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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.



THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday May 28		
Confession Available at 4:00 pm		
Mass	5:00 pm	+ Frank C. Guccione
Sunday May 29		
Mass	8:30 am	+ Frank C. Guccione
Mass	10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday May 30		
Mass	9:30 am	Roni DeGiovanni
Tuesday May 31		
NO MASS and the Office is closed		
Wednesday June 1		
Mass	9:30 am	Ted Mercer
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm		
Thursday June 2		
Mass	9:30 am	Gregory Molley
Adoration from 10am until Noon		
Confessions Available from 10:30-11:45am		
Circle of Caring 10 am		
Friday June 3		
Mass	9:30 am	+ Children and teachers killed in Texas

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND SORROW: Please pray for Ted Mercer, Roni Degiovanni, Theresa Sarnelli, Ed Sherman, Missy Lyons, Greg Molley, Virgie Davis, Shana Widmer, Emma Heathershaw, Danny Cusimano and all those who are sick or who need healing. Also pray for the children and teachers who were killed in Texas last week, Diane Chase, Frank Guccione and all those who have died recently and for those who have asked for our prayers.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Deirdre Schneider and Donna Alberto.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

The ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, “*I am with you always; yes, to the end of time*” (Mt 28-20). He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus remains accessible to us now in the life-giving Holy Spirit, assuring us that one day we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided that, with His grace, we live out our Faith in Him through the mission of loving service He entrusts to us.

Today’s Gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completes his mission on earth. But just before his Ascension, Jesus entrusted to the disciples the mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to him through their lives. It is in his Ascension that we see Jesus entering fully into the life and glory of God. In the descriptions of Christ after his Resurrection, we are given a hint of what life will be like in Heaven. The prospect of sharing that glory should be the driving force of our lives.

SOME TAKEAWAYS:

1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Spirit of God to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

2) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, Forgiveness, Mercy, and Salvation by his life and his preaching and gave us the same mission for our brothers and sisters. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings through our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, our reception of the Sacraments and our works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we experience with the help of the Holy Spirit.

3) We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith and baseless fears, anxieties, and worries by meditating on Jesus’ Ascension and the lesson it teaches — that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven. ... Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST NOVENA: You can find the daily novena prayers on our website: stmarybythesea.com

QUILT RAFFLE: Between now and Fathers Day on June 19th we are selling tickets for the two beautiful quilts in the vestibule. The money raised will provide scholarships for St. Aloysius School in Uganda. Buy your tickets and put them in the jar for the one you want to win – one is Queen size and one is King size. Good Luck to all and thank you for your support.

MESSAGE FROM UGANDA: Greetings to you dear friends, On behalf of the student body we send words of appreciation for the two safe water tanks funded to our school through your generous hands. We would like to inform you that they are already in use and we promise you that we shall handle them with care. No student will now need to drink unsafe water with these beautiful safe water tanks. Now non of us will fall sick and miss classes. Succinctly, we pray that God continues blessings the work of your hands and that many people may witness God’s mightily work through your generosity. Yours faithfully, Namuli Maria Jascent, Head student body girl.

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRAGEDY: In this moment of unthinkable grief as a nation, we join our community in mourning the heartbreaking and senseless loss of lives at Robb Elementary School. We pray that God will offer peace, comfort, and courage to each of the families affected by this tragedy. We pray: “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred; let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon, Where there is error, truth, Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope, Where there is darkness, light, Where there is sadness, joy, O divine Master, grant that I may not seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand To be loved, as to love For it is in giving that I receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”