

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:



(While we are not able to gather in church as a faith community to receive Jesus present in the Eucharist, Fr. Paul does continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass each day for our intentions as listed below. At minimum for the Sunday obligation, We can participate in Mass through many forms: Online live streaming with Bishop Doherty from the Cathedral (or many other churches offer live streaming of the Mass), on our website with Bishop Barron, EWTN, Catholic Radio of Indy (89.1 or 90.9) our Word Among Us books have daily Mass readings, or the following:

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

LITURGY SCHEDULE

May 24, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 25

No Mass

Tuesday, May 26

Margaret Wilson

Wednesday, May 27

Agnes Bowen

Thursday, May 28

Bill Blankenbaker

Friday, May 29

Bill & Pat Schantz

Saturday, May 30

5:00p.m...Annie Whitacre

Sunday, May 31

8:30a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's

10:30a.m...All Souls

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

FOR MAY:

For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

RULE OVER US, LORD

Come, our Light, and illumine our darkness. Come, our Life, and raise us from death. Come, our Physician, and heal our wounds. Come, Flame of divine Love, and burn up our sins. Come, our King, sit upon the throne of our hearts and reign there.

--St. Dimitri of Rostov

CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

If at all possible, please continue to keep your contributions up-to-date and mail them to the office both for St. Mary's or St. John's to:

St. John's Church

213 S. Spring St.

Hartford City, IN 47348

Many thanks to all that have been mailing in contributions. Your continued efforts are greatly appreciated.

Contact Janice Jackson at 765-348-1521 to include someone on prayer chain.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 25: [St. Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, pope, St. Mary Magdelene de' Pazzi, virgin] Acts 19: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33

May 26: [St. Philip Neri, priest] Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11a

May 27: [St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop] Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11b-19

May 28: Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26

May 29: Acts 25: 13b-21; Jn 21: 15-19

May 30: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21: 20-25

May 31: [Pentecost Sunday] Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23



Gracious God, On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.

May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We ask this through your name.

- Author Unknown

PRAY THE ROSARY TO HELP NEW MOMS

Throughout the month of May, in honor of Mary and mother's everywhere, we are asking parishioners to pray the rosary and keep track of each one prayed. As we are not able to gather for Mother's Day celebrations this year, we will join in prayer through the holy rosary. Contact Diana with the total number of times you prayed the rosary and a donation for each one will be made to the Helping Hands Pregnancy Care Center in Montpelier for St. John's and the Portland Pregnancy Care Center for St. Mary's. Just keep track of your numbers and let us pass the power of prayer along.

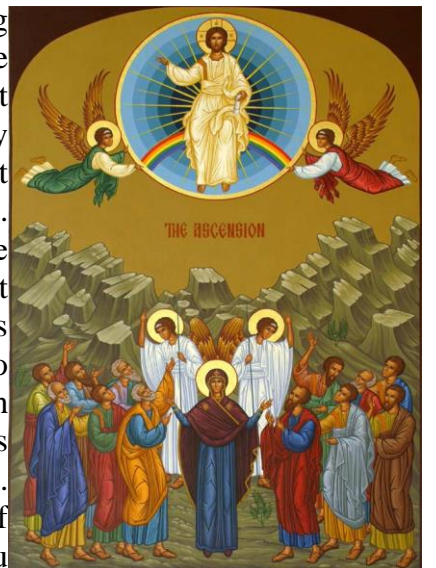
Don't forget to check in with your neighbor and help those in need of food, meds, or just old-fashioned communication...and prayer!

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ACTS 1: 1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23; MT 28:16-20

Today, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’”



In other words, “Don't just stand there, do something!”

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here, but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

With joy and thanksgiving, we are able to reopen our churches for the celebration of the Mass beginning next weekend, May 30/31. Each of our parishioners should have received a letter this week giving the details of safety and protocol and limitations in which this phase of the reopening entails. If you did not receive a letter or have further questions, please contact the office.

Bishop Doherty expressed in his letter to the parishes:

"...You have shown great openness to the grace of God, charity toward one another, and obedience to the Lord Jesus by your willingness to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus (Mk.8:34) by suffering a prolonged fast from our Eucharistic Lord, the joy of attending Sunday Mass, and Christian fellowship. All of this was offered for the keeping of our Lord's greatest commandment, love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, with all of your mind, and with all of your strength....you shall love your neighbor as yourself(Mk. 13: 30-31). In this way, we have been able to protect the common good, our faith family...
"Please know the dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until August 15. In particular, those who are experiencing any sickness, those whose health is in some way compromised, those who are fearful of the possible infection of COVID-19, and those over the age of 65 should consider staying home..."

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$385.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,785.00

Food Pantry: \$55.00

Building Fund: \$75.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

MARIAN PENTECOST NOVENA

Every so often in history, the whole world seems to arrive at a crossroads, with the need to make a choice that will have a huge impact on future generations. And many times, Our Lady intervenes to help us along the way. Mary is our Mother in Heaven. She is the Queen of Angels and Saints, and she can and she does intervene powerfully in human history and in your own history if you ask her and you need her help.

And so **beginning Ascension Thursday, May 21**, we can pray a **Marian Pentecost Novena** to help us prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit on May 31, Pentecost Sunday. Our intention will be to pray daily for an end to the pandemic so all the Churches can open for everyone.

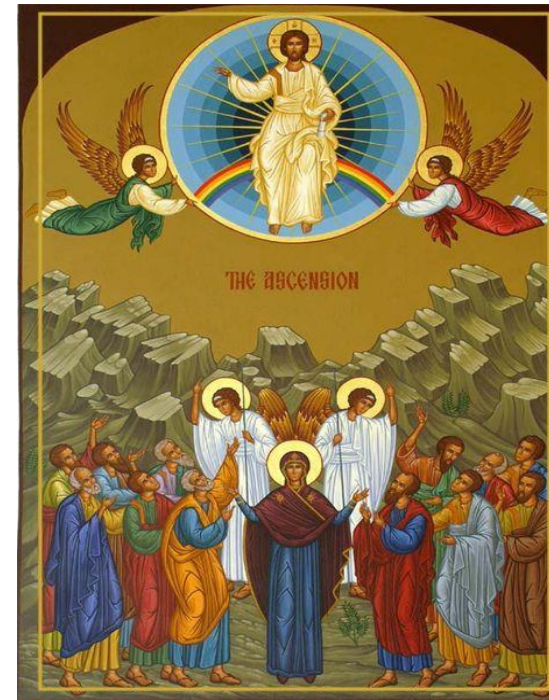
Our Lady helped the apostles pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room, and she will help us today too.

Family Connection

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ASCENSION SUNDAY

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