

The Voice of  
**St. Roch**

**MAY 16, 2021**

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*First Communion Class of 2021*

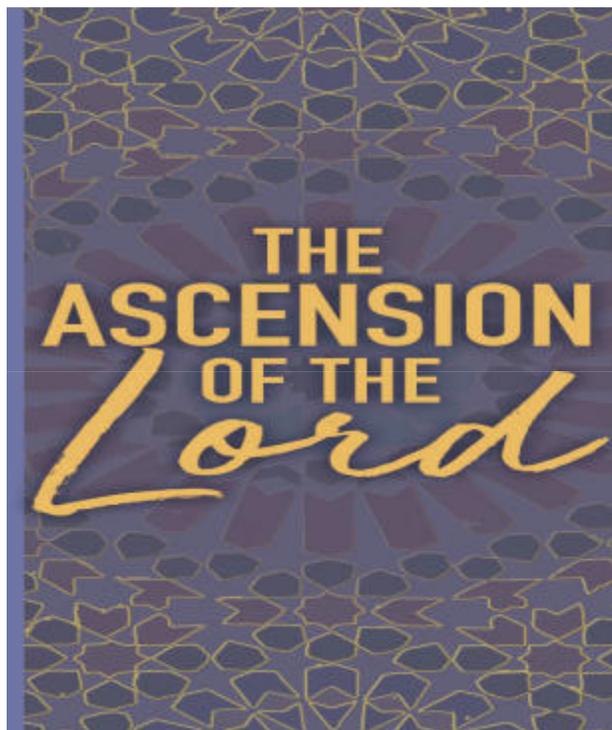
*I am the Bread of Life ...*



*Declan Anhut  
Alba Bannon  
Kamryn Beatty  
Bennett Boller  
Sara Cox  
Amelia Daugherty  
Jordyn DeVall  
Jace Duey  
Amelia Fabbri  
Carter Godbey  
Colton Gray  
Keira Gray  
Makenna Hagerman  
Alaina Harris  
Alicia Harris  
Jude Izbicki*

*Caden Johnson  
Isabelle Karner  
Hudson Kowalewski  
Morgan Leveille  
Reese Marvaso  
Colton McGowan  
Gabriella Palazzolo  
Mason Reasey  
Sophia Redwood  
Cole Roberts  
Emilio SanMiguel  
Aiden Short  
Penelope Stapleton  
Aiden Stork  
Olivia Tyrna*

*...Whoever eats this bread will live forever.*



**Our Parish Mission Statement**

We, the Catholic-Christian Community of St. Roch Parish, following the work of Jesus Christ, are dedicated to the faith formation, and spiritual growth of our Parish and neighboring communities. As the people of God, we are called through the Holy Spirit to evangelize, to minister, to provide faith-filled experiences of prayer and devotion and to cultivate the Gospel values of Love, Peace and Justice.

## Fr. Ray's X-Rays

Howdy! The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated today. It signifies the culmination of the death and resurrection of



Jesus and this miracle of sorts of He ascending to the Father (mirrored by the lifting up of Jesus on the cross) brings to fulfillment, the mission and ministry of Jesus. As we profess in our creed, Jesus, "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father," with the synoptic gospels, paints a beautiful picture of Jesus on the Mount of Olives rising into the heavens. Artists in our church have done this too, with many capturing such a beautiful moment for us to gaze upon.

With permission this feast was moved some 23 years ago to the Sunday preceding Pentecost. The reason behind: to encourage more Catholic Christians to observe feast days considered important. It may seem that the Church (here in the United States and Canada too) was playing into the hands of the people, making it easier for them in not having to "go to church in the middle of the week", my terms. Yet I think the Church realized the impact society had made on church, families, neighborhoods and life in general and wished to accommodate people in their work and livelihood.

Some may say they - the Church - gave in and made it more convenient for folks (which can be argued on either side). But the impact of society affected everyday Christians and even within the Methodist church for example, as well as in the Catholic Church, changes were made to coincide with people's schedules and trying or attempting to meet them somewhat half way? so as to engage them in worship and prayer. There is obviously more to this than I can write or have the expertise to comment on in this space and article.

Yet from the standpoint of liturgy and celebration and in light of many other significant factors - number of Masses being said, priest availability and the number of people attending, - moving to the Sunday was a good fit and insight. It has allowed us to celebrate a significant theological event of importance in our spiritual lives within a healthy community attending. Note well, today, there are only six dioceses in the United States conference of the Catholic Church that have retained the traditional Ascension Thursday holy day of obligation: the diocese of Omaha NE. and, the archdioceses of Philadelphia, New York, Newark Hartford CN and Boston.

### First Communion

We celebrate the second of two First Communion Masses this Sunday (at the 11:30 Mass) and initiate if you will, our second graders into the church so that they can "gather around the table of the Lord."

We welcome them to this meal of which Jesus expressed as a memorial for us to do in honoring Him and for us to receive a grace that is so important to have in living in our day and age. God's blessings to all of our First Communicants. I pray for them and for their parents especially their Moms and Dads - to be good role models of faith and prayer for these children.

### CSA

We begin the annual campaign of the archdiocese of Detroit for funds this weekend. Archbishop Vigneron writes, "to continue the work of the Holy Spirit, our 2021 Catholic Services Appeal seeks to "fuel the Mission" for the present moment." Our target is some seven thousand dollar more than we targeted this past Fall 2020, (which was moved due to the pandemic). This increase reflects a mindset established some years ago in 2017 to restore equity to all parishes in their particular targets or goals. During these past four years we saw a significant reduction in our CSA. Now with this equity of paying our full share, we have an increase in our mandatory goal. I pray that we can achieve this target. I support you and thank you in what you are able to donate or contribute to this annual appeal.

Do take care and continue to be safe and wise. Gods blessings.



### **ST ROCH PARISH CSA 2021**

This is CSA Weekend! Thank you to those of you who have already mailed your CSA pledge cards as this ensures we Fuel the Mission to witness Christ.

Fr. Ray is asking all parishioners to join him in contributing to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet our 2021 CSA target of **\$54,987.00**, which is our parish share of the support of more than 170 CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services.

Any gifts we receive over our target will be returned to our parish in full. If, however, we do not meet this target, we will have to make up the shortfall from our general fund.

If you are still prayerfully considering your CSA pledge, you may mail your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope that was provided you.

### **CSA 2021**

**Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA**

**P. O. Box 6047**

**Albert Lee, MN 56007-6647**

You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online at [givecsa.org](http://givecsa.org). Or, if you prefer to make the donation at the Parish level we will forward it on for you.

If you are unable to give, please keep our parish and this campaign in your prayers. No one of us can do this on our own but together, with Christ, we can accomplish great things!



Greetings!

Registration for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation program (Kindergarten through Confirmation) will take place on Sunday, May 23rd, immediately following the 11:30am Mass until 2:00. Classes for K-8 will be on Mondays from 4:00-5:30 and 6:00-7:30 and Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 and Confirmation will meet on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 and 6:00-7:30.

A big thank you to all of you that donated trial size toiletry items! The Confirmation class came in several times to sort them and make individual toiletry bags. Approximately 200 of the bags were delivered to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Meldrum St. in Detroit (kiddie corner from St. Bonaventure Church & the Solanus Casey Center. They were extremely grateful for the donation! We also donated some of the individual toiletry bags to the St. Vincent de Paul Summer Camp (Ozenam).

Finally, I have been attending meetings for a new Archdiocese of Detroit and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan joint initiative called "Walking with Moms in Need". The goal of this initiative is to collaborate and share resources so that if a mom in need comes to our parishes, we can share the information. Another goal would be to assist those resources that are local to our parish. For example, the baby shower that we did for Heartbeat of Monroe. If you would like more information about this, please feel free to call or email me.

Keeping you all in prayer,  
Mrs. Cheryl Knapp

**Mark Your Calendars!  
Registration for the 2021-  
2022 Faith Formation  
Classes will take place on  
Sunday, May 23rd  
immediately following the  
11:30 Mass until 2:00pm.  
Please call Cheryl  
if you have any questions.**



*Mass Schedule*

**Saturday, May 15th, 2021**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**3:00 pm Reconciliation**  
**4:00 pm Sp Int Mary Busenbark**  
 Req by Lehr Family  
**Sunday, May 16th, 2021**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**9:00 am Deceased Members Of St. Roch Parish Family**  
**11:30 am Douglas Brown II**  
 Req. by Carl & Julie Subastian  
**First Communion Mass**

*Calendar of Events*

**Monday, May 17th, 2021**  
 8:30 am Meals on Wheels  
**9:00 am No Mass**  
**Tuesday, May 18th, 2021**  
**9:00 am Jeanine Fiorelli**  
 Req. by Mary Ellen Bodary  
**Wednesday, May 19th, 2021**  
 12:30 pm Bible Study & Sharing  
**Thursday, May 20th, 2021**  
 8:30 am Meals on Wheels  
**9:00 am Mass**  
**Friday, May 21st, 2021**  
**9:00 am Mass**  
 7:30 pm AA

*Mass Schedule*

**Saturday, May 22nd, 2021**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**3:00 pm Reconciliations**  
**4:00 pm Marion & Genevieve Kur**  
**Marge & Earl Munroe**  
 Req. by Lynn & Pam Munroe  
**Sp Int Mary Busenbark**  
 Req. by Lehr Family  
**Sunday, May 23rd, 2021**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**9:00 am Josephine Zmuda**  
 Req. by Family  
**11:30 am Deceased Members of Knight Family**  
 Req. by Knight Family  
**Sp Intention Frank & Linda Mackay 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
 Faith Formation Registration til 2 pm

 Please, no outside food or beverages in the church (this includes bubble gum). Help us to keep our facilities clean. 

Flat Rock Subdivisions  
 United Garage Sales

Saturday/Sunday, May 14/16 9am-4pm

- Rain or Shine
- Each residence/ household must purchase a permit at City Hall 
- Advertising in Monroe Paper, Social Media Sites and News Herald (Donations toward the ad contact Sue 734-782-9476)

**COLLECTION - 05-02-2021**

Registered Families	681
Sunday Envelopes Returned	148
Envelopes	\$5,994.00
Loose	\$ 549.00
Children's Collection	\$ .00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,543.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$8,634.00</b>
<b>(Under) Over Budget</b>	<b>\$(2,091.00)</b>
<b>Supplemental Income</b>	
Easter	\$ 50.00
Ascension	\$ 40.00
Maintenance	\$ 70.00
Miscellaneous	
(Votives/Masses/Funerals)	\$ 40.00
<b>Total Sunday &amp; Suplm'tl</b>	<b>\$ 6,743.00</b>

**THANK YOU!**

**PLEASE, if it possible for you to send separate checks for each donation (ex Maintenance, St. Vincent DePaul, etc.) please do so. It make the accounting so much easier—God's Blessings**

**LEST WE FORGET**

Lord, may we remember in prayer, our loved ones. Support them with your Holy Spirit and grant us the courage and grace to embrace your loving ways. With all our heart, strength and love grant them divine consolation and eternal rest.

- Jacob John Kusak - May 16, 2009*
- Joseph Meloche- May 16, 2002*
- Dominic Vecchioni - May 17, 2004*
- Regina Olszewski - May 17, 2009*
- John Christensen - May 17, 2012*
- David Vecchioni - May 18, 2004*
- Irene Kotula - May 18, 2012*
- Gerald Menard - May 19, 2009*
- Mary Ann Forgach - May 19, 2012*
- Edgar Pierce, II - May 20, 2006*
- Edward Sedliar- May 22, 1995*
- Robert St. Peter- May 22, 1998*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

The Ascension of the Lord  
 Today's Scripture readings from the Acts of the Apostles and St. Mark's Gospel fittingly share a theme of the Lord's Ascension: Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. This evangelization message applies equally to us today as it did when Jesus directly commissioned His disciples. Pope Francis embraces this command for the entire Church by directing us to become "a band of joyful missionary disciples." In this spirit of evangelization, we, as Christian stewards, are inspired to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to boldly profess Christ's Good News of salvation to the world. Are you mindful of re-evangelizing those brothers and sisters who have left the faith? Or evangelizing those who do not know Jesus? Read Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter, Unleash the Gospel and review the resources at [unleashthegospel.org](http://unleashthegospel.org). Also consider joining a local St. Paul Street Evangelization team to bring the Catholic faith to a world in need of Christ, or participating in Alpha or a similar evangelization course.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Time	Lector
<b>MAY 1</b> 4:00 pm	<b>SATURDAY</b> Judy Morgan
<b>MAY 2</b> 9:00 am 11:30 am	<b>SUNDAY</b> Kelli Lambrix Allie Matzo
<b>MAY 8</b> 4 pm	<b>SATURDAY</b> Chris Hensley
<b>MAY 9</b> 9:00 am 11:30 am	<b>SUNDAY</b> Jay Otten Gayle Malloy
<b>MAY 15</b> 4 pm	<b>SATURDAY</b> Dan Harnum
<b>MAY 16</b> 9:00 am 11:30 am	<b>SUNDAY</b> Tim Stokes Norma Taylor
<b>MAY 22</b> 4:00 pm	<b>SATURDAY</b> Pam Munroe
<b>MAY 23</b> 9:00 am 11:30 am	<b>SUNDAY</b> Ed Suchyta Chris Snow
<b>MAY 29</b> 4:00 pm	<b>SATURDAY</b> Gayle Malloy



Call Cheryl in the Parish Office @ 734-782-4471 or email her @ [knappc@strochflatrock.com](mailto:knappc@strochflatrock.com) for more information.



**Bible Study and Sharing**  
 Every Wednesday 12:30 - 3:00  
 Fellowship 12:30-1pm  
 Join us any time!

**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?

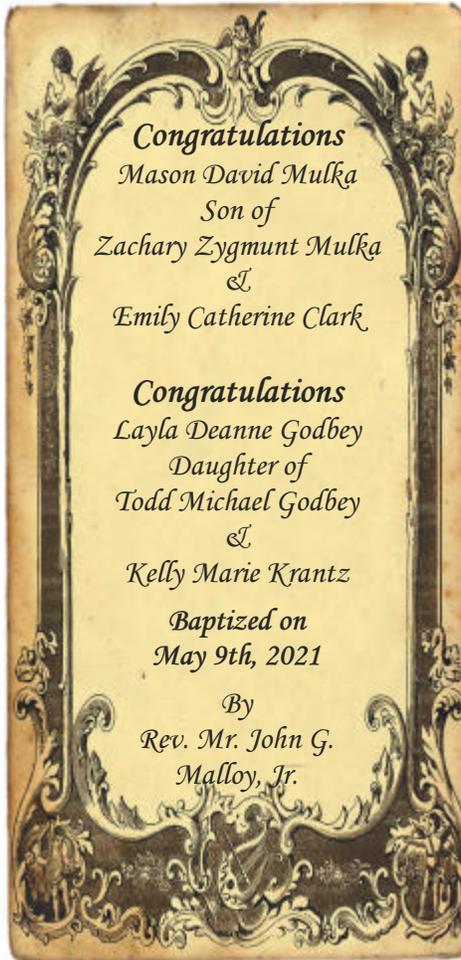
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Dear Parishioners:

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. John Phelps on his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support. Yours in Christ, James Cavnar, President

Meals on Wheels is available at St. Roch on Mondays and Thursdays for Meal pick-up. Seniors 60 years or older who call one week ahead, may pick-up meals at St. Roch's Parking Lot at 10am. Call Sue at 734-673-2630.



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

St. Roch St. Vincent DePaul number is 734-778-2998.

**Gabriel Richard Catholic H.S.'s** inaugural "It's Your Lucky Day Raffle" is less than a month away! Purchase a ticket for a chance to win \$10,000.00! Only 1,000 tickets will be sold for the June 1st drawing. All proceeds go towards financial assistance to Gabriel Richard students in need.

Tickets can be purchased online at [http://web-link.donorperfect.com/2021\\_ItsYourLuckyDay\\_Raffle](http://web-link.donorperfect.com/2021_ItsYourLuckyDay_Raffle) or by calling Adrian Kowal at (734) 284-1875, ext. 116.

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**Pastoral and Sacramental Guidelines**



**Baptism**

Infant baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 11:30 Mass (or after). Parents requesting baptism of their child or children must contact the parish office, be baptized (or at least one parent), registered and active members of the parish. They must attend a baptism class at least one month prior to the baptism. Newly registered members must wait three months prior to a request.

**Marriage**

Couples seeking to be married at St. Roch's must contact the pastor to secure a date, contacting him at least six months or more, prior to their desired date. One member of the party must be a baptized Catholic, active and registered at St. Roch's (or through their parents). The couple will then be instructed in the marriage preparation program. Non-catholic members (of the party) or previously married members are not restricted from entering into marriage, so long as they are free to marry according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Any member of the parish may be anointed prior to surgery, beginning therapies, suffering chronic illnesses, having reached old age and/or having been hospitalized. **This sacrament of healing is for the living (conscious and alert) and can be celebrated in church, at home or in the hospital.** Please contact the parish office for a visit to be arranged. Emergencies always take precedence.



**First Eucharist and Confirmation**

Please contact the religious education office for information regarding these initiation rites, requirements and subsequent celebrations.

**Reconciliation**

This healing sacrament is celebrated every Saturday afternoon at 3Pm in the church or by appointment.

**Catholic School Tuition Assistance**

St. Roch Parish is able to assist families who are active members of the Parish, with Catholic School tuition assistance. Contact Fr. Ray and or the Finance Council for more information.

**RCIA**

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Call Cheryl @ 734-782-4471 or e-mail her @ [knappc@strochflatrock.com](mailto:knappc@strochflatrock.com).

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

**Readings for the week of May 16, 2021**

- 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
- MONDAY:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- TUESDAY:** **St. John I, Pope and Martyr;** 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:** **St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest;** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- FRIDAY:** **St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs;** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- SATURDAY:** **St. Rita of Cascia, Religious;** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
- NEXT SUNDAY:****Pentecost 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 ©LPi



If you are a member of St. Mary's Our Lady Of The Annunciation or St. Roch parishes, graduating from High School, going to college, and have been an active Altar Server throughout High School (or as active as possible during Covid), your local Knights of Columbus Council is once again offering a \$1000 college scholarship competition. Applications and instructions are available via the St. Mary's website at [www.stmaryannunciation.org](http://www.stmaryannunciation.org). This opportunity encourages all High School students to remain active by serving our parish communities. If you have any questions please call Steven Kardel at 734-306-4676. Or, if you wish to help sponsor High School students and donate directly to the Knights of Columbus college scholarship fund, please call Steven Kardel at 734-306-4676. Our mission is to assist as many college bound Christians as possible, so the more money we raise for this worthy cause, the more students we can support. Good luck and God Bless all of our graduating seniors.

**FAMILIES OF PARISHES**

Encounter: Family Gathering 2  
 Register at [FOPgatherings.org](http://FOPgatherings.org)  
 Click on menu—upper right corner  
 Find St. Roch—click on  
 June 2, 2021 @ 7 pm

**Prayer to St. Roch**

Patron of Contagious Illnesses  
 O Blessed Saint Roch,  
 Patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek through Christ our Lord. Amen  
 (Repeat the following 3 times)  
 Saint Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.



**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:**

Luke opens his story of the early Church (the Acts of the Apostles) with Jesus' ascension into heaven and Jesus' final command to be witnesses to the faith. In what ways do you pass your faith onto others?

**Second Reading:**

Paul urges the Ephesians to use the gifts that God has given them to "build up the body of Christ" and to attain the "unity of faith." What are the gifts you use to foster unity in your faith community?

**Gospel:**

Mark's account of the ascension of Jesus includes a final commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel, baptize believers, drive our demons, and heal the sick. How well do you think the Church fulfills this commission today? ©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.

**FIRST READING:**

"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

**PSALM:**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)  
 Or Alleluia.

**SECOND READING:**

The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. (Eph 4:10)

**GOSPEL:**

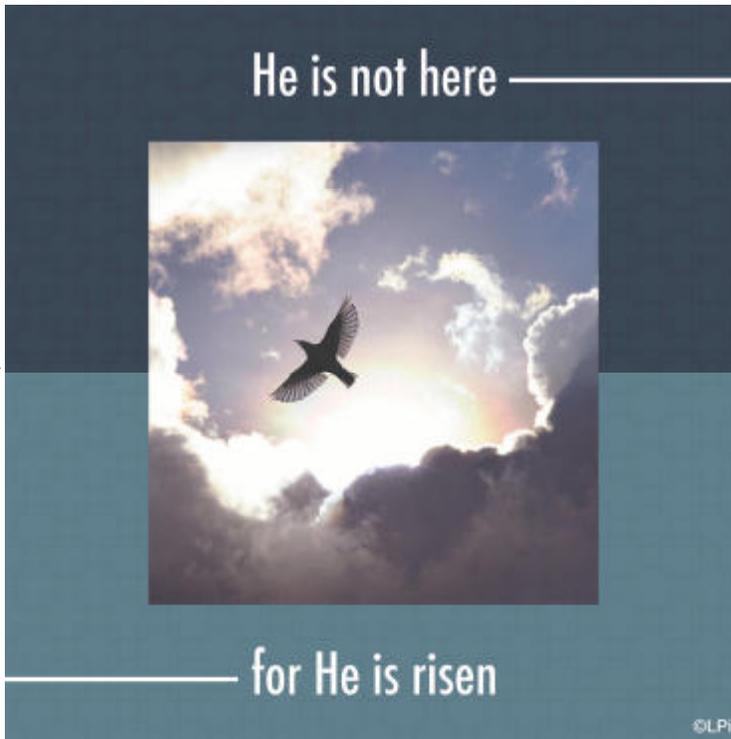
So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.  
 (Mk 16:19)

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE  
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!  
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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**PRAYER FOR MILITARY**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, Amen

Please keep in prayer ALL the men & women serving in the military & coastguard.

Especially these members of our Parish Community:  
Please let us know of current personnel in the Armed Services



- Joseph Cooper, CDR US Navy
- Mark E. Bomia-LCDR, Navy
- John Taylor II,
- Tim Koscielny, USCG, BM2
- Noah Holtschlag, USMC
- Mark Cordovado, Army
- Yahir Macias, Army
- Donald Puruleski, Army

**In Our Thoughts And Prayers**

Please call the parish office to add or remove someone from the prayer list. Thank you.

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|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Paul Adams           | David Coffey                 | Rachel Ivey              | Harold Peterson  | Dolores Smith       |
| SFC Leonard Addams   | Mike Cragg                   | Barb Jennings            | Nick Peterson    | Margaret Stamper    |
| Beverly Asper        | Maxine Crandall              | Rachael Jennings         | John Piekarski   | JulieAnne Steckel   |
| Debbie Baron         | Mary Donofrio                | Cathleen Karnacki        | Barb Pierce      | Bruce Stevenson     |
| Frank R. Beven       | Marlene Elwell               | Mary Kehoe               | Eileen Przybylo  | Carol Stoughton     |
| Janet Beven          | Lori Ferguson                | Kay Kinse                | Dorothy Ransford | Tom & Susan Strong  |
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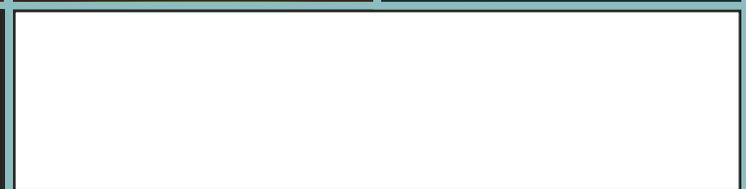


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