

ITEMS FOR SALE BY PARISHIONERS

Ministry Schedule

ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Needs

We are slowly reintroducing some positions in our volunteer program. We are following all safety measures and precautions. CSS is in need of 3 volunteers Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm to help organize in kind donations. This would be an ongoing position and it would be wonderful if volunteers could commit to coming in one day a week likely until the end of June.

Program Spotlight: Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Did you know? Catholic Social Services provides Supportive Services for Veteran Families. If you or someone you know is a veteran or has served at least one day of active duty in the military and is in need of rental assistance we may be able to help. Learn more at our website: https://www.cssalaska.org/our-programs/homeless-family-services/veteran-services/?fbclid=IwAR1oqbnFfrNysUdaWwS-71E6tBgG_I78gTc46JkslP-eTuYt9Oeut4Utdl8

How to donate

To keep clients, staff, and donors safe, here's how to drop off donations for all programs except Clare House:

Donations must be new or very gently used.

Donations are being accepted from 9:00a – 4:00p on Fridays

Donors can leave donations in the shopping carts at the 20th Ave. side of the Catholic Social Services building (3710 E. 20th Avenue). One cart will be designated for food and the other will be for non-food items.

If you would like a receipt, you can email Molly Cornish at mcornish@cssalaska.org and we can scan and/or mail one to you.



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Welcome Visitors and soon to be New Parishioners

Thank you for visiting our parish, and for joining us in our celebrations as we worship and praise Our Lord. Please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass to get information about our parish and pick up a parish registration form.

Prayer Chain Phone # 694-4771

The deadline for bulletin entries is Wed. @ noon.

MAY 24, 2020 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Readings: Acts 1:1–11, Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9
Ephesians 1:17–23, Matthew 28:16–20

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14–15).

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today—Scott Hahn—. Copyright © 2020 The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, All rights reserved. www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10 am and 7 pm

Weekdays* : Monday-Communion Service 9 am

Tues-Fri. Mass 9 am

*Unless otherwise noted in the weekly schedule

Holy Days: 9 am and 7 pm

Rosary—8:30 am daily, 6:15 pm on Thursday

Eucharistic Adoration—Perpetual

Sacraments

Confessions—Saturday: 3:30 or by appointment

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick--contact the office.

Sacraments of Initiation--**Adults interested in becoming Catholic** --Please contact Deacon Mark or the office.

Mass Intentions week of May 25

Mon.	Living & deceased members of the armed forces	
Tues.	Julia Snyder	ROS
Wed.	Ella Bates	
Thurs.	Sophia Fedak	ROS
Fri.	Marge Schmitz	ROS
Sat.	Tom Franz	ROS
Sun. 10am	Bob Montella	ROS
	People of the Parish	

Miscellaneous Items

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION— *“To pray is not to escape from history and the problems that it presents. On the contrary, it is to choose to face reality not on our own, but with the strength that comes from on high, the strength of truth and love, which have their ultimate source in God.”* — Pope St. John Paul II

The Mother of God Chapel is now open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. With exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please see the website for details.** You may have a 30 minute time slot, but is a first come, first serve situation. You must follow the posted social distancing requirements. A face mask to cover the mouth and nose must be worn at all times. No exceptions. The chapel will be closed once an hour for 15 minutes for a thorough disinfecting.

Fr. Arthur / AB Schwietz are still saying Mass if you have a Mass intention scheduled, and are offering them for your intention.

Please check the website/ Facebook/My parish App for upcoming changes to Mass opportunities. They will be posted when more is known.

Please check our web site for the most current information and for streamed Liturgical Services . Please use that as your main source of information. Also please download *myparish* app for your electronic device. We will be using that also for communication.

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER SEASON.

Repair work on the church is continuing....

We are planning on celebrating a “parking lot” **Mass this Sunday, May 24** at 10am. This will be our plan until the church building is available.

What do you need to know about a “Parking Lot” Mass? 1) Attendees will need to stay in their cars for the duration of the Mass. 2) Communion will be distributed after mass AS YOU DRIVE OUT. (We will have instructions about this when you arrive.) Please back into your parking space. 3) Communion on the tongue is available but will take place after distribution to the departing cars has ended. It will take place under the portico at the entrance of the church building. 4) Audio for the mass will be available via a web app called: “waveCAST-reciever” by Williams. You are encouraged to download the app ahead of time. Further instructions will be provided soon. 5) It is weather dependent. Even though we are planning to have a covering over the altar, inclement weather could still make it too challenging for Mass. If this is the case, we will resort to online-streaming mass as we’ve done for two months. 6) Streaming of the “parking lot” Mass will be available. Distribution of Holy Communion for those who watch it online will be available at the church building until noon on Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

In Christ,

Fr. Arthur Pastor