



### **MASSES**

**Saturday** [anticipated] **4:30 pm**

**Sunday** **8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am**

*Mass in the chapel Monday-Friday at 9 am*

*Saturday at 10 am*

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Tuesday** **7-7:30 pm**

**Saturday** **9-9:45 am & 3-4 pm**

*in the chapel*

**ST IGNATIUS**  
**& ST LUKE'S**

**16 May 2021**

## ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ON THE ASCENSION

...Consider our Saviour's words:—"It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you." He does not tell us, why it was that His absence was the condition of the Holy Spirit's presence. "If I depart," He says, "I will send Him unto you." "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever." [John xvi. 7; xiv. 16.] ...Now, proud and curious reason might seek to know why He could not "pray the Father," without going to Him; why He must depart in order to send the Spirit. But faith, without asking for one ray of light more than is given, mutes over the wonderful system of Providence, as seen in this world, which is ever connecting events, between which man sees no necessary bond. The whole system of what is called cause and effect, is one of mystery; and this instance, if it may be called one, supplies abundant matter of praise and adoration to a pious mind. It suggests to us...how very much our knowledge of God's ways is but on the surface. What are those deep hidden reasons why Christ went and the Spirit came? Marvellous and glorious, beyond our understanding! Let us worship in silence; meanwhile, let us jealously maintain this, and every other portion of our Creed, lest, by dropping jot or tittle, we suffer the truths concealed therein to escape from us.

Moreover, this departure of Christ, and coming of the Holy Ghost, leads our minds with great comfort to the thought of many lower dispensations of Providence towards us. He, who, according to His inscrutable will, sent first His Co-equal Son, and then His Eternal Spirit, acts with deep counsel, which we may surely trust, when He sends from place to place those earthly instruments which carry on His purposes. This is a thought which is particularly soothing as regards the loss of friends; or of especially gifted men, who seem in their day the earthly support of the Church. For what we know, their removal hence is as necessary for the furtherance of the very objects we have at heart, as was the departure of our Saviour.

Doubtless, "it is expedient" they should be taken away; otherwise some great mercy will not come to us. They are taken away perchance to other duties in God's service, equally ministrative to the salvation of the elect, as earthly service. ... They are taken away for some purpose surely: their gifts are not lost to us; their soaring minds, the fire of their contemplations, the sanctity of their desires, the vigour of their faith, the sweetness and gentleness of their affections, were not given without an object. Yea, doubtless, they are keeping up the perpetual chant in the shrine above, praying and praising God day and night in His Temple, like Moses upon the Mount, while Joshua and his host fight with Amalek. Can they be allotted greater blessedness, than to have a station after the pattern of that Saviour who has departed hence? Has He no power in the world's movements because He is away? And though He is the Living and

exalted Lord of all, and the government is on His shoulder, and they are but His servants, without strength of themselves, laid up moreover apart from the conflict of good and evil in the paradise of God, yet so much light as this is given us by the inspired pages of the Apocalypse, that they are interested in the fortunes of the Church. We read therein of the Martyrs crying with a loud voice, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" ... And again of the Saints, saying, "Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before Thee, for Thy judgments are made manifest." [Rev. vi. 10; xv. 3, 4.] Let us not forget that, though the prophecies of this sacred book may be still sealed from us, yet the doctrines and precepts are not; and that we lose much both in the way of comfort and instruction, if we do not use it for the purposes of faith and obedience.

What has been now said about the Ascension of our Lord comes to this; that we are in a world of mystery, with one bright Light before us, sufficient for our proceeding forward through all difficulties. Take away this Light, and we are utterly wretched,—we know not where we are, how we are sustained, what will become of us, and of all that is dear to us, what we are to believe, and why we are in being. But with it we have all and abound. Not to mention the duty and wisdom of implicit faith in the love of Him who made and redeemed us, what is nobler, what is more elevating and transporting, than the generosity of heart which risks everything on God's word, dares the powers of evil to their worst efforts, and repels the illusions of sense and the artifices of reason, by confidence in the Truth of Him who has ascended to the right hand of the Majesty on high? What infinite mercy it is in Him, that He allows sinners such as we are, the privilege of acting the part of heroes rather than of penitents? Who are we "that we should be able" and have opportunity "to offer so willingly after this sort?" [1 Chron. xxix. 14.]—"Blessed," surely thrice blessed, "are they who have not seen, and yet have believed!" We will not wish for sight; we will enjoy our privilege; we will triumph in the leave given us to go forward, "not knowing whither we go," knowing that "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." [1 John v. 4.] It is enough that our Redeemer liveth; that He has been on earth and will come again. On Him we venture our all; we can bear thankfully to put ourselves into His hands, our interests present and eternal, and the interests of all we love. Christ has died, "yea rather is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from His love? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us." [Rom. viii. 34-37.]

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Jackie Chancio, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara.; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.*

***Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.***

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR PARISHIONER GARDENERS** have installed many donated hostas, hydrangeas, and daisies. They are still looking for more plant donations, particularly flowering shrubs such as peonies, roses, azaleas, and more; other flowers such as irises and daylilies would be most welcome. And more hostas would happily find a home on our grounds.

Also, do you have gardening equipment that you would like to donate? Our gardeners would love to have permanently on-site shovels, transplant spades, garden snips, branch loppers, watering cans, and garden rakes.

## **HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH**

Join us in praying that the work on repairing and beautifying the church will go quickly and smoothly, with no Covid or other delays in permitting or contracts.

*O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with loveliness; Grant, we beseech Thee, a swift consent to our bid to beautify thine house, giving the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in authority in this matter. Vouchsafe to hear our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, 15 May**

*Anticipated Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension [RM]*  
4:30 pm Karis Lim

### **Sunday, 16 May**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter [DW]

The Solemnity of the Ascension [RM]

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Joseph Fourier +

11 am James Maury Hensen +

### **Monday, 17 May**

*Eastertide Feria*

9 am Matthew Parker +

### **Tuesday, 18 May**

*John I, Pope and Martyr*

9 am those for whom Rafael Madan is obligated to pray

### **Wednesday, 19 May**

*Dunstan, Ethelwold, and Oswald, Bishops*

9 am the needs and concerns of visitors to our parish

### **Thursday, 20 May**

*Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

9 am Joseph Blanco White +

### **Friday, 21 May**

*Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

9 am Harry Guinivan

### **Saturday, 22 May**

*Rita of Cascia, Religious*

10 am Pilar Pe + [Marie Pe]

*Anticipated Mass for the Solemnity of the Pentecost*

4:30 pm Garret Wesley +

### **Sunday, 23 May**

THE FEAST OF THE PENTECOST

*commonly called Whitsunday*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Sister Constance Ward [Jane Slattery]

11 am Rafael F. Madan +

### St. Ignatius Finance Council

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