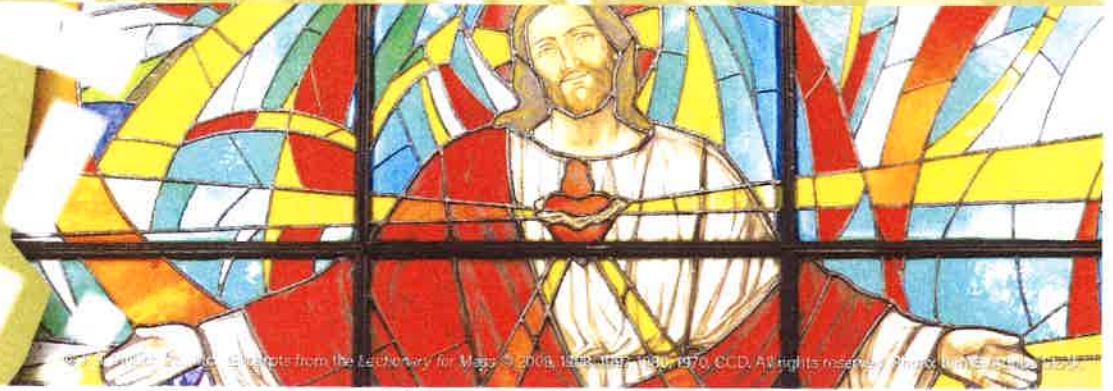


MAY 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God is love,
and whoever
remains in love
remains in God
and God in them.

1 JOHN 4:16



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As we near the end of the Easter season, the readings lead us to keep the big picture of Christ's Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life and ministry, passion, death, and resurrection—and the impact it is to have in our lives at the center of all that we are and do. We who have been drawn to Christ through baptism are called to take on the mind, heart, and life of our Lord. Jesus, who is God's love incarnate, shows us the extent of God's love and calls us to live this love in the world. We live in the world but do not belong to it. Ultimately, we belong to God. When we show love, especially when we sacrifice for the sake of another, we share in Christ's saving love, building a bridge between God and humanity in Christ's name.

MADE SACRED IN TRUTH

Jesus prayed to God the Father about his disciples, "Consecrate them in the truth." To consecrate is to make holy. Jesus asks God to make us holy in the truth of

God's love which is poured upon us through the Holy Spirit. Think about this: we call the moment in which the bread and wine at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ the consecration. The bread and wine are transformed and made sacred, holy. Remember, too, that as the gifts are brought forward for consecration, we join our lives, gifts, and resources in prayer, asking God to bless us, to consecrate us as well. In baptism, we are consecrated—we are set apart in Christ's love. Knowing this should make a difference in the way we live our lives. Our consecration should be the benchmark for our attitudes and actions, the choices and decisions we make each day. What does it mean to you to be consecrated, to be called to holiness? How does this affect the way you live?

Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26;
Ps 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; 1 Jn 4:11–16; Jn 17:11b–19

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Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
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The Ascension of the Lord

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

Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Valerie Branch. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Yvonne Scott. Ulysses Cormier. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed & Diane Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazio. Marsha Blahitka. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Marty Blahitka.**

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

New active recruit, Dawn Quinn, US Army (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 5/15 Donna Rauner+ (Mary Catalano)

Sun 5/16 Pat Gallardo (K of C)

Tue 5/18

Wed 5/19

Thurs. 5/20

Fri. 5/21 Carol Szczepanski (K of C)

Sat. 5/225 Kowalewski Family+ (Mary Catalano)

Fr. Mike is on vacation through 5/20. No 9:00am weekday Masses.

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through March 31, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,642

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,364

Attendance 5/08 Saturday 52 5/09 Sunday 75

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

Pope's Intention for May:

The world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: This Jesus 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) or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13].

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

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

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 J 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

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.

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Holy Spirit Garage Sale
June 4th 9:00am—3:00pm
& 5th 9:00am—12:30pm

MORE ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR SALE

We've started pricing, you can **drop off items every Wednesday between the hours of 9:30—11:30am. NO CLOTHING or ELECTRONICS.** Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868 if you have questions or unable to drop off items on Wednesday mornings.



Basilica Chosen by the Holy See to Lead Worldwide Rosary to Pray for an End to the Pandemic

Monday, May 17 at 12 pm ET/6 pm in Rome – Faithful Invited to Join In-Person or Online

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception has been

chosen by the Holy See to lead the worldwide recitation of the Rosary on Monday, May 17, at 12 noon ET/6pm Rome time, in response to Pope Francis' call for a "marathon" of prayer during the month of May "to ask for the end of the pandemic."

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington and Chairman of the National Shrine Board of Trustees, will prayerfully lead the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary from the Basilica's Great Upper Church.

With the ability to accommodate 1,000 people socially distanced in the Great Upper Church with other safety protocols in place, the event is open to the public and the faithful are encouraged to join this vital prayer effort in person by registering at www.nationalshrine.org/mass-registration.

For those unable to attend in person, the recitation of the Rosary will be livestreamed at www.nationalshrine.org/mass and will be shared with the Holy See for transmission throughout the world.

Initiating this worldwide Rosary marathon from St. Peter's Basilica on May 1, Pope Francis said, "At the beginning of the month dedicated to Our Lady, we join in prayer with all the shrines around the world, the faithful, and all people of good will to entrust to our Holy Mother all of humanity so harshly tried by this pandemic."

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is among only 30 shrines from around the globe chosen to lead a day of prayer during the monthlong Rosary marathon. On May 17, the National Shrine has been asked to pray specifically for all world leaders and for all heads of international organizations as it leads the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, said, "It is an honor for us to participate in this important initiative of the Holy Father as he invites the world to offer this great Marian prayer. It is my hope that, through this monthlong worldwide praying of the Rosary, Our Blessed Mother will look favorably upon our pleas and present our great need before her Son, asking God, through her intercession, to bring an end to the pandemic and return our world to a form of normalcy."

Save the date **Sat., May 22nd at 9:00am** for a **Rosary Rally** outside Holy Spirit Church. Praying that lapsed Catholics may return to the Faith.



choir practice



Every Saturday at 10:30am inside our church. Questions call Wanda Stephens 903-769-1180.

May Second Collections:
 15th & 16th: "Catholic Communications."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953. The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE May 31, 2021 @ 2:00pm
Veterans Memorial Park, Hawkins, Texas

If you know of a veteran that has recently died in 2020 & 2021 please notify Jeanette Sterner ASAP with their name and service: jeanettefrw@gmail.com or call 903-769-0962

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th, 6:00PM

If you have been involved in one of the ministries' above, you still need updated training. If you signed-up or you did not get a chance to sign-up, you may attend the training.

Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen

OUR CHURCH IS NOW OPEN
WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES

Protocols still in place:

1. We are still alternating every other pew.
2. When we have an overflow, there is sitting available in the parish hall, (please do not move the chairs). The large screen television is setup to view our Mass. Someone from church will bring you communion in the parish hall.
3. We do ask, no socializing in the church or parish hall before, during or after each Mass. Please exit to the parking lot after Mass to socialize.

God Bless You,
Fr. Mike Snider

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 12 May 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 7 May 2021) Submitted by Randy Munoz

The Catholic Church, founded by Jesus [Matthew 16;18: *“Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”*] and throughout her over 2000+ years history, has had ecumenical councils to discuss/resolve issues of her time. An article by Karl Keating (1 June 1993), *The 21 Ecumenical Councils*,) gives us a little insight into these various historical events. <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/the-21-ecumenical-councils>

Aside from the first general gathering of the bishops of the Church—the Council of Jerusalem, which occurred around A.D. 50 (Acts 15) [and basically recognized the acceptance of Paul and the many Gentiles who were wanting to become “Christians] is usually not counted as an ecumenical council – there have been 21 ecumenical or general councils of the bishops of the Catholic Church. (The Eastern Orthodox Churches recognize the first seven as ecumenical councils.) A council is recognized as ecumenical once its works are approved by a pope. The pope does not need to attend a council for it to be an ecumenical council. The earliest councils were held in the East, and the reigning popes usually sent legates to represent them. Later these popes approved the decrees of the councils, thereby verifying that they were ecumenical councils. Some councils, such as Ephesus, have been mainly doctrinal in their work; others, such as Vatican II, have been mainly pastoral. Doctrinal definitions are capable of being promulgated infallibly; pastoral decisions, although binding, are not subject to infallibility.

1. Nicaea I; year – 325; Pope Sylvester I, 314-335; Emperor Constantine, 306-337

Decisions: Condemned Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ (elements of Arianism have reappeared in our own time); defined the consubstantiality of the Father and the Son; fixed the date for Easter; began formulation of Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed.

2. Constantinople I; year – 381; Pope Damasus I, 366-384; Emperor Theodosius, 379-395

Decisions: Recondemned Arianism; condemned Macedonianism (which denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit); completed the formulation of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed.

3. Ephesus: year – 431; Pope Celestine I, 422-432; Emperor Theodosius II, 408-450

Decisions: Condemned Nestorianism (which denied the unity of the divine and human in Christ); defined that Mary is the Mother of God (Theotokos), a doctrine denied by the Nestorians; condemned Pelagianism (which held that man could earn his own salvation through his natural powers).

4. Chalcedon: year – 451; Pope Leo the Great, 440-461; Emperor Marcian, 450-457

Decisions: Condemned Monophysitism/ Eutychianism (which denied Christ’s human nature).

5. Constantinople II: year – 553; Pope Vigilius, 537-555; Emperor Justinian I, 527-565

Decisions: Condemned the Three Chapters, writings tainted by Nestorianism and composed by Theodore of Mopsuestia, Theodoret of Cyr, and Ibas of Edessa.

6. Constantinople III: year – 680; Pope Agatho, 678-681; Emperor Constantine IV, 668-685

Decisions: Condemned Monothelism, which held Christ had but one will, the divine (this heresy arose as a reaction to the monophysite heresy); censured Pope Honorius I for a letter in which he made an ambiguous but not infallible statement about the unity of operations in Christ (but for the real meaning, see Catholicism and Fundamentalism, pages 227-229).

7. Nicaea II: year – 787; Pope Hadrian I, 772-795; Emperor Constantine VI, 780-797

Decisions: Condemned iconoclasm (which was mainly confined to the East – a heresy that held that the use of images constituted idolatry); condemned Adoptionism, which held that Christ was not the Son of God by nature but only by adoption, thereby denying the hypostatic union.

8. Constantinople IV: year – 869; Pope Hadrian II, 867-872; Emperor Basil, 867-886

Decisions: Recondemned Adoptionism; deposed Photius as patriarch of Constantinople, thereby ending the Photian Schism, but this did not completely remove disaffections between the West and the East (in 1054 came the final break, when the Eastern Orthodox Churches broke away from unity with Rome).

9. Lateran I: year – 1123; Pope Callistus II, 1119-1124; Emperor Henry V, 1105-1125

Decisions: Confirmed the Concordat of Worms (1122), in which the Pope and Emperor sought to end the dispute over investiture (the attempt by the secular powers to assume authority in appointing bishops; this was a main source of Church/state friction during the Middle Ages).

10. Lateran II: year – 1139; Pope Innocent II, 1130-1143; Emperor Conrad III, 1138-1152

Decisions: Ended a papal schism by antipope Anacletus II; reaffirmed baptism of infants; reaffirmed the sacramental nature of the priesthood, marriage, and the Eucharist against Medieval heretics; decreed that holy orders is an impediment to marriage, making the attempted marriage of a priest invalid. {To be continued.}



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