

May 13, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord



Continuing the Mission

The celebration of Christ's Ascension focuses our attention on just exactly what we are to do now that Jesus is no longer with us in the flesh. Jesus' mission was to bring us into union with God and with one another and to heal everything that obstructs that union. With his ascension, that mission is now ours. Each of us is consecrated and empowered to carry on this mission with the assistance of the abiding presence of the Risen Lord. *How is your life a participation in this mission?*

Today's Bulletin is in memory of Larry Seifert sponsored by his family.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God for all the mothers of our Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 16
8:00 a.m. Fr. Raphael Baidoo
Thursday, May 17
8:00 a.m. Fr. Dan Morales
Friday, May 18
8:00 a.m. Geraldine Toth
Saturday, May 19
6:30 p.m. Agnes Moeller
Sunday, May 20
6:30 a.m. Victor Schoenfeld
9:30 a.m. The Deceased of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #16

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *Pentecost*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for the First Communicants.

Happy Mother's Day

Prayer for Mother

Thank you, God for my mother. How many times have I said that I will be different from my mother – "better," unusual – not like her. Yet here I stand, morally and lovingly hers.

Thank you, God for all that she said and all that she did not say, for all that she did and all that she left undone.

Thank you, God for letting me become so many of those good things that were my mother—the things I had not the wisdom to see in earlier day. Thank you, God for my mother.

— Donna Schaper

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet – See Insert

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

To Our First Communicants

Greyson Paul Anderle

Judson Baylor Virgil Anderle

Carson Lee Beyer

Zurely Guadalupe Vazquez

Guerrero

Sophia Yvette Vazquez



No Taking of Photographs During Mass

Pictures are not allowed to be taken during the Liturgy. You will have the opportunity to take pictures after mass.

Prayer For Our First Communicants

Lord Jesus, bless all those who are receiving you in Holy Communion for the first time today. May each one of them know your love and mercy in a personal way. May all your people open their hearts to you and be transformed by this sacrament. May we become a sign of your love for the whole world. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Altar Society Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Family

TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WEDNESDAY – Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall

THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Frank Svetlik

and for the comfort of his loved ones.

May he rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Proclaim the Gospel to All Nations

The readings for this Sunday show us that it is the inherent responsibility of the disciples of Jesus to continue his mission. Jesus did not send his disciples into the world to proclaim the good news without the support necessary to accomplish their purpose. The ascending Jesus promised the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and empower his own for mission. With keen awareness of our need for the ongoing gift of the Spirit to inspire, drive, and authenticate our work as Jesus' disciples, we must remind ourselves that before Jesus sent the Church into the world, he sent the Spirit in the Church.

Like Jesus, we are sent to be fully immersed in the human condition so that every person we encounter, everything we touch, will experience the presence of God with us.

However, like Jesus, we are also to follow the lead of God who calls us apart from the ways of the world to witness to other values, to other goals so as to live an alternative lifestyle within the world inspired by our faith in the ascended Lord.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 14 – Julia Beran

May 15 – Rudolph Roznovsky

May 16 – Willie Pilat

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 17 – Betty & Ronnie Roznovsky

May 18 – Julia & Brian Beran

May 19 – Bernice & Dennis Ellinghausen
– Mary & Kenneth Kristynik

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Today – *First Communion*

May 26 – Confirmation Retreat

May 27 – *Confirmation*

July 9-13 – **Vacation Bible School.** Look out for forms this week.

Teen A.C.T.S. Retreat July 19 – 22

Come join other teens for interaction with youth and adults concerning religious, spiritual, moral and social issues; prayer & scripture sharing, physical games, exercises & water activities. Forms available at the main entrance to church.

The First Praha Pancake Sunday was a success. Thanks to the St. Joseph's parishioners who came out to support our sister parish.

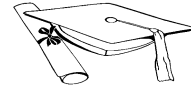
Remember the sick in your prayers, especially
Joyce Lukovsky, Rhonda Muehlstein,
Ronnie Pfeil and Irene Portales.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria
Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community. *Please be generous.*

CONGRATULATIONS



M.H.S. CLASS OF 2018

Irineo Aguirre Barbosa	Santiago Ibarra
Noah Aaron Bartos	Rayvin Brianna Kalisek
Conner Wade Blahuta	Keegan Rhea Kirkland
Baily Layne Bohuslav	Zane Kyle Kubicek
Brooke Roseann Braeuer	Laura Elizabeth Manzano
Joyce Evelyn Carlile	Devin Michael McCloud
Gorge Ramon Castro	Mandi Denise Mitchon
Darren Christopher Cleveland	Ian Garret Patton
Argelia Colchado	Kacie Nicole Siegel
Janeth Colchado	Macie Lea Simecek
David Michael Harris	Macy Erin Zidek
Ethan Kyle Hernandez	

We welcome our graduates to the Liturgy today (Saturday) and we pray for God's blessing for them. The graduates and their immediate families are invited to a reception sponsored by the Catholic Daughters in the Parish Hall.

PENTECOST – NEXT SUNDAY



Veni Sancte Spiritus Come Holy Spirit

As its name indicates, Pentecost is the feast that takes place fifty days after Easter Sunday. It is the crowning finale of the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, which lasts throughout Eastertime and ends with the pouring out of the Spirit over the apostles and in the Church. Pentecost is the final manifestation of God that has given birth to the Church. Come, Holy Spirit!

Take time this week to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our parish family.

Prayer

*Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of thy faithful
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And thou shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation,
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*