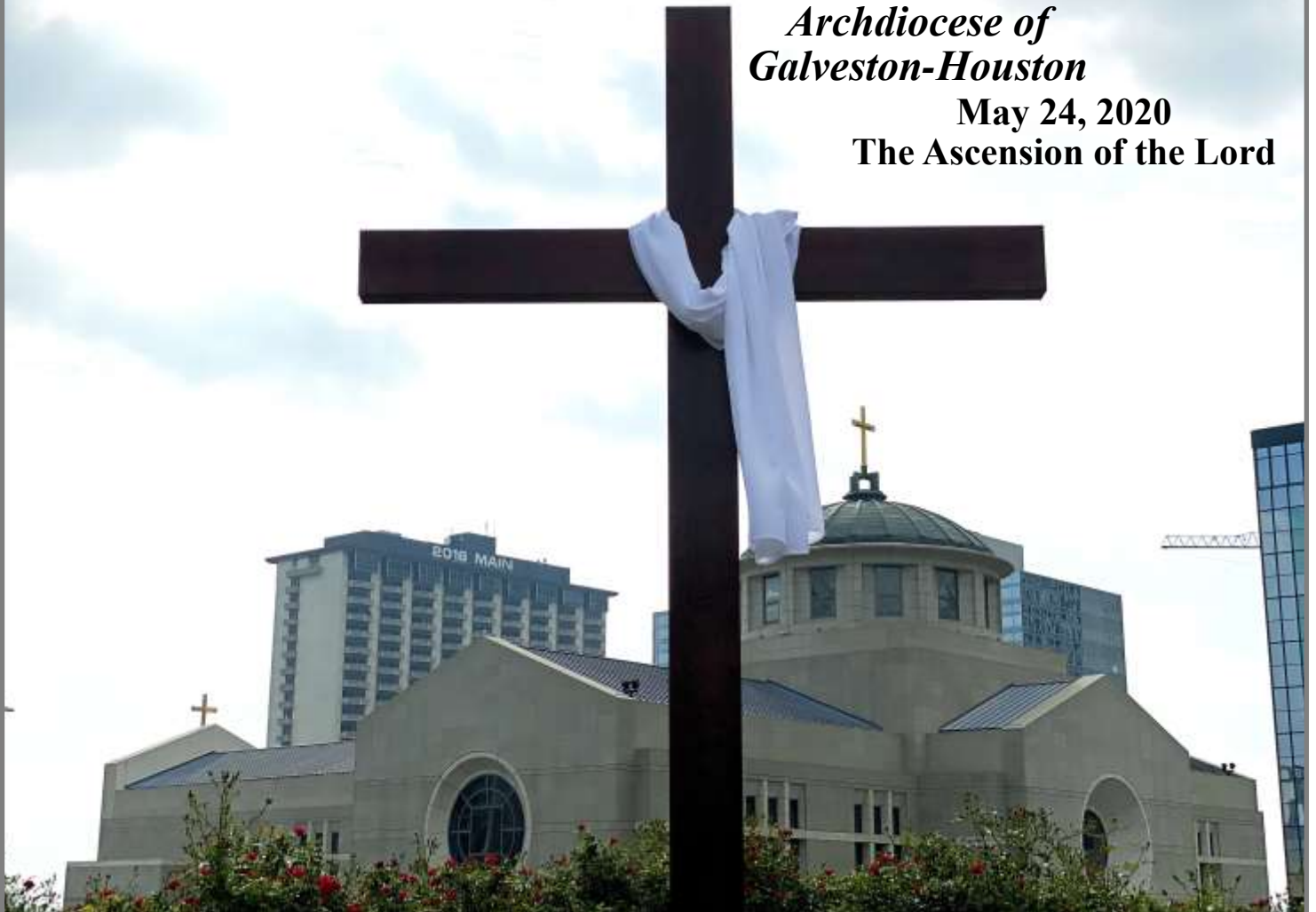


CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

*Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston*

May 24, 2020
The Ascension of the Lord



Church Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-2pm Saturday Noon-6:30pm Sunday 8:30am-6:30pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

7 am & 12:10 pm

Confession Schedule

Weekdays

*30 minutes
prior to Mass*

Saturday
3:30-4:45 pm

Sunday

*8:30-8:50 am
10-10:45 am
4-4:45 pm*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday *5 pm Vigil Mass English*

Sunday

9am Vietnamese

*11am English with
Vietnamese and Spanish readings
*Will be Live Streamed**

5pm Spanish

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May 24, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:
Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. Though I have explained it before, I still have people asking “what happened to Ascension Thursday as a holy day of obligation?” Ascension is one of the holy days of obligation for the *universal* Church (Canon 1246, §1). This is the inclusive list for all holy days of obligation for the *universal* Church: 1) Sunday is the primordial holy of obligation; and the other ten are specific feast days: 2) Christmas, 3) Epiphany (12th day after Christmas: Jan. 6), 4) Ascension (40 days after Easter Sunday), 5) the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), 6) Holy Mary, the Mother of God (Jan. 1), 7) her Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8), 8) her Assumption (August 15), 9) St. Joseph (March 19), 10) St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29) and 11) All Saints (November 1).

But Rome allows each conference of Catholic Bishops to either suppress the obligation to attend Mass for a certain universal holy day of obligation or to transfer the holy day to a Sunday which is the primary holy day of obligation (Canon 1246, §2). So different countries may have a different number of specific holy days of obligation, all unique to each country. For instance, Epiphany (Jan. 6) and *Corpus Christi* (Thursday after Trinity Sunday) normally fall on weekdays, and they have been transferred to a Sunday. St. Joseph Day on March 19 and Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29 are *universal* holy days of obligation. In the U.S., the obligation to attend Mass on these 2 days have been suppressed, though the feast days are celebrated on those days.

Believe it or not, since 1999 in the U.S., most dioceses have transferred Ascension to the 7th Sunday of Easter. Only a few dioceses have retained it on a Thursday. The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia continue observing Ascension Thursday as a holy day of obligation. Ecclesiastical provinces usually follow state lines, but some provinces cover more than one state. So 1/5 of the states celebrate Ascension Thursday: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey,

Nebraska, and Pennsylvania. The rest of the states celebrate it this Sunday.

Our weekend Mass and confession schedule is going well. But we are adjusting the Vietnamese Mass to 9 am (instead of the previous time of 8 am). We are being told that more Vietnamese will come to a 9 am Mass time since most live in the suburbs. Since it is a smaller attendance in general, they will be enough time that they can get the pews sanitized in plenty of time before the 11 am Mass time.

A week ago at the Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass, our RCIA people who were scheduled to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and were delayed, were finally able to receive the Sacraments. Praise God they were able to do so!

This Saturday and next Saturday at the 5 pm Vigil Mass, we will have First Holy Communion for our young people. Each family will have only one pew per family so as to maintain social distancing. Any guests will be seated in non-reserved areas. We are giving families options. If for some reason, any family is not comfortable with these 2 dates, they can delay the reception. But there are some families who want their child to receive as soon as possible. And then there are others who would prefer a later date. So we are trying our best to accommodate the preferences of parishioners. The same is true with a backlog of the baptism of infants / young children (under the age of 7). We are scheduling several baptismal ceremonies outside of Mass with a reduced number to be baptized at each service.

Thank you for your continual generous contributions. Though we are still falling short, I am most grateful for the amounts we are receiving. Why are we spending \$10,052 on better internet connections for wiring, equipment and labor? We are relying on a “good hot spot” for internet. Sometimes, that good hot spot is not so hot, just like your cell phone connection is not so hot at times. We desire to continue live streaming and other possibilities with better internet connections. For those who are able and willing, please make an additional contribution for this cost.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish. Let us pray for the transition period to different leadership.



Praised be the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Now and forever, amen!
Hãy chúc tụng Thánh Tâm Chúa Giêsu đến muôn đời, amen!
¡Alabado sea el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús! ¡Por siempre, amen!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor / Rector



Stay up to date with our parish by following us online!



Want to volunteer?

Everyone 18 years and older that volunteers and/or participates in ministries, groups, or organizations within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is required to take the free **online** Safe Environment course.

Pray for the Deceased

For the repose of the souls of our faithful departed:

Don Moore†, husband of Divina Moore
Mary Celestine†, wife of Joseph Celestine

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
—And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. —Amen.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
—Amen.

For consolation & God’s healing graces upon the family and friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.

Help our parish become 100% certified by taking the easy 3section course **here!**

Questions?

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Ascension Sunday

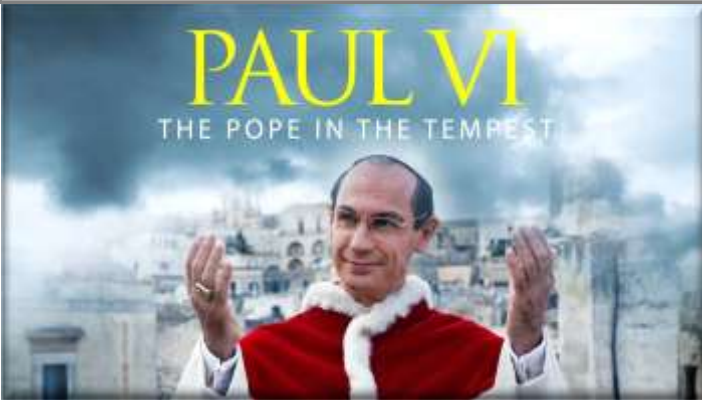
Did you Know?

Part of the Sunday Gospel reading is inscribed on the wall in the Eucharistic Chapel in the west transept.



FORMED: Pick of the week

Music



Parish Code: 0be7ec

Pope Paul VI was a leader in the Catholic Church as a priest, bishop, cardinal, and pope through one of the most difficult periods in its history—from the Fascist regime and World War II to the constitution of the Italian Republic, from the Second Vatican Council to the protests and the terrorist attacks of the 1960s and 1970s.



New! Great hymns, live choral music for Ascension, Ave Maria Project, and more!



COVID: 19 & Group Singing

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Ave Maria Program Notes

COVID:19 Response

Social Distancing Protocol

- Obligation to attend Mass is still suspended.
- Capacity of 450 people.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the Narthex
- All individuals must be wearing masks.
- Every other pew will be used. Pews not in use will be roped off.
- Hymnals will be removed. Parishioners are encouraged to use the digital worship aid.
- Holy Communion will only be given by a priest. (Per the Cardinal's directive)
- No passing of the collection basket. Sacrificial contributions can be dropped off in the basket when exiting.

NEED HELP?

WANT TO HELP?

www.sacredhearthouston.org/covid-19-response

This Week	Last Week		The Year	
Collection Goal: \$34,167	Collected	\$27,305	Collected	\$1,410,838
	Budgeted	\$38,333	Budget	\$1,527,834
	Amount over (under)	(\$11,028)	Amount over (under)	(\$156,996)

Live Streaming Update

In order to improve the quality of live streaming, we must improve the quality of internet reception throughout the church which is very limited. To do that alone will cost \$10,052 for equipment, wiring and installation.

I ask you, if possible, to give an additional donation specifically to this extra expense so that we can better serve you. Our next step is to improve the quality of cameras since the existing ones are 12 years old and are obsolete.

Pray for wisdom and guidance for all involved.



Ways to contribute

Faith Direct
One-Time Gift

Faith Direct
Recurring Gift



Mail your contributions to:

Deacon John Carrara
Cathedral Centre
1701 San Jacinto St.
Houston, TX 77002

Stewardship Reflection

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.


"I am praying for them..." John 17: 9

Act of 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.



 Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

La Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor



En aquel tiempo, los once discípulos se fueron a Galilea y subieron al monte en el que Jesús los había citado. Al ver a Jesús, se prostraron, aunque algunos titubeaban. Entonces,

Jesús se acercó a ellos y les dijo: "Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñándolas a cumplir todo cuanto yo les he mandado; y sepan que yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo".

Palabras del Papa Francisco

Jesús Permanece para Siempre con Nosotros

Hoy se celebra la Ascensión de Jesús al Cielo, que se produjo cuarenta días después de la Pascua. Los Hechos de los Apóstoles relatan este episodio, la separación final del Señor Jesús de sus discípulos y de este mundo. En cambio, el Evangelio de Mateo, refiere el mandato de Jesús a los discípulos: la invitación a ir, a partir para anunciar a todos su mensaje de salvación.

"Ir", o mejor, "partir" se convierte en la palabra clave de la fiesta de hoy: Jesús parte hacia el Padre y manda a los discípulos que partan hacia el mundo. Jesús parte, asciende al Cielo, es decir, regresa al Padre de quien había sido enviado al mundo. Hizo su trabajo, y regresa al Padre. Pero no se trata de una separación, porque Él permanece para siempre con nosotros, en una forma nueva. Con su Ascensión, el Señor resucitado atrae la mirada de los Apóstoles - y también nuestra mirada - a las alturas del Cielo para mostrarnos que la meta de nuestro camino es el Padre. El mismo había dicho, que se habría ido para prepararnos un lugar en el Cielo. Sin embargo, Jesús permanece presente y operante en las vicisitudes de la historia humana con la potencia y los dones de su Espíritu; está junto a cada uno de nosotros: incluso si no lo vemos con los ojos, ¡El está! Nos acompaña, nos guía, nos toma de la mano y nos levanta cuando caemos. Jesús resucitado está cerca de los cristianos perseguidos y discriminados; está cerca de cada hombre y mujer que sufre. ¡Está cerca de todos nosotros! Y Jesús, cuando va al Cielo, le lleva al Padre un regalo: sus llagas. Este es el regalo que Jesús lleva al Padre. Su cuerpo es bellissimo, sin las heridas de la flagelación, no, todo hermoso, pero, ha conservado las llagas. Y cuando va al Padre, le dice al Padre: Mira Padre, éste es el precio del perdón que tú das. Y cuando el Padre mira las llagas de Jesús, nos perdona siempre. No porque nosotros somos buenos, porque Él ha pagado por nosotros. Mirando las llagas de Jesús el Padre se vuelve más misericordioso, más grande! Y este es el gran trabajo que hace Jesús hoy en el Cielo. Hacer ver al Padre el precio del perdón, sus llagas. ¡Qué cosa bella esta eh! No tengas miedo de pedir perdón. El siempre perdona. ¡No tengas miedo! Porque Él mira las llagas de Jesús, mira nuestro pecado, y lo perdona.