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The Ascension of the Lord - May 29, 2022



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." - Jn 17:22-23a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The longest recorded prayer of Jesus is found in the Gospel of John, the "high priestly" prayer which Jesus prayed aloud at his last supper meal with his disciples (John 17). This prayer most clearly reveals the heart and mind of Jesus - who and what he loved most - love for his Father in heaven and love for all who believe in him. His prayer focuses on the love and unity he desires for all who would believe in him and follow him, not only in the present, but in the future as well.

Jesus' prayer concludes with a petition for the unity among all Christians who profess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Jesus prays for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples (John 17:20). In a special way Jesus prays here for each one of us that as members of his body the church we would be one as he and his Father are one. The unity of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, with the eternal Father is a unity of mutual love, service, and honor, and a oneness of mind, heart, and spirit. The Lord Jesus calls each and every one of his followers into this unity of mutual love, respect, service, honor, and friendship with all who belong to Christ.

Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
Charity to All
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My child, let Me fill your heart with charity so that you may love Me with a full and perfect love. Charity sees Me in all My works. Even when doing things for others, it does them for My sake.

Be good to all, but refuse to sin for anyone. There can never be any excuse for doing what is wrong and displeasing to Me. Still, there are times when you may postpone your religious duties in order to help someone who needs you. In this case you are still pleasing Me. One who is not interested in the needs of his neighbor, is not really interested in Me. Your devotion to Me is proved by action. For My sake, help others as much as you are able.

In your efforts to help others, beware of falling into impatience when your plans fail. Guard also against an over-eagerness to change others. If they insist on continuing in their error, pray for them and leave them to Me. You have done your part. I know how to draw good even out of the evil which men do.

Whenever you cannot correct a defect in yourself or others, be patient and pray for My assistance. I will not let evil win out in the end. If all people were perfect, you would have little to suffer for My sake.

Every person has his faults and each one has his burden. People should bear with one another, help one another, console one another and warn and instruct one another. Treat others as you want Me to treat you at your judgment.

Readings for the Week of May 29, 2022

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b/
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Ps Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b/
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11/
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b/
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: 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, 29-30, 31, 34/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn
14:15-16, 23b-26

Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)

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| Monday | 8:00 a.m. | William Matwey |
| Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | Werner Haasch |
| Wednesday | 8:00 a.m. | Vocations |
| Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | Francisco Soares |
| Friday | 8:00 a.m. | June Hammond |
| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | Eugene Heiter |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Larry & Laverne Schubert |
| Sunday | 7:00 a.m. | Lawrence Ambrosio |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Jeanette Wiltse |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Gloria & Sam Moschitto |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Parish Family |

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*),
and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the
month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 16th.

Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri,
in Church

Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm
until 6:45 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

Mon. 05/30 Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tues. 05/31 9AM Rosary Makers

Wed. 06/01 9:15AM Legion of Mary;
10AM SVDP Meeting;
4PM Traditional Choir

Thur. 06/02 10AM Prayer Shawl Ministry;
3PM Benediction/Adoration;
6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;
7PM Contemporary Choir

Fri. 06/03 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests
Apostolate

Sat. 06/04

Sun. 06/05

St. Thomas Aquinas Early Childhood Center is currently looking to fill a few staff vacancies for the fall. If you are interested, please email Alicia at staecc@aol.com.

Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, our Father, Creator and Lord of the Universe, You have set the earth on its foundation and all the elements of nature obey your command. We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers, and calm the storms that threaten us. May we be secure in your loving protection, and serve you always with grateful hearts. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
Call for information.
Phone: (727) 372-8600
Website: www.stanpr.org
Prayer Line: (727) 372-8600
Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:
Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204
Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:
Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111
Adm. Asst./Reception: Meghan Snyder - Ext. 110
Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115
Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132
Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):
Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131
Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133
Music: Dan O’Hara - Ext. 128
Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:
Betty West - Ext. 116
Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142
Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor
Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina
STA Early Childhood Center
Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330
www.staecc.org

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: *Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: May 21 & 22, 2022

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| Offertory: | \$11,261.44 |
| Online Giving: | <u>\$ 3,938.00</u> |
| Total: | \$15,199.44 |

Thank you to our Parishioners and Visitors for your generous support!



Catholic Daughters Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. St. Vincent de Paul #2172 will meet on June 14th at 6:15 PM at the church for Mass to install our new Officers.

Anyone is invited to attend even if you are not a member of the Catholic Daughters. Installation will take place at the end of Mass. We will then proceed to the Community room for refreshments. Please be at the church no later than 6:15 PM. Any questions, please call Linda Bergeron at 727-203-3498.



**The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invite you to pray for the Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese.
Please remember to pray for all of our Priests.
Below are the names for the week.**

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

5/29 Rev. Pedro J. Zapata

5/30 Rev. Lucius Amarillas, OSBB

5/31 Rev. Andrew Burns

6/1 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

6/2 Rev. Krzysztof Gazdowicz

6/3 Rev. Phillip Clement

6/4 Rev. Dominic J. Coron



"You are a Priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek."

-Psalm 110:4



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Easter Family Retreat



Theme: "I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing"

(Luke 12:49)

Date: Saturday - Sunday, June 11-12, 2022

Venue: Mary Help of Christians Retreat Center
6400 East Chelsea St. Tampa, FL 33610

Speaker:

Fr. Edgardo "Bing" Arellano
AHFI International Spiritual Director

Contact Information:

Leila Taghap
(813) 453-3606

Modesta Wakefield
(813) 848-8227

Dr. Pacita B Pensuvan
(Head Coordinator)
Mobile: (904) 238-7711
(Call/Text preferred)

Retreat Registration fee: Individual: \$65.00
Ages 17 years old and below: Free of Charge
Priests and Religious: Free of Charge
Spanish translations are available during the talks

Hotel Accomodations: Floridan Palace Hotel
Hotel Address: 905 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa FL 33600
Tel.# (813) 225-1700

Rate: \$109/night (Double bed + tax: Free buffet BF & parking)
Code: AHFI / Cut off date: May 22, 2022
Contact for Accomodation: Steve Tapanan (352) 216-9835

REGISTRATION FORM:

I/ We plan to attend the Easter Family Retreat on June 11-12, 2022

Registration fee: Individual: \$65.00 with lunch, for meeting hall and other expenses

Contact for Registration: Myrla Estoy (Secretary) (904) 962-1461 • Please make checks payable to: ATH - FL
Mail Registration form and checks to: ATH - FL, 6307 Blank Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32244 - 7211

Family Name and No. (#) Attending: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Children's Name and Age: _____ Church: _____





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Africa 1605-1607



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1625; helped found
Sisters of Charity.
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forsaken childhood to
old age."



1580-1660

Canonized 1737 by
Pope Clement XII

STA Adult Faith Formation ~ x133

Illustrated Lives of the Saints. Ed. Rev. Hugo Hoever, S.O.Cist. New Jersey: Catholic Book Publishing Corp., 1955 (current edition, 2015).



St. Joan of Arc | May 30

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all 3 saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

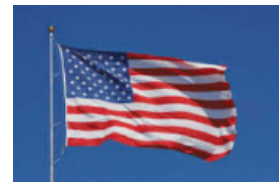
During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiègne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members.

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Memorial Day Mass

Join us on May 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., for the Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 11801 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater.



Reverend Hugh Chikawe, Chaplain for Catholic Cemeteries, will be the main celebrant. Please join us for this special Mass, as we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country and all the souls of the faithful departed. All are welcome!

Did You Know? Summertime, Safe Time

All teachers, staff, and volunteers in the Diocese of St. Petersburg who work with children must undergo fingerprinting and criminal background checks. (Arch)diocesan guidelines and abuse prevention training programs currently in use emphasize the importance of parents' knowing who has access to their children at school and other Church-sponsored activities.

Summertime is here, and parents should remain vigilant regarding who is granted access to their children. Make sure camp counselors have undergone criminal background checks. And make sure you know the camp's daily routine. In particular, make sure that no camp activity results in a child being left alone with one adult.



All activities should be supervised by more than one adult, and the camp should be open to unannounced drop-in visits from parents.

For particular help you may call: **Michael Craig, Safe Environment Program Manager at (727) 344-1611, ext. 5377.**

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