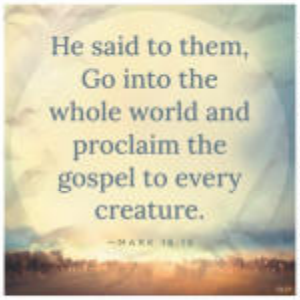
It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power! ©LPi

La Ascensión del Señor

"Con su Ascensión el Señor Resucitado atrae nuestra mirada al Cielo, para mostrarnos que la meta de nuestro camino es el Padre" (Papa Francisco). La Solemnidad de la Ascensión es un tiempo para disfrutar de la alegría Pascual de un modo diferente. Jesús sube al Padre, de donde vino, y está sentado a la derecha de Dios. Vuelve a la casa del Padre y eso debe de llenar de gozo al cristiano. La raíz de nuestra esperanza es el gozo y la fe. El reto está lanzado, la misión espera y hay mucho campo para trabajar. Esto conlleva una invitación a responder al discipulado.

"Vayan por todo el mundo y anuncien la Buena Nueva a toda la creación. El que crea y se bautice, se salvará; el que se niegue a creer será condenado" (Marcos 16:15-16). Jesús nos marcó la tarea, es nuestro deber hacerla con atención y cuidado. Participar en la misión encomendada de Dios es un privilegio confiado a los que tienen fe. Jesús dejó las herramientas listas para ser usadas. Los once salieron de sus miedos y comenzaron a predicar el Evangelio: *"Ellos por su parte, salieron a predicar en todos los lugares, el Señor actuaba con ellos y confirmaba el mensaje con los milagros que los acompañaban". (Mateo 16:20).* El desafío, hoy, es ser un nuevo Jesús para la sociedad actual. ¿Cómo es el desafío? ¿Dónde está el desafío? San Ignacio de Loyola lo miraba de este modo: *"Ser contemplativos en la acción".* Contemplar es buscar a Dios en la oración, y la acción es escuchar y acompañar al que lo necesite. ¡Gracias, Señor por la misión! ©LPi



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK: The one who came from heaven now returns to heaven. Today celebrates the completion of the Divine-human story. When God became one like us, humanity was divinely kissed. The message was clear: mortal human beings, once seen as insignificant and expendable, radiated with the presence of God and revealed the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The poor were raised up and given dignity, the sick healed, and justice proclaimed. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all created beings and things and their Creator. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. While we are still moaning and expressing sighs of incompleteness as we continue our journey, we see and know the glory that awaits us and the inheritance that will one day satisfy the longing of our souls. This feast of the Ascension is truly a celebration that can bolster our faith, deepen our love and renew our hope. ©LPi

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA: El que vino del cielo ahora vuelve al cielo. Hoy se celebra la culminación de la historia divino-humana. Cuando Dios se convirtió en uno como nosotros, la humanidad fue divinamente besada. El mensaje fue claro: los seres humanos mortales, antes vistos como insignificantes y prescindibles, irradiaban la presencia de Dios y revelaban la intimidad del Misterio Divino. Los pobres fueron resucitados y dignificados, los enfermos sanados y proclamada la justicia. La historia humana se entiende como una alianza, un verdadero y nuevo pacto, que celebra una relación de amor entre todos los seres y cosas creados y su Creador. Jesús ahora se sienta a la diestra del Padre como el Cristo de Dios. En este estado ascendido, vemos en lo que todos debemos convertirnos y tenemos ante nosotros la vida transformada que aguarda a toda la creación. Mientras seguimos gimiendo y expresando suspiros de incompletitud mientras continuamos nuestro viaje, vemos y conocemos la gloria que nos espera y la herencia que algún día saciara el anhelo de nuestras almas. Esta fiesta de la Ascensión es verdaderamente una celebración que puede reforzar nuestra fe, profundizar nuestro amor y renovar nuestra esperanza. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: Why Are We Looking at the Sky? Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. *Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!*

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history? *— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA - RECONOCER A DIOS EN LOS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS: ¿Por qué Estamos Mirando al Cielo? Hombres de Galilea, ¿por qué miran al cielo? Parece una pregunta bastante insensata para que los ángeles se la hagan a los discípulos. Su mejor amigo acaba de irse volando en una nube. Creo que, en esa situación, mi primera reacción probablemente sería detenerme y mirar también.

Pero no olvidemos que los discípulos tenían

mucho trabajo por hacer. Un mundo lleno de almas para evangelizar. Siempre me ha divertido un poco la idea de los ángeles bajándolos del Monte de los Olivos. ¡Ponte a trabajar! ¡El reino no se va a construir solo!

En nuestra propia vida de fe, a menudo nos encontramos mirando al cielo, ¿no es así? Somos los fieles, después de todo. Hemos visto a Cristo. Lo hemos aceptado. Nos hemos entregado a Él. ¿Qué más necesitamos hacer? Quizás moramos excesivamente en el pasado o anticipamos ansiosamente el futuro. Tal vez no podemos superar un error que hemos cometido, o estemos rehuyendo un desafío frente a nosotros. Todos tenemos nuestra propia nube que nos ha encantado.

Pero recordemos, nuestra fe obliga a la acción. Una vez más, el reino no se va a construir solo.

¿Por qué miras al cielo? El trabajo está aquí. La hora se acerca. Un buen corresponsable debe ser consciente del don del tiempo. ¿Cuál es la montaña que necesitas bajar? ¿Cuál es la tarea que Dios te encomienda? ¿Con qué propósito te ha colocado Dios aquí, en este mismo momento de la historia? *— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Please join the Knights of Columbus for the Silver Rose Prayer Service. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. The prayer service will be held on Saturday May 29th at 1:00 p.m. in the Church as well as live streamed on the parish Facebook page.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter on May 15-16, 2021 (virtually on Zoom). Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: wwmearizona.com

H.E.A.R.T. stands for healing the effects of abortion-related trauma. The next HEART recovery group will begin the first week in June. To enroll, you can confidentially email us at heart@calvarycg.org or call 520-836-9676. If calling, leave a message for HEART with you initials and phone number. Joann or Judy will respond. We provide a compassionate, confidential, and non-judgmental place to find hope and healing from a past abortion experience.

LAUNDRY LOVE UPDATE

Thank you to all who have donated soap pods and money. Because of your generous donations and that of other community members, we have plenty of soap pods. Individuals or families receive vouchers from various service organizations (including St. Vincent de Paul). Those vouchers are brought to the laundromat on the 2nd and last Wednesday of the month in order to have laundry done. St. Anthony Parish did Laundry Love on April 28th. We did 240 loads of wash and spent $601.25 on washing and drying. Money donations can be placed in an envelope marked Laundry Love and placed in the collection basket. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE AND DO FOR THIS WORTHY COMMUNITY SERVICE.

5 Five Ways

to protect your children from sexual abuse

Parents play the primary role in educating their children about sexual abuse. Here are 5 tips for teaching safety to the little ones God has entrusted to you.

1. **Keep it practical.** Teach your children the differences between safe touches and unsafe touches.

2. **Tell your children that saying "no" is okay.** Empower your children to say "no" if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or touches them inappropriately.

3. **Give your children a way to alert you.** Tell your children they can use an excuse or share a special "code-word" with you to to alert you about an unsafe person or situation.

4. **Tell your children to report an unsafe touch.** Let your children know they should tell you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe around any adult or peer. You can also identify other adults they can tell about unsafe touches.

5. **Tell your children you trust them.** If your child makes a report to you, believe him or her. Tell them it is not their fault and that you love them. Immediately bring the allegation to the attention of public authorities.

Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal

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Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors

1 Sexual abuse is about the victim.

Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life.

2 The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Those who have been abused can heal, but if often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.

3 No one has the right to have access to children.

No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.

4 Common sense is not all that common.

Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

5 Child sexual abuse can be prevented.

It is critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm—such as protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

6 Feeling heard leads toward healing.

Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor's suffering, pain, and anger are acknowledged.

7 You cannot always predict who will be an abuser.

Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family.

8 There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling.

9 People can be taught to identify grooming behavior.

Grooming behaviors are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

10 Background checks are important.

Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children.

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Your local St. Vincent de Paul Society is **ACTIVELY** assisting those of our community who are in need, in spite of the COVID19 pandemic, through donations and sales at our Thrift Store. To properly serve our clientele with dignity and respect, we are dependent on the help of those who are able to share time and talents as **VOLUNTEERS**, especially **NOW**. If your schedule allows, **PLEASE** consider devoting one morning a week to help out. Anytime you can spare will be **GREATLY APPRECIATED**. In these uncertain times of the virus, we are in **DESPARATE NEED** of your assistance. If circumstances do not allow you to volunteer, we sincerely and strongly **ENCOURAGE** you to visit our Thrift Store regularly or perhaps consider a cash donation to help feed and clothe those in need (both of which are two of our faith's Corporal Works of Mercy). To apply as a **volunteer,** please call 520.836.2009 for an appointment. Thank You

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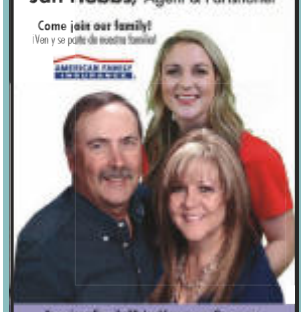

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