

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, 2020

Mass Intentions

Mon.	6:30 A.M.	<i>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church, St. Gregory VII, Pope,</i> Deceased Members of the Armed Forces
Tues.	6:30 A.M.	<i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i> Linwood & Jo Ann Berger
Wed.	6:30 A.M.	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> Genevieve Matussek
Thurs.	6:30 A.M.	Larry & Rose Bishop
Fri.	6:30 A.M.	<i>St. Paul VI, Pope</i> Sam & Mary Elizondo
Sat.	5 P.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun.	7 A.M.	Fred & John Vinklarek
	9 A.M.	In Thanksgiving
	11 A.M.	Gabino Morales Rodriguez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in honor of David Filip.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 1:1-11; Ep 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Your Gift to God: May 17th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$2,945
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,215
Building Fund	\$465
St. Ann Parish Support	\$1,241
Online Giving	\$285

May God reward your generosity!

Memorial Day

The parish office will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

*"I am with you always,
until the end of the world."*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession is available on **Wednesday from 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. and Saturday from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.** near the sanctuary. Only "behind the screen" is available. All are required to observe social distancing and respect the privacy of those celebrating the Sacrament.

Keep in Touch

Watch the parish website and check the parish Facebook page for the most recent developments. A brief, daily devotional is posted each day reflecting the liturgical readings/feasts for those who are interested. The Saturday 5 P.M. Vigil Mass is livestreamed on Facebook.

Weekly Contributions

For precautionary reasons the collection baskets will not be passed during Mass. Baskets will be available at the front of church for those who wish to leave their weekly contribution. Otherwise you may continue to drop your envelope off at the parish office during regular business hours, placed in the drop box (left of the office front door) or mailed to P. O. Box 734.

Ever consider online giving? Visit the parish website, click on the Online Giving icon and follow the instructions to setup your online giving account.



"Picnic Discussion" Meeting

There will be a meeting to discuss the concerns and possible plans regarding the annual August Parish Picnic. It will be in the dining area of the Family Center this **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 P.M.**

Directives and Restrictions

This past week the Governor announced the next phase in re-opening affecting businesses and other establishments. Our attendance can slightly increase at St. Joseph and St. Ann but it is impacted by the social distancing requirements of 6 feet. Families may continue to be seated together, but in general, we are required to maintain the 6 ft distancing. So yes, we can have more people in church--but only as long as we abide by the distancing requirement out of respect for everyone's health and safety.



Confirmation

Bishop Cahill has expressed his sorrow that many parishes were unable to celebrate their annual Confirmation Mass due to the pandemic. He has graciously delegated the priests of the diocese the faculty to Confirm as a way of avoiding delaying unnecessarily the celebration of this final sacrament of initiation for our Confirmation students throughout the diocese who have been "on hold." Therefore, we will have two celebrations of Confirmation Masses here to accommodate the numbers of students and the required distancing/sanitization procedures for the actual anointing. The two celebrations will be:

Wednesday, June 3rd--6:30 P.M.
Last names beginning A-H

Wednesday, June 10th--6:30 P.M.
Last names beginning J-S

Each student can have their sponsor and three additional persons attending (Student+Sponsor+Three=Five), all practicing social distancing requirements. This entails that those attending/invited show respect for this directive demonstrating concern for the others present. When the church reaches restricted capacity ushers will be instructing those who arrive that the church has met the restricted number allowed. You may contact Jana Guajardo at faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com with questions. More information will be placed in the weekend bulletin and posted as the time draws nearer. Students and their sponsors are being asked to be present in church by 6:10 P.M. in order to get seated in place. Students who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Confirmation are reminded of the weekly Saturday morning confession period in the Church at 10:30 A.M.

First Reconciliation

Two opportunities are available this week for the students preparing to receive First Communion. Parents may choose either:

Wednesday, May 27th
from 5 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. in the Church
or

Saturday, May 30th
from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. in the Church

for their children's first confession. Since this is a unique year with the pandemic, there will be extra guides/reminder sheets available for the student to assist in removing any worries or concerns. CCD staff will be present to assist with any questions and see to the necessary social distancing and privacy issues. As well, the CCD staff will be asking the family which First Communion Mass they plan to attend.

First Communion

We will have the Celebration of First Communion on the weekend of June 14th--the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus (Corpus Christi).

Saturday, June 13th--5 P.M.
CCD Students (English)

Sunday, June 14th--9 A.M.
St. Joseph School Students

Sunday, June 14th--11 A.M.
CCD Student (Español)

Parents accompanying the student to First Confession will be asked by CCD staff which of the Masses there student will attend.