



May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20

Where Are You Looking?

Are we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so they were asked: “Why are you standing here looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11).

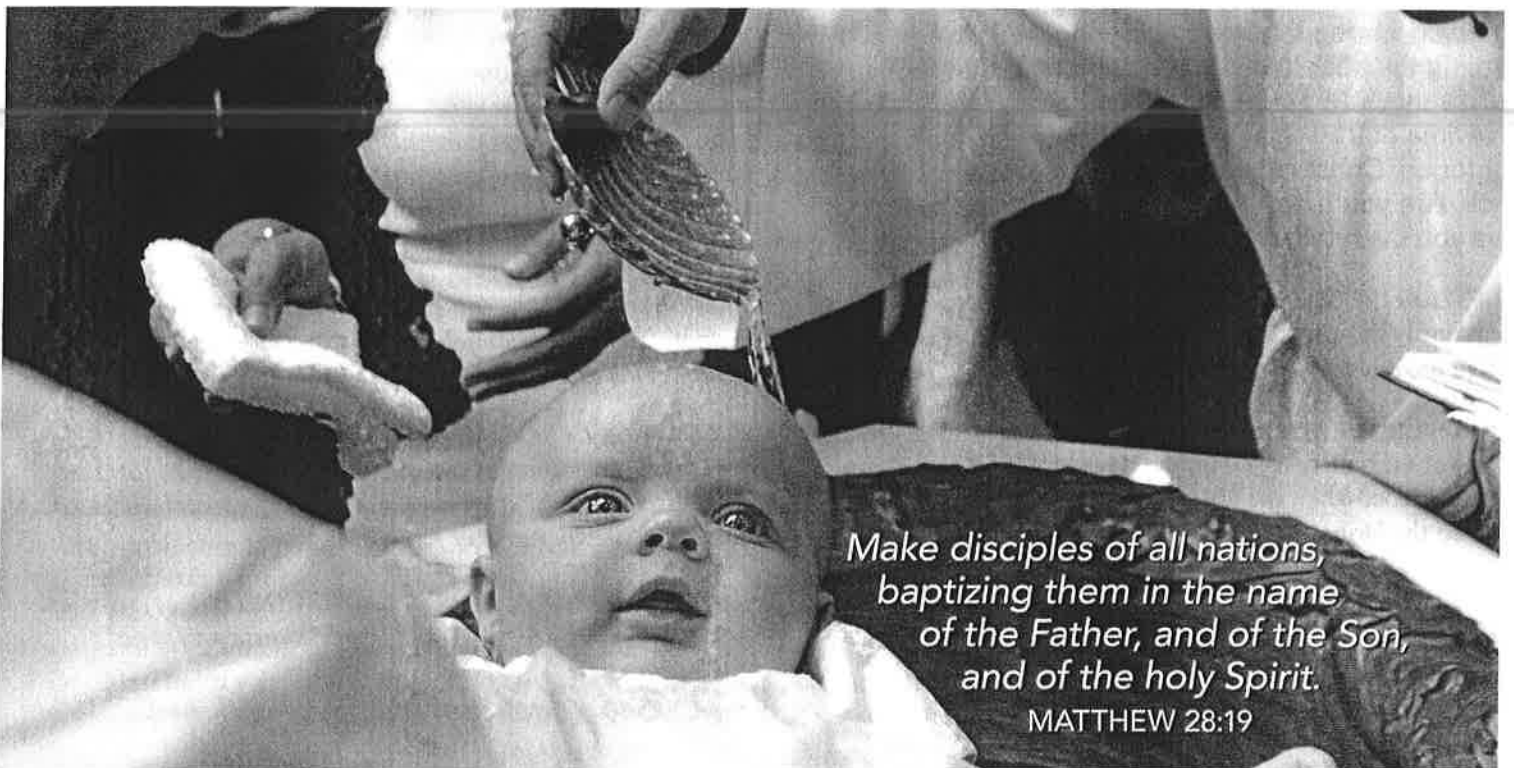
Are we also looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus’ ascension. However, today’s understanding of the universe helps us realize that the biblical account of Jesus’ ascension into heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God’s right hand, “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion” with “all things beneath his feet” (Ephesians 1:21–22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: “Watch what is going to happen.” Instead he told them to go out: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don’t worry, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). Look where you’re going, not where I went.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In what ways have other people touched you with the mystery of the risen Jesus?*
- ★ *In what ways do you bring the reality of Jesus to people in your life?*



*Make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the holy Spirit.*
MATTHEW 28:19



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The Ascension of the Lord

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." [Matthew 28: 18-20]

These last words of Matthew's Gospel are called the "Great Commission" of the disciples by Jesus. Those who have walked with Jesus and listened to his teaching through the years are now entrusted with his mission of proclaiming the reign of God to others, bringing his message to a world that is so very hungry for it. But they have their doubts as he departs. They are unsure of themselves as they enter the unknown future. How will his Spirit remain with them?

Matthew places this commissioning back in Galilee where Jesus began his saving mission. Jesus wants us as his disciples to go out to the rest of the world, picking up where he left off, meeting, knowing, befriending, caring for, healing, working with, and transforming the people of a wounded world, that they may realize they are part of a new event, a new creation. This time of transition was not easy for his disciples, nor for us. Christ is counting on us to make a difference. Are you ready? Are you open to his Spirit to give you everything you need?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How is the Church today a community in transition? What is the Holy Spirit asking of you in the days and weeks ahead?

WORD FOR THE WEEK: NOVENA – Nine days of devotional prayer originally based on the days between Ascension and Pentecost when the apostles prayed with Mary and awaited the Holy Spirit.

Next weekend is **PENTECOST!** Don't forget to **WEAR RED!!!!** (And catch fire!)

-Fr. Bob Cushing

24 de Mayo, 2020

LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

QUERIDOS FELIGRESES Y AMIGOS:

Jesus dijo a los discípulos, "Vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos...enseñándoles a observar todo lo que les he mandado. Y les aseguro, que yo estaré con ustedes siempre, hasta el final del tiempo." [Mateo 28: 18-20]

Estas últimas palabras del Evangelio de Mateo son llamadas la "Gran Comisión" de los discípulos por Jesús. Aquellos que han caminado con Jesús y escuchado sus enseñanzas a través de los años ahora tienen la misión de proclamar el reino de Dios a otros, llevando su mensaje a un mundo que tiene mucha hambre. Pero tienen sus dudas cuando él se va. No están seguros de sí mismos cuando entran en el futuro desconocido. ¿Cómo permanecerá su Espíritu con ellos?

Mateo coloca esta comisión en Galilea, donde Jesús comenzó su misión salvadora. Jesús quiere que nosotros, como sus discípulos, salgamos al resto del mundo, retomando donde lo dejó, conociendo, sabiendo, haciendo amistades, cuidando, sanando, trabajando y transformando a las personas de un mundo herido, para que puedan darse cuenta de que son parte de un nuevo evento, una nueva creación. Este tiempo de transición no fue fácil para sus discípulos, ni para nosotros. Cristo cuenta con nosotros para hacer la diferencia. ¿Estás listo? ¿Estás abierto a su Espíritu para que te de todo lo que necesitas?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA: ¿Como es hoy la Iglesia una comunidad en transición? ¿Qué estará pidiéndote el Espíritu Santo en los días y semanas que vienen?

PALABRA DE LA SEMANA: NOVENA – Nueve días de oraciones devocionales originalmente basadas en los días entre Ascensión y Pentecostés cuando los apóstoles rezaron con Maria y esperaron el Espíritu Santo.

¡El próximo fin de semana es PENTECOSTES! ¡¡¡¡¡No se olviden de USAR ROJO!!!! (¡Y préndanse en fuego!)

-P. Bob Cushing

Dear Friends:

As we re-open the Church for worship and PRE around Pentecost, let us pray, "Come Holy Spirit, fill and renew us!" We have NEVER had a time like this before. So we need to listen carefully to one another and to what God is asking of us as a parish family starting over. We are following the Diocesan guidelines for public safety and health care.

Because of the novel Coronavirus Pandemic, our obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been dispensed until Sunday, June 28th. Those who want to return to Mass may do so beginning as soon as Tuesday May 26. If you are not ready for any reason, you may wait longer. Those who are at risk of serious infection are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate in live-streamed or televised Masses. The risk of Coronavirus is still very real, and even with the best health practices and strict physical distancing in place, anyone attending public events, such as the Mass or PRE, is increasing their risk of exposure to Covid-19.

We are in a very different place as we return to church. So PLEASE, with loving and patient hearts, follow the guidelines to help us stay healthy:

Wear a face mask in church or PRE to protect others.

Normally a greeter/usher will take your temperature as you enter the church and log in your name.

Physical distancing will limit seating availability for Mass. Please follow the direction of the Ushers. Only 75 people will be allowed in because of the diocesan standard of 25% capacity.

Pews are taped and marked to ensure 6 feet of distance in all directions between household groups or individuals.

Please bring hand sanitizer and use it. A limited supply is available in church for liturgical use.

Hymnals/missalettes have been put away for sanitary purposes, but you may bring your own. Bulletins are available AFTER Mass only.

Once the church is full, there is room for 6 people in the choir loft, and we are working on TV and audio seating in the Parish Hall.

Because the Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted, you may wish to attend a weekday Mass in Church with more seating availability.

We receive Holy Communion in the hand only; the precious blood is presently not offered.

Live-Streamed Masses **English at (5 PM Saturday and in Spanish at 12 noon on Sunday)** are still accessible.

Only ONE MOTHER and CHILD are allowed in the cry-room.

Ushers will assist the lines for receiving Holy Communion. Please stand 6 feet behind the person in front.

We will not be using altar servers and only **one cantor** with no choir until it is safe.

A COLLECTION Basket will be placed on small table on the left as you enter; please make your offering as soon as you enter the church-pew area. It will NOT be taken up later.

Please reserve the ends of the pews for parents with small children, who may need to get up for their agitation.

Children are asked to enter the Parish Hall for PRE through the northern door and not to walk in the hallways. For the two weeks that all classes will be present, Lacey will stagger their dismissal.

More people are mailing in their parish donations! **Thank you** for the incredibly generous offerings! This is critically important for our survival right now, so we appreciate your faithfulness and love for the parish family that your donations bespeak.

We thank those healthy folks who have been grocery shopping for our shut-in elders, visiting them carefully and calling one another to maintain our spirits. Thank you for living your faith in the Risen One every day.

Please be patient and gentle as we begin to roll out this plan. It is a chance for us to be renewed and humbly united in our faith. I am praying for you to have a very blessed and Spirit-filled Pentecost.

Gratefully, *Fr. Bob*

Queridos Amigos:

Al abrir la Iglesia de nuevo para celebrar y ERP alrededor de Pentecostés, recemos, "Ven Espíritu Santo, ¡llénanos y renuévanos!" NUNCA hemos tenido un tiempo como este anteriormente. Así que debemos oírnos con mucho cuidado unos a los otros y a lo que Dios nos está pidiendo como familia parroquial comenzando de nuevo. Estamos siguiendo las guías de la Diócesis para seguridad pública y cuidado de la salud.

Debido a la nueva pandemia de coronavirus, nuestra obligación de asistir a la misa dominical se ha dispensado hasta el domingo 28 de junio. Aquellos que quieran regresar a Misa pueden hacerlo a partir del martes 26 de mayo. Si no está listo por alguna razón, puede esperar más. Se recomienda encarecidamente a quienes corren el riesgo de contraer una infección grave que se queden en casa y participen en misas transmitidas en vivo o televisadas. El riesgo de coronavirus sigue siendo muy real, e incluso con las mejores prácticas de salud y el distanciamiento físico estricto, cualquier persona que asista a eventos públicos, como la misa o ERP, está aumentando su riesgo de exposición a Covid-19.

Estamos en un lugar muy diferente cuando volvemos a la iglesia. Entonces, POR FAVOR, con corazones amorosos y pacientes, sigamos las pautas para ayudarnos a mantenernos saludables:

Use una máscara facial en la iglesia o ERP para proteger a los demás.

Normalmente un recibidor / ujier te tomará la temperatura cuando entre a la iglesia y registrará su nombre.

El distanciamiento físico limitará la disponibilidad de asientos para la misa. Siga las instrucciones de los ujieres. Solo se permitirá el ingreso de 75 personas debido al estándar diocesano de 25% de capacidad.

Las bancas están grabadas y marcadas para asegurar una distancia de 6 pies en todas las direcciones entre grupos de hogares o individuos.

Por favor traiga desinfectante para manos y úselo. Un suministro limitado está disponible en la iglesia para uso litúrgico.

Los libros de himnos / misales se han guardado con fines sanitarios; pero pueden traer el suyo. Los boletines están disponibles DESPUÉS de la misa solamente.

Una vez que la iglesia está llena, hay espacio para 6 personas en el coro y estamos trabajando en asientos de TV y audio en el Salón Parroquial.

Debido a que la obligación de la misa dominical se ha levantado, es posible que desee asistir a una misa de la semana en la Iglesia con más disponibilidad de asientos.

Recibimos la Sagrada Comunión en la mano solamente; la preciosa sangre actualmente no se ofrece.

Las misas en vivo en inglés a las 5 PM del sábado y en español a las 12 del mediodía del domingo todavía están disponibles.

Solo UNA MADRE y NIÑO están permitidos en la sala de llorar.

Los ujieres ayudarán a las líneas para recibir la Sagrada Comunión, por favor párese a 6 pies de la persona que está enfrente.

No usaremos servidores de altar y solo un cantor sin coro hasta que sea seguro.

Una cesta de COLECCIÓN se colocará en una pequeña mesa a la izquierda al entrar; por favor haga su ofrenda tan pronto como ingrese al área de los bancos de la iglesia. NO será recogida más tarde.

Reserve los extremos de las bancas para los padres con niños pequeños que pueden necesitar levantarse por su agitación.

Se pide a los niños que ingresen al Salón Parroquial para ERP por la puerta norte; y no caminar en los pasillos. Durante las dos semanas que todas las clases estarán presentes, Lacey escalonará su salida.

Cada vez más personas envían por correo sus donaciones parroquiales. ¡Gracias por las donaciones increíblemente generosas de esta semana! Esto es de vital importancia para nuestra supervivencia en este momento, por lo que apreciamos su fidelidad y amor por la familia parroquial que sus donaciones expresan.

Agradecemos a las personas sanas que han estado comprando comestibles para nuestros ancianos encerrados, visitándolos cuidadosamente y llamándose unos a otros para mantener nuestro espíritu. Gracias por vivir su fe en el Resucitado todos los días.

Por favor sea paciente y gentil al comenzar a establecer este plan. Es un chance para usted de renovar y humildemente unirse en nuestra fe. Estoy rezando para que tengan un Pentecostés bendito y lleno del Espíritu.

Muy agradecido, P. Bob

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Previews of Coming Attractions:

- May 25, Monday 6:15 PM Zoom Meeting for Finance Council ?
- May 26, Tuesday, Public 6 PM Mass in Church
7 PM, Catechists Zoom Meeting
- May 27, Wednesday 6 PM Mass in Church
7 PM Parish Council Meeting in Parish Hall
- May 28, Thursday, 12:10 Mass in Church
- May 29, Friday, 9 AM Mass in Church
- May 30, Saturday, 8 AM, Parish Clean-up and Sanitize Day
2 PM, Baptism of Amir Cisnero, 4 PM Confessions in Chapel
5 PM Public Pentecost Mass
- May 31, 9 AM Mass in English, PRE for 1st Communion and Confirmation students
12 noon Pentecost Mass in Spanish
- June 14, Sunday, 9 AM Baccalaureate Mass
- June 20, Saturday, 11AM First Confessions in the Chapel
- June 26, Friday 7PM Confirmation Mass
- June 27, Saturday, 6:30 PM ? farewell reception for Fr. Bob Cushing outside after Mass
- June 28, 12 noon, 1st Holy Communion Mass

Reminder!

RCIA continues to meet every Thursday night, now meeting in the parish hall with Masks from 7:15-9 PM. Focusing on the Sacrament of Marriage. For more info ask Fr. Bob 478-284-5235, frbobcushing@gmail.com .

Vista previa de las próximas atracciones:

- 25 de mayo, lunes 6:15 PM reunión de Zoom para Consejo Financiero?
- 26 de mayo, martes, Misa Publica a las 6 PM en la iglesia
7PM reunión por Zoom de los Catequistas
- 27 de mayo, miércoles 6 PM Misa en la iglesia
7 PM reunión del Consejo Parroquial en el Salón Social
- 28 de mayo, jueves, 12:10 Misa en la Iglesia
- 29 de mayo, viernes, Misa en la Iglesia a las 9 AM
- 30 de mayo, sábado, 8 AM, Limpieza de la Parroquia y Dia de Sanitar
2 PM, Bautizo de Amir Cisnero, 4PM Confesiones en la Capilla,
5 PM misa publica de Pentecostés
- 31 de mayo, 9 AM Misa en Ingles, ERP para los estudiantes de 1^a Comunión y Confirmación
12 del mediodía Misa de Pentecostés en español
- 14 de junio, domingo, 9 AM Misa para los graduados de Bachillerato
- 20 de junio, sábado, Primeras Confesiones en la Capilla 11 AM
- 26 de junio, viernes a las 7 PM Misa de Confirmación
- 27 de junio, sábado, 6:30 PM? recepción de despedida para el P. Bob en el salón social después de Misa
- 28 de junio, 12 del mediodía, Misa de la Santa 1^a Comunión

RCIA continua reuniéndose cada jueves en la noche, ahora reuniéndose en el salón parroquial con mascarillas desde las 7:15-9 PM. Se estarán enfocando en el Sacramento del Matrimonio. Para más información pregunte al P. Bob 478-284-5235, frbobcushing@gmail.com .

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Attention! If you have a senior who is graduating from one of our high schools this year and you would like him or her honored at our Graduation Mass on June 14th at the 9:00 am Mass, then please send your child's name and contact information to Loretta Coar at loretta_coar65@att.net. All names need to be submitted to Ms. Coar by June 1st.

¡Atención! Si usted tiene un adulto mayor que se está graduando de una de nuestras escuelas secundarias este año y le gustaría que él o ella honrada en nuestra Misa de Graduación el 14 de junio en la Misa de las 9:00 am, entonces por favor envíe el nombre de su hijo y la información de contacto a Loretta Coar en loretta_coar65@att.net. Todos los nombres deben presentarse a la Sra. Coar antes del 1 de junio.

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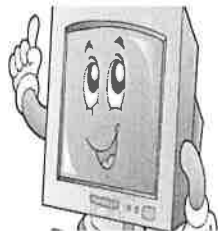
Pledge
to HEAL

Abuse Hotline Number: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection.

Línea telefónica para reportar abusos: Para reportar un abuso sexual de un menor, perpetrado por un empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Savannah, llame al Número de la línea para reportar abusos: 888-357-5330 o a la Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, 912-201-4073/4074. Para leer la política de la Diócesis sobre abuso sexual de menores, favor de visitar la página Web www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection

New Webmaster needed!

Our parish needs someone who can post our bulletin on our parish website each week and keep the website updated. Can you help us? Contact our parish secretary, Barbara Albert at 912-283-7700 or at sjcwaycross@att.net



The Wednesday Rosary Group and Living the Eucharist at the Cahill home has been suspended till further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Tom DiBise, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill & Glenda Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Carol McCloskey, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Kay Kovach, Judy Cazell, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, and Ginger Worley.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempfer, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Stan Stipe, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Becky Griffin, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Dora Bullard, Millie Bailey, Edmay Tardif, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thornton, Elizabeth Peacock, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Sidney Bennett, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, and Iris Boatright..

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Colonel Mark B. Parker, Ethan Stanley, and Richard Jacobs.

Birthright hotline # 1-800-550-4900

St. Joseph Offertory
May 17, 2020

Offertory Total \$ 1,835.00

Please send your weekly offertory to:

St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Thanks so much!



The Pastoral Council Meeting is this Wednesday night, at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Wear your mask for special seating!

Catechists are meeting this Tuesday night on Zoom at 7 PM to discuss the details of returning to PRE. First Communion and Confirmation will return next weekend, May 31 & June 7, and other students can join them on June 14 and June 21.

Spring-Summer Deep Clean Day: Please come and help us if you are able to assist with the inside or outside cleaning of the church and church grounds on next Saturday, May 30 at 8 AM. We have the inside latex gloves but bring your own outside work gloves and masks. It will be a tricky dance maintaining physical distance but we can do it!

La Reunión del Consejo Pastoral es este miércoles en la noche, a las 7 PM en el Salón Parroquial ¡use sus mascarillas para ocasiones especiales!

Los Catequistas se están reuniendo los martes en la noche vía Zoom a las 7 PM a discutir los detalles del regreso de ERP. La Primera Comunción y Confirmación volverá el próximo fin de semana del 31 de mayo y el 7 de junio y los otros estudiantes se unirán a ellos el 14 y 21 de junio.

Día de Limpieza Profunda de Primavera y Verano: Por favor venga y ayúdenos si puede con la parte de adentro y afuera de la iglesia y los terrenos de la iglesia el próximo sábado, 30 de mayo a las 8 AM. Tenemos guantes de látex para limpiar adentro, traiga sus guantes de trabajo para afuera y su mascarilla. Será un baile difícil para mantener la distancia física pero ¡Podemos hacerlo!



Word from Pope Francis

"We are never alone in our lives, we have this advocate who waits for us."

Palabra del Papa Francisco

"Nunca estamos solos en nuestras vidas, tenemos a este defensor que nos espera".



Bible Study/Reflections Offered

Reflections on the Holy Gospel Readings

If you are interested in reflecting on the Holy Gospel Readings prior to the Sunday they are read, please email Tammy Theologus at tammytheologus@gmail.com. The Sunday Gospel reading will be sent to you on Wednesday. Those participants will have an opportunity to reflect/ponder on the readings and send their responses to Tammy. On Saturday morning those responses will be shared to all participants. Just a way to hopefully bond together as a community during this time.

Bible Study Offered: In The Eucharist in Scripture through Zoom on Wednesdays at 1:00. The Eucharist in Scripture, discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. If interested please email Tammy Theologus at tammytheologus@gmail.com

Lector Schedule

May 23, 2020 Live-Streamed Mass
English Lector-Ann Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday

May 24, 2020 Live-Streamed Mass
Spanish Lector-Andres Baza 12 Noon Sunday

May 30, 2020
English Lector-Ann Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday
Public and Live-Streamed Mass

May 31, 2020
English Lector- Barbara Miller 9 am Sunday

Spanish Lector-Luci Diaz-Noon 12 Noon Sunday
Public and Live-Streamed Mass

Many of us have been concerned about not being able to receive Holy Communion. Some of us pray this prayer of Spiritual Communion at home when watching Mass. What follows is a good example of such a prayer. It might help you in joining with us in Spiritual Communion. Thus may God bless us and keep us in solidarity, as one body in Christ.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

God of love and kindness, I am deprived of Sacramental Communion,
Help me replace it, as far as I can, by spiritual communion, at every opportunity;
for I have a burning desire to receive you into my heart, oh good God.
Communion with you is to my soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out,
but that still has plenty of hot embers; I can blow, and the fire burns again.
After I have received your Sacraments, and I feel myself slacken in your love,
Return me again at once to spiritual communion with you!
Because I cannot come to the church, I turn towards the tabernacle;
no wall can shut us out from your goodness, O God. - from *St John Vianney*



Muchos de nosotros hemos estado preocupados por no poder recibir la Sagrada Comunión. Algunos de nosotros rezamos esta oración de comunión espiritual justo después de recibir. Lo que sigue es un buen ejemplo de tal oración. Podría ayudarlo a unirse a nosotros en la Comunión Espiritual. Que Dios nos bendiga y nos mantenga solidarios, como un solo cuerpo en Cristo.

ACTO DE COMUNION ESPIRITUAL

*Dios de amor y bondad, estoy privado de la Comunión Sacramental,
Ayúdame a reemplazarla, en la medida posible, por la comunión espiritual, en cada oportunidad;
porque tengo un deseo ardiente de recibirte en mi corazón, o Dios bueno.
Comulgar contigo es para mi alma como soplar un fuego que comienza a apagarse,
pero que todavía tiene muchas brasas calientes; puedo soplar y el fuego arde de nuevo.
Después de haber recibido tus Sacramentos, si siento que me aflojo en tu amor,
¡Regrésame de nuevo a la comunión espiritual contigo!
Como no puedo ir a la iglesia, me vuelvo hacia el tabernáculo;
ningún muro puede separarnos de tu bondad, o Dios. - de San Juan Vianney*



**PLEASE send your current contact number and email address to: sjcwaycross@att.net
I need this information to be able to share information with the members of our parish.
Thank you,**

**Barbara Albert
Parish Secretary
912-283-7700**

**Por favor, envíe su número de contacto actual y dirección de correo electrónico a: sjcwaycross@att.net
Necesito esta información para poder compartir información con los miembros de nuestra parroquia.
Gracias,**

**Barbara Albert
Secretario Parroquial
912-283-7700**

TOGETHER for the good of ALL.

Take the Pledge to Protect Others During this Pandemic.

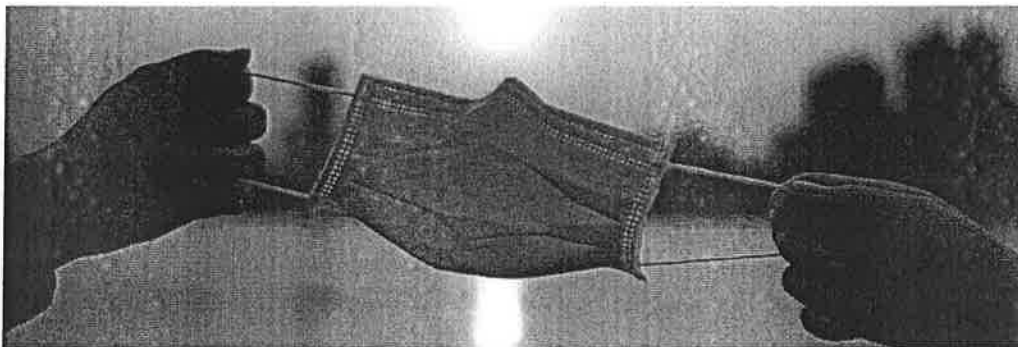
In early March as the coronavirus outbreak escalated into a global pandemic, people came together to face the threat posed to all of us. Faced with the prospect of many of us becoming sick, of watching friends and loved ones, neighbors and co-workers contract the virus, suffer and possibly die, we undertook sacrifices to protect ourselves and others, especially the most vulnerable among us.

We listened as medical professionals, scientists and healthcare providers forewarned how the pandemic could spread and overwhelm our hospitals, and we rallied together in an effort to stem that tide. We listened to those elected leaders who followed the guidelines scientists and the healthcare community provided and we chose to minimize the risk as much as we could.

Those of us who could stay home have. We are wearing masks and keeping a safe distance from each other. We are washing our hands, shutting down our nonessential businesses, working to provide essential services at great risk, and making many personal sacrifices. We did this TOGETHER for the good of ALL.

Despite the anxiety and lack of clear direction about what the next steps are and how to move forward in a way that is responsible and safe, we embrace the ethical responsibility that we have to continue to value and protect one another, especially those who are most vulnerable.

The pledge is a commitment each of us can make to demonstrate our concern for one another and our own capacity to act responsibly and compassionately. As more people take this pledge, our individual action contributes to a rising wave of people joining together in solidarity to prioritize the health, safety and well-being of all.



JUNTOS, por el bien de TODOS.

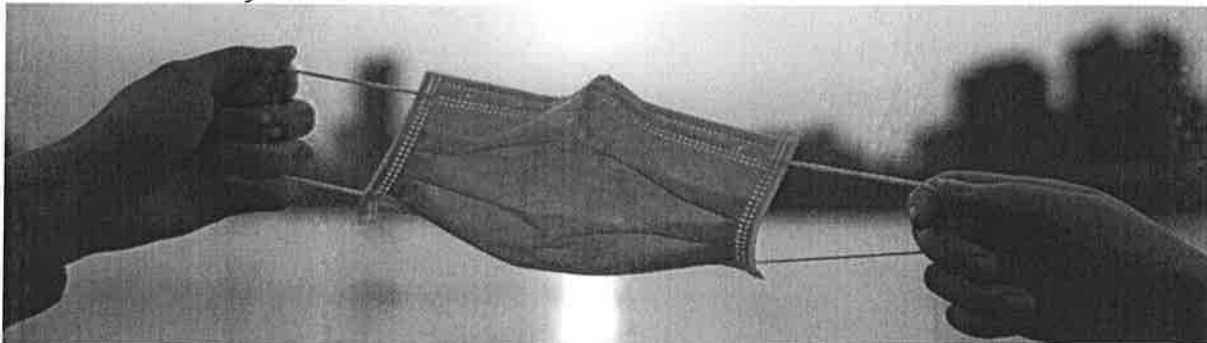
A principios de marzo, mientras el brote del coronavirus escalaba hacia una pandemia global, la gente se unió para hacer frente a la amenaza impuesta a todos nosotros. Enfrentados con el panorama de que muchos de nosotros enfermáramos, de ver a amigos y seres queridos, vecinos y compañeros y compañeras de trabajo contraer el virus, sufrir y probablemente morir, decidimos hacer sacrificios para protegernos a nosotros mismos y a los demás, especialmente a los más vulnerables entre nosotros.

Hemos escuchado a profesionales médicos, científicos y proveedores de salud pública advirtiéndonos sobre cómo la pandemia se expandiría y nuestros hospitales colapsarían, y reunimos esfuerzos para tratar de detener esa marea. Escuchamos a aquellos líderes electos que se guiaron por las recomendaciones que los científicos y la comunidad médica proporcionaron y tomamos la decisión de minimizar tanto como pudiéramos el riesgo de contagio.

Aquellos entre nosotros que podían quedarse en casa, lo han hecho. Estamos usando mascarillas y respetando y guardando distancia unos con otros. Estamos lavando nuestras manos, manteniendo cerrados nuestros negocios que no son de primera necesidad, trabajando –corriendo mucho riesgo- para proporcionar servicios esenciales, y haciendo muchos sacrificios personales. Hicimos esto, JUNTOS, por el bien de TODOS.

A pesar de la ansiedad y la clara falta de dirección sobre cuáles serán los próximos pasos a tomar y cómo avanzar de una forma responsable y segura, adoptamos la responsabilidad ética que tenemos de continuar valorando y protegiéndonos unos a otros, especialmente a aquellos que son más vulnerables.

El compromiso es una promesa que cada uno de nosotros puede hacer para expresar nuestra preocupación el uno por el otro y nuestra capacidad para actuar responsablemente y con compasión. Cuantas más personas hagan este compromiso, nuestra actitud individual contribuye a la ola creciente de gente que se está uniendo en solidaridad para priorizar la salud, la seguridad y el bienestar de todos y todas.



Dear Padre,

I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?

Your answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked

with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one

way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Church holds out a mission, and I would like to entrust you with this mission. It is to go back and talk to your grandparents. Today more than ever we need this bridge, this dialogue, between grandparents and grandchildren, between the young and the elderly.

—WORLD YOUTH DAY PRAYER VIGIL, APRIL 8, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri,
Priest

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

MAY 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,
30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

MAY 31

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23