

The Ascension of the Lord

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Myles Acosta. Billy Edwards. Elayne Hayes. Vicki Robinson. Tony Olzawski. Sierra Duke. Nancy Pyle. Jerry Key. Tom Rottinghaus. Eileen Swanson. Elise Sugg. Kathy Carmona. Vicki Robinson. Jacob Stephens. Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Andrea Easter. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Judy Fazzio, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Ensign Gary Buchanan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lcpl Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma).

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 5/12 5:00pm Mass—Edel Quinn Envoy of the LOM

Sun 5/13 9:30am Mass—Mother's of Holy Spirit Parish

Tue 5/15 9:00am Communion Service/Adoration

Wed 5/16 7:45am Mass—Mr. Thomas Cheradai+ (Father of Rev. Joby Thomas)

Thurs 5/17 9:00am Mass—Virginia Grizzaffi+ (M/M Hansen)

Fri 5/18 9:00am Mass—Mr. Thomas Cheradai+ (Father of Rev. Joby Thomas)

Sat 5/19 5:00pm Mass—Carey Sloan (Verna Sloan)

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds Offerings

5/05 & 5/06

**\$ 3,961
\$ 4,263**

Attendance

**Sat. Sun.
67 119**

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (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) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

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

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

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

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

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, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.

—Anonymous

**Please remember
Holy Spirit Parish in your Will.**

For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation @ 903-534-1077 X 200 or visit www.etcflegacy.org.

Pope's Universal Intention for May:

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity:

EVENTS AND NEWS

May Second Collections: 12th & 13th "Catholic Communications Campaign".

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"Farmers everywhere provide bread for all humanity, but it is Christ alone who is the bread of life... Even if all the physical hunger of the world were satisfied, even if everyone who is hungry were fed by his or her own labor or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of man would still exist... Therefore, I say, Come, all of you, to Christ. He is the bread of life. Come to Christ and you will never be hungry again..." - Pope John Paul II)

For those who are lucky to still be blessed with your Mom this is beautiful. For those who aren't, this is even more beautiful.

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning.

Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space not even death!

- Author is only known as John



Wed., May 16th, 6:00pm you are invited to join the parish for refreshments and to learn more about the capital campaign in support of seminarian formation and our parish.

Leave a Lasting Legacy With A Gift from Your Retirement Plan: All IRAs, 401ks and other retirement plans have beneficiary pages. Because leaving these plans to children can result in a large percentage going to taxes, you may want to consider naming the parish endowment fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. It will be a charitable gift so no taxes are due on the gift. You can even leave just a percentage of the retirement plan to the parish endowment fund. For information about changing your beneficiaries on retirement plans or other legacy planning ideas contact Mark Henry at 903-534-1077 X200, email him at mhenry@dioceseoftyler.org or go to www.etcflgacy.org.

MAY EVENTS

Sat. 12th: Group pictures taken after Mass.

Sun. 13th: Happy Mother's Day! NO COFFEE OR DONUTS today. Group pictures taken after Mass.

Tues. 15th: Communion Service @ 9:00am followed by Adoration.

Wed. 16th: Parish Campaign Reception 6:00pm Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Sun. 20th: Parish Picnic @ Noon. Food provided by the Knights of Columbus. Games, face painting, and more! Parishioners please come and enjoy!

Tues. 22nd: Prayer Garden Meeting @ 6:00pm. Anyone interested in the maintenance of the prayer garden please attend meeting.

Mon. 28th: Memorial Day. Diocese of Tyler & Church Office Closed.

Wed. 30th: Confirmation 6:00pm with the Bishop

With our 2018 Parish Directory in the workings. Bob Parker will be available Sat. 5/12 & Sun. 5/13 after Mass to take group pictures. Please stay in the church after each Mass to participate if your involved in one of our organizations listed below. All pictures are needed by 5/15/18 to church office.

Choir, altar servers, finance committee, pastoral council, Legion of Mary, rosary group, Knights of Columbus, welcoming committee, fundraiser, cleaning crews, coffee and donut committee, ushers, adoration, food bank assistance, angel tree, homebound & hospitalized, prayer blanket, life chain, linen group, faith formation, EM's and Lectors.

Do you have a child or grandchild that is graduating from High School or College?

We would like to share their exciting information in our bulletin. Please e-mail or leave a message at church their name, where they are graduating from and where are they going from their. Info needed by May 14.

Thank You, Bridget.



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