

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

*May 11th/May 12th 2024: Ascension (English)
Sunday After the Ascension (Latin)*



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SACRAMENTS and LITURGY

English Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

English Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Latin Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

English Weekday Masses: 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Latin Weekday Masses: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. on First Friday

First Saturday Latin Mass: 8:30 a.m. with confessions beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass: As Announced

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-3:55 p.m., Sunday 7:00-7:25, 8:30-8:55, and 10:15-10:40 a.m.

Baptisms: By Appointment

Marriage Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Talk to the Pastor before making any firm wedding plans. No destination weddings.

COVID-19 RESPONSE, MASS & DEVOTIONS: We have an additional Sunday Latin Mass at 7:30 a.m., to aid in social distancing, and continues on a provisional basis.

NOTE ON CONFESSIONS: If there is a significant line for confession, Fr Booth might say part of the formula of absolution while the penitent recites the act of contrition. The full formula of absolution is always said, but the first part might be said softly during the act of contrition. Thus, you might only hear “and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

WELCOME to all of our visitors: We are glad you have attended Mass with us. If you wish to join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form in the vestibule at the back of the church.

IN MEMORIAM: For Shirley Hull, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from May 12th to May 18th. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Alexander Salillas from May 19th until May 25th.

MAY CROWNING: We will crown a statue of Mary this Sunday, May 12th following the 9:00 a.m. and the 10:45 a.m. Masses.

MORNING WITH MARY: All ladies are invited to a morning of devotion next Saturday, May 18th. Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m., there will be confession during adoration, followed by benediction at about 9:10 a.m., and concluding with a Latin Mass at about 9:15 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of the month. We will have vocations prayers and a potluck lunch following the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

CONFIRMATION: We are planning on having Confirmation later this year at a date that is to be determined. The bishop has offered to confirm using the new rite in Latin followed by a High Latin Mass where he will sit in choir.

MEMORIAL SANCTUARY LAMP SIGN-UP SHEETS for 2024, 2025, and 2026 are in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

PARISH SUPPORT: The collection last weekend was \$8019 and the Preservation Fund collection was \$60. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seminarians: Patrick DePew, Max Gallegos, John Gardiner, Collins Hess, John Paul Stepnowski, Andrew Vickery, Hunter Limbaugh, Adam Sellers, Francisco Rodriguez, Justin Brouillette, Cameron Huhlein, Patrick Letterle, Wilson Moin, Joshua Callahan, Michael Masny, Ross Gilliland, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, and Dominic Rumore.

NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS: There is about a 7-month backlog on Mass Intentions. Thus, requested Mass dates cannot always be honored.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: (*Masses in the Rectory Chapel)

- Sat, May 11: 4:00 p.m. † Tom Davis (by Betty Mason)
Sun, May 12: 7:30 a.m. † Julie Wang Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. Special Intention for John & Beth Lauriello (by Monica Duvall)
Mon, May 13 *8:30 a.m. Special Intention Lauren Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Tues, May 14: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention Libby Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Wed, May 15: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Dr. & Mrs. Del Hahn (by the Hahn Family)
Thur, May 16: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore (by the Hahn Family)
Fri, May 17: *8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs Jonathan Gagnon (by the Hahn Family)
Sat, May 18: 9:15 a.m. Special Intention for Father Bryan Jerabek (by the Hall Family)
4:00 p.m. † Gloria Archambault (by the Bryant Family)
Sun, May 19: 7:30 a.m. † Justin Hunter (by Edmund Fay)
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
10:45 a.m. † Salvatore Riccardi (by Alan & Pam Olson)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND especially John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Elmer, Richard Juneau, Diane Norton, Laura Minjares, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Mary Jerabek, Sr Maria Lucis, Debbie Booth, Deacon Walter Henderson, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Jeff Brown, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, ShaKendria Hooks, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Bill Dinan, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Lawrence Brandley, Pete Ransom, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Linda Cooper, Danny Rohling, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Beverly Scroggins, William Scroggins, Lamar Smith, Wayne Little, Maria Morin, Andrea Little, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

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| 4:00 p.m. Pentecost | Gen 11:1-9, Rom 8:22-27, Jn 7:37-39 |
| 7:30 a.m. Pentecost | Acts 2:1-11, Jn 14:23-31 |
| 9:00 a.m. Pentecost | Acts 2:1-11, 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13, Jn 20:19-23 |
| 10:45 a.m. Pentecost | Acts 2:1-11, Jn 14:23-31 |

Why Did Jesus Ascend?

Why did Jesus ascend? Why did He leave us alone to fend for ourselves? At first blush, it can seem that He has abandoned us, but this is not so. Indeed, Jesus' ascension is both utterly essential and quite beneficial. Besides the sending of the Holy Spirit into the world, Jesus ascended:

- So that He returns to His rightful place in heaven, enthroned at the Father's righthand. While He never truly left the Father's side when He walked this earth, it would be all too easy for mankind to think He is only present on earth had He not ascended. Without the ascension we might think Jesus is merely an eternal man, not the eternal God that He has always been.
- To focus us on more the things of heaven and less on the things of earth. If He remained here many would be tempted to see a pilgrimage to see Jesus their goal in life rather than living a life of faith, hope, and love consistent with seeing Jesus and living with Him for ever in heaven. Just as unbelievers are caught up in things of earth, we would be much less likely to seek first the Kingdom of God so long as Jesus lives physically among us.
- So that, at the right hand of the Father, He might intercede for us. Limited by His human body confined to the material world here on earth, Jesus could hear only so many of our petitions. Being in heaven outside of matter, time, and space – the created world – He can hear and answer an unlimited number of our prayers at any moment in time.
- To bring His humanity into the heavenly Kingdom so that we might follow. Yes, while Enoch, Elijah, Moses, and the Blessed Virgin were assumed into heaven by a special grace of God, none of us is likely to merit such a blessing. But because of all that Jesus has done for us, when we are resurrected at the end of time, we will follow Him and ascend to our eternal heavenly home just the same way He did.
- To focus and foster our faith. If Jesus had remained here, it would not have been an act of real faith to believe in Him. Indeed, we do not believe in our living brothers, sisters, cousins, friends, and neighbors. Since they are present to us, we know them. We might believe in their goodness, integrity, and kindness only because we know their goodness, integrity, and kindness, but that is not the same as believing in them.
- To force us to continue His mission. This is done through His mystical body, the Church. Had Jesus remained here, we could easily expect Jesus to do it for us instead of us doing it for Jesus. Just as it was the attitude of many people for decades that priests, monks, and nuns ought to evangelize, intercede, and do other aspects of Jesus' mission, it is more clearly the responsibility of all the faithful to carry out the Gospel if Jesus has ascended. Otherwise it would be easy to think that this was Jesus' job if He remained physically present among us.
- to be Really Present in the Eucharist. If Jesus remains among us physically, He would not be able to be with us spiritually and sacramentally in the Eucharist. It is not just a matter of Jesus being here on earth rather than there in Heaven. Jesus' sacrifice on the altar of the cross has to ascend, come into the Father's presence, and then be accepted by Him, otherwise the sacrifice remains incomplete and ineffective. As St Paul writes in the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus "*passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption*" (Heb 9:11-12). Without the ascension, there is no eternal redemption.
- to be operative, to be the One who acts in the sacraments. When a priest says 'I absolve you' or 'I baptize you' or 'This is My Body', it is Jesus acting through the priest, the priest is acting in the Person of Christ (*in persona Christi*) so that the sacrament is conferred not by the priest's power or authority, but by Jesus' power and authority. This is only possible if Jesus has ascended into Heaven.