

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH • NEW TAITON**  
**DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS**

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**Week of**  
**May 16, 2021**

Today is the  
Ascension of  
the Lord.

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~

**Sacrament of Baptism:** If you are in need of a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office six months prior to the desired date at (979) 543-6985.

**Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:** If a family member is sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to St. John's Church. Please fill out our census form located at the main entrance and return to the Parish Office.

**Mass Intentions for this Week:**

<b>Monday, 05/17</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday, 05/18</b>	7:00 a.m.	Johnnie Krpec †
<b>Wednesday, 05/19</b>	7:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Berger †
<b>Thursday, 05/20</b>	7:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory †
<b>Friday, 05/21</b>	7:00 a.m.	Donald Nohavitza †
<b>Saturday, 05/22</b>	4:00 p.m.	Jack Garner † Clarine Gold † Connie Krutilek †
<b>Sunday, 05/23</b>	7:00 a.m.	L.J. Junek † Leroy & Annie Supak
	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family Patricia Kresta †

**Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Trey Clark, Haley Tupa  
**Lector:** Cassie Clark  
**Ushers:** Donald Buzek, Volunteer  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Donald Priesmeyer, Cindy Priesmeyer  
**Rosary** prayed before Mass.

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Mason Bystrek, Jackson Bystrek, Carson Bystrek, Hudson Bystrek  
**Lector:** Susan Nohavitza  
**Ushers:** Calvin Blaha, Volunteer  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Jon Bystrek, Sandi Bystrek  
**Rosary** prayed before Mass.

**Offertory Collection**

Loose: \$826.00  
Envelopes: \$1958.00  
\$2784.00

**BULLETIN SPONSORS** this week are Garrett & Megan Bubela.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** this week is in honor of our 2021 Graduates.

**STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** will be in the home of Ben & Lena Tupa for the months of May & June.

**CRUCIFIX AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** will be in the home of Karen Zapalac for the months of May & June. Please pray for vocations.

**MAY ALTAR DECORATORS:** Reneau Gold, Jackie Watz, Angie Garner, Brenda Drapela, Sherry Kallina, Paula Kulhanek, Dee Ann Rawlinson, Debbie Sohrt, Becky Leopold, Charlene Smith, Margaret Leopold, Diane Seaman, Dorothy Pryor and Denise Wied. Your offering is due.

**CONGREGATION COUNT** continues this weekend at all Masses and continues each Sunday of May. Ushers are reminded to be as accurate as possible. Then record the count in the folder provided.

**SPECIAL ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SPECIAL NEED FOR PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA** will be taken up this weekend at all Masses.

**TEEN ACTS RETREAT:** Attention all teens that just finished Freshman year to graduating Seniors, who would like a Spirit filled weekend and would like to make new friends. "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." Psalm 92:2. We would like to invite you to join us for an extraordinary weekend on the next Teen ACTS retreat June 10-13, 2021. Cost for the retreat is \$200. A \$50 deposit with registration and the balance is due at the Thursday check-in day of the retreat. Please note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Forms are in back of church. If you need further information please contact: Annie Gold #979-541-9818, Lori Tupa #979-541-9853, or Michelle Korenek #979-541-3228.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR**  
**2021 GRADUATES AND PLEASE**  
**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THEM:**

Brittany Baker, Cullen Braden, Ty Bubela, Jackson David, Kara Hlavaty, Kayla Janik, Kendal Klatt, Kennedy Klatt, Andrew Kresta, Jackson Merck, Cale Otradovsky, Sarah Pallas, Brooklyn Powell, Zane Sabrsula, Abigail Sparks, Layton Sary, Jacob Venglar and Taylor Watz.

**PICNIC (TODAY) SUNDAY:** St. Michael Church in Cuero Annual Parish Spring Festival.

**Meditation for the Week**

"Today we celebrate a special day in the history of the Church. On the day Jesus ascended to heaven to remain with his Father, he commanded his disciples to carry on his ministry, proclaiming the good news to the whole world. Now we are that whole world. Now we are those disciples. May Christ, whom we encounter as we gather together and receive in the Eucharist on this holy day, strengthen our resolve to spread the good news in our world today." (Pastoral Patterns)

*Acts 1:1-11 As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.*

*Psalm 47 "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."*

*Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Christ is seated at God's right hand. To the extent of the full stature of Christ.*

*Mark 16:15-20 The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.*

"One way that we can tell that today is a day of transition is that today's Gospel consists of the very end of Mark's Gospel and today's first reading is the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. It is also a moment of transition for Jesus, from his time here on earth in bodily form to eternity in heaven in glory at the right hand of the Father. Finally, it is a time of transition for the disciples, told to go into the world and witness to the gospel. As disciples of the Lord ourselves, let us listen for his call in today's scriptures." (Pastoral Patterns)