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The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

-- Mark 16:16



Daily Mass

Week of May 13th – 17th

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Tuesday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Thursday: 8:00 Archie Strother+
 Friday: 8:00 Anne Baudler+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
April 28, 2024	\$9,757.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,035.00



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

Andreas Inigo, Louisa Catherine and Saskia Magdalene Kwiram, son and daughters of Amanda Straub and Andrew Brandt.

Lena Corinne and Natalia Raven Limon, daughters of Cristy Johnston and Thomas Limon.

Camille Malea Matanock Stevens, daughter of Aila Matanock and Jason Stevens.

Ralph Nevers Toothman, son of Patricia Nevers and Henry Toothman.

Alonzo Antonio, Azelea and Zoe Zamora, son and daughters of Estefania Lupian and Antonio Zamora.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Mother's Day Mass Cards!



Mother's Day is today, May 12th. You can still offer a Mass of intentions for your mother. The Mother's Day cards can be found on the credenzas in the Church or on the table outside the Parish Office. Fill out the outer envelopes and return them to the Parish Office or drop them in the collection basket on Sunday.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Dutch painter, Piet Mondrian, defined beauty as "transcending the human and yet human in its depth." That seems to me to define the person of our Lord exactly, especially as we celebrate the feast of his Ascension.

In his life among us Jesus always showed his supreme humanity: his compassion for the poor, his demand for justice, his willingness to seek out the rejected: those whom St. Paul describes as the offscouring of humanity. He also shared the fate of those who were without resources of their own: "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

When he left this world he did not leave his humanity behind. The liturgy tells us that it is our humanity that he takes with him into the presence of God. He always remains with us, as he says to his disciples when he leaves us, but he also takes us with him as he enters into his glory.

Think of that. Christ transcends the human and yet never loses the human in his depth. And he never abandons us, but gives us a share in his glory. He laid down his life, for us, his friends, and takes it up again and takes us up with him.

This is a great mystery and worthy of our deepest reflection in prayer. It is also the reason for our great hope, to be with him always.

Fr. Basil

Spring -- Ireland Pilgrimage Concert!

Come and enjoy music that we have prepared for Ireland on Saturday, May 18th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church! Our selections are inspired by African American spirituals, medieval and contemporary composers. Stay after the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a Potluck in the Gibson Center or arrive early before the Concert for refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Motherhood!

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

-- Anonymous

Mother's Love!

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

-- Chinese Proverb

Corpus Christi Men's Club Meeting & Celebration!

The Men's Club is having a year-end meeting and celebration on Thursday, May 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at Crogan's Restaurant in Montclair. They will be celebrating another successful year and discussing next year's events, including the Crab Feed and Parish Picnic, and holding elections for new officers! They are recruiting new and returning members to become a part of the leadership team. Food and beverages will be provided. For more details, go to: <https://www.ccmensclub.org>.



No one has come as close to expressing the wonderful Providence of the Almighty on our behalf as our own mothers have. We praise and thank the Lord for our mothers! All the joys, the love, the tears, the sacrifices, the patience, the gentleness, the warmth, the protection, the endurance, the security, the tenderness, the friendship they have extended to us over the years have left a truly indelible mark upon our souls and upon our hearts. How could we ever thank them enough?

May the Lord bless and love our mothers!

The Significance of the Ascension!

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.



Today's Readings!

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 1:1-11).

Psalm -- God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading -- God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel -- The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

Readings For The Week May 13th -- 18th

Monday: First Reading Acts 19:1-8;
Psalm 68;
Gospel John 16:29-33

Tuesday: First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26;
Psalm 113;
Gospel John 15:9-17

Wednesday: First Reading Acts 20:28-38;
Psalm 68;
Gospel John 17:11b-19

Thursday: First Reading Acts 22:30; 23:6-11;
Psalm 16;
Gospel John 17:20-26

Friday: First Reading Acts 25:13b-21;
Psalm 103;
Gospel John 21:15-19

Saturday: First Reading Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
Psalm 11;
Gospel John 21:20-25

Next Community Potluck!

The Hospitality Committee invites you on Saturday, May 25th, for a Mexican Potluck after the 5:00 Mass. Please bring a dish to share or make a small donation. Dessert will be hot fudge sundaes!

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Today's celebration varies from place to place. In some parts of the United States, people gather for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while other places celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Several years ago, regions of bishops were permitted to decide whether to retain Ascension Day on Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, or to move the celebration to the nearest Sunday. This new flexibility in the Christian calendar has to do with the desire to gather the Church to celebrate its central feasts fully and with the Eucharist. Increasingly, as priests serve remote and scattered parishes, this is not always possible mid-week.

The Ascension is a key moment for grasping what life in Christ is all about. It is not about a departure, but rather a plan for presence. We who are nourished by the Lord's body and blood in the Eucharist are transformed to be his abiding presence in the world. That is a truth so worth celebrating that we can adjust our calendar in order that the fullest possible gathering of the Church can be achieved.

The Ship of the Church!

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

-- St. Boniface