



ASCENSION OF THE LORD



“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus completes His mission on Earth and ascends into Heaven to take His seat on His glorious throne for all eternity. Or does He? The answer is yes and no. Yes, He does take His seat on His glorious throne, but no, He does not complete His mission on Earth. The Ascension is both the end and the beginning. It’s a transition to the next phase in the perfect plan of the Father. And understanding the way this plan unfolds should leave us in wonder and awe.

Sure, the Apostles were probably somewhat frightened and confused. Jesus was with them, then He died, then He rose and appeared various times, and then He ascended to the Father before their eyes. But He also told them that it is good that He goes. In fact, He said that it’s better that He goes. They must have been confused. Jesus also told them His Advocate would come to lead them into all Truth. So the Apostles went from joy, to fear, to relief and more joy, to confusion and sorrow, to curiosity and uncertainty.

Sound familiar? Perhaps that’s the way some find their lives to be. Ups and downs, twists and turns, joys and sorrows. Each phase reveals something new, something challenging, something glorious or something sorrowful. The good news is that the Father’s plan is unfolding perfectly.

The part of the perfect plan we find ourselves in with this solemnity is the part where Jesus begins to direct His mission of establishing the Kingdom of God from Heaven. His throne is, in a sense, the driver’s seat of our lives. From Heaven, Jesus suddenly begins to descend continuously into our lives fulfilling His mission in and through the Apostles, as well as all of us. The Ascension does not mean Jesus is gone; rather, it means Jesus is now present

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to each and every person who turns to Him and surrenders their life to His mission. From Heaven, Jesus is able to be present to all. He is able to live in us and invites us to live in Him. It's the new beginning of the Church. Now all the Apostles need to do is wait for the Holy Spirit to descend.

Reflect, today, upon the abiding and intimate presence of our Lord in your life. Know that Jesus invites you to share in His mission. From His glorious throne He wants us to “preach everywhere.” He wants to invite each one of us to do our part. The part of the Father’s plan entrusted to each one of us is not entrusted to another. We all have a share in that plan. What is your part? How does Jesus direct His mission through you? Ponder this question today and know that He accompanies you as you say “Yes” to your part in the glorious unfolding of His perfect plan.

Lord, I do find that my life is filled with many ups, downs, twists and turns. There are joys and sorrows, moments of confusion and clarity. In all things, help me to continually say “Yes” to Your plan. Jesus, I trust in You.

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RESUMING MASSES AT HOLY FAITH PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 30 & MAY 31

As was announced last weekend, Holy Faith will resume the celebration of Mass on Pentecost. Please watch for the guidelines coming to you in the E-Newsletter and posted on our website at holyfaithcatholicchurch.org. If we do not have your contact information, please send us your current best phone number and email to be added to our contact forms, or call the office at 352-376-5405, extension 100. It is so important at this time to stay connected.

General information: On Saturday, May 30th we will celebrate the 5pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday, May 31st, the 9:30am Mass. These are the only Masses for this weekend. We can only fit 100 people safely in the church following the Bishop’s guidelines of self distancing, etc. All attending are required to wear a mask. We will also have live-streaming of the Masses shown in the Father John M. Phillips Parish Life Center at these same times and an extra 100 can be accommodated there. Obviously this limits the amount of people who can attend. The Bishop encourages anyone who is part of the vulnerable groups or ill, to remain home. However, we respect your decision to come to Mass if you are healthy no matter your age. For those who are not ready, we respect your decision too. Remember, the Bishop has extended the dispensation from Mass for everyone, no matter your age, so it is not mandatory to attend. You may continue to watch our livestreamed Mass or others online.

We sent out a survey to get a feel for how many are planning to attend the first two Masses and we will have an electronic sign-up as well, or call the office. Full guidelines will be posted through all media outlets and on the doors of the church and office. Stay Safe!

(see page 3 for some basic detailed instructions)

RESUMING MASSES AT HOLY FAITH

Instructions for everyone

In order to be able to resume Masses we must follow the directives from our Bishop which you received a few weeks ago. As stated, our Bishop has given dispensation from Sunday obligation to all for an indefinite period of time. Please remember that these directives are to protect the life and safety of everyone, which is our first priority and concern. We count on your usual compassion and cooperation to be able to continue to have our public Masses available. Following these directives are a sign of mercy to others and a witness to Christ's love and compassion.

[WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO STAY HOME](#) if you are 65 years old or over, even if you are healthy, however, we will respect your decision if you decide to attend, unless you also have any of the following situations:

DO NOT COME TO MASS

- . If you are sick in any way
- . If you have any health condition that would increase your risk
- . If you have traveled out of Gainesville in the last 2 weeks you must wait 14 days before coming to Church.

FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND

1. Masks are **required** for everyone above 2 years old (please bring your masks)
2. Arrive in the parking lot and stay in the car until 20 minutes before Mass begins
3. We will begin welcoming people 20 minutes before Mass
4. When you get out of the car place your mask on
5. You must maintain at least 6 feet of distance at all times including walking to church
6. Families living together can walk in a cluster together
7. Families can sit together – you need to register the number of people & last name
7. Entrance is only through one door: door on left side of the vestibule
8. Handicap entrance should be used rarely and is limited to people who cannot walk
9. Exit is only through one door: door on right side of the vestibule
10. There can only be one person in the bathroom at a time.
11. You will be asked to sanitize your hands before coming into the church.
12. Seats will be marked and you will be led to your seat (no reserved or personal seats)
13. Offering can be dropped in a container at the entrance or exit of the church.
14. Sign of Peace: no physical contact. A simple bow to one another is appropriate
15. No holding hands or other physical contact during the Mass
16. Gloves are optional but if you use them they must be removed to receive communion
17. You will be escorted for communion
18. Communion is under one species only: the consecrated host
19. Communion can only be received on the hand
20. Exit only after the dismissal when escorted, through one door, cannot leave early
21. Sanitize hand as you leave the Church
22. When leaving go straight to car - cannot hang around the vestibule, patio, or parking lot
23. Do not gather afterwards, groups of people are not permitted

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MARY
ESPECIALLY FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US.



Pope Francis has asked that we pray the Rosary daily in May.

The month of May is called “Mary’s Month.” Marian devotion was present from the very beginning of the Church’s history. In the Gospel of Luke it states that “every generation” shall call her “blessed.” (Luke 1:48)

However, designating May as the “Month of Mary” was a rather late development in Church practice. Prior to Christianity, May was a favored time for Spring celebrations and fertility rites. These pagan celebrations, such as honoring the goddess of flowers and Spring or crowning “the Queen of May” have nothing to do with May later being named Mary’s month.

In the Middle Ages, the rose did become associated as Mary’s flower and so there was a devotion of offering flowers to her. She was herself called a Rose, as Dante wrote: “There is the Rose in which the Divine Word became flesh” (Paradiso, 23, 71-75) It was not until the late 18th century, however, that May began to be named the “Month of Mary”. The devotion steadily took hold, including the May Crowning of Mary (possibly from the earlier

crowning of the secular Queen of May).

We pray many have joined our Pope in prayer, even if only praying one decade of the Rosary a day, with the specific intention for an end to this pandemic.

TO THE CLASS OF 2020



We are proud of how far you have come and we pray and have faith in how far you can go.

Gracious and Loving God,

We ask, now, for your almighty hand to be upon our graduates as they and their families celebrate this grand milestone. May they find comfort from our community’s

continued embrace and support as they journey through life. Bless their lives from this day on with goodness and success. Enable them - to stay true to their dreams for your greater glory, - to discern what is right, good and just, and - to use their gifts wisely and in service to others. Empower them to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love guided by your light so that they may use their talents to, in the words of St. Ignatius Loyola:

“Go forth and set the world on fire.”

Grace be to them, grace be to us all. Amen.

(From a Prayer offered by Dr. Debra Mooney, 2016)

OTHER NOTICES:

Please note that Bishop Estévez has indefinitely dispensed all the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. We respect everyone's decision to attend or not.



CALLING FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE! COVID-19 TEAM

Thank you so much for your response to this request. We have started a new ministry at Holy Faith, the "COVID-19 Team" to help us achieve this important additional mission to help keep our church from contamination and all members and visitors safe from harm, as much as we can, as the safety and health of all is our true mission.

With that in mind, **WE CONTINUE TO REQUEST MORE HELP!** Please sign up to be on the team. We imagine this service will be needed for some time to come and the more helpers the easier it will be to get this done and keep our church open for Mass and Sacraments.

We have appealed to our younger population, as they are the Church of the future, and not in the most vulnerable group, to help us in this quest. The team, together, will help us implement the needed safety measures to protect everyone, and so we can continue our Eucharistic celebrations again. **We cannot do this without help!**

We have received responses from all age groups and appreciate your assistance as well, as long as you are healthy and follow the safety rules. We welcome anyone who is not in a vulnerable group to sign-up too.

Sign-up via our E-Newsletter, website, text or myparishapp immediately to schedule your necessary training or call the office with your name, age & contact info.

PARENT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

MAY BAPTISM SESSION POSTPONED

The next scheduled date for Baptismal preparation for parents will be June 20th from 10:30am to 12Noon. You can register for this session online at holyfaithcatholicchurch.org under Baptism or call the office.

Baptisms scheduled in May have been postponed. Call the office to reschedule.





The Holy Rosary is prayed every Weekday at 9:00am and at 10:00am

and on Saturday at 9:30am. All are invited to come and pray with us in spirit at these times this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

MASS INTENTIONS*

MONDAY, May 25, 2020
7:00am Spiritual Bouquet for all healthcare workers and first responders, for health & safety
9:30am Manual Perez, RIP, by Mimi Hoffer

TUESDAY, May 26
7:00am For the protection & safety of all in our Churches for the Celebration of the Mass
9:30am Iris Lyn, RIP, by Alice Wynter

WEDNESDAY, May 27
7:00am Spiritual Bouquet for our priests, Fr. Emmanuel & Fr. Clyde
9:30am Fil Alcantara, RIP, by Family

THURSDAY, May 28
7:00am Sandra Dorman, Spiritual Bouquet for Healing, by John Waitcus
9:30am Richard Walker, Spiritual Bouquet for Birthday, by Maryann Walker

FRIDAY, May 29
7:00am For the protection & safety of all who attend Holy Faith for the Celebration of the Mass this coming weekend
9:30am Vivian Lim, Spiritual Bouquet for Healing, by Marillee Limbaga

SATURDAY, May 30
9:00am Spiritual Bouquet for 50th Wedding Anniversary for Brian and Peg Iwata

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

For all Christians, that our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next.

We pray to the Lord ...

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of May 24, 2020

Sunday the Ascension of the Lord:
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday:
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

*MASS SCHEDULE

Our Priests continue to celebrate daily Mass privately until we resume regular daily Mass. The daily Mass Intentions are prayed for as requested. To reschedule, if you desire, please contact the office.

PRAYER LIST

Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish and for all those in need of our prayers, especially for all who have coronavirus to be healed, and for Amos R, Barbara E, Betty A, Bill & Carol, Beverly B, Beverly F, Brenda A, Bob D, Charlotte, Coralia G, Daniel C, David H, Eleanor F, Elizabeth G, Erick A, Evelyn G, Gabby G, George DeG, Graeme M, Jaime, James H, James LT, Janet M, Janet S, Jill G, Joan B, Joey A, Joey R, John A, John D, Joke, Jolene T, Joseph D, Josh B, Karlene M, Katrina L, Lilybeth A, Lissa C, Lois M, Lorraine C, Luke G, Mary S, Mary Y, Matthew D, Owen M, Martha, Rey A, Rochelle G, Romulo R, Rose, Sandra B, Seve C, Sue W, Sylvie H, Terrence P, TJ A, Vicky A, Vince N & William T, Jr. Send your prayer requests via email holyfaithoffice@holyyfaithchurch.org. As always, we pray for our sick as a community together. Matthew 18:20



To reach us leave a message on ext. 100. That line is monitored daily as staff works from home.

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Please advise the church office if you or a loved one are in the hospital in need of a priest for anointing of the sick. If after hours and an emergency call: 352-491-5146.

We thank You and appeal to you for your continued Support of Our Parish.

Parish Giving Report	April 5, 2020	April 12-19, 2020
Offertory	\$15,908.50	\$45,863.50
Estimated April Online Giving	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Offertory	<u>\$18,908.50</u>	<u>\$48,863.50</u>
EXTRA DONATIONS		
Holy Days / Ash Wednesday	0	80.00
Holy Thursday	0	80.00
Thanksgiving	0	80.00
All Saints	0	80.00
All Souls	0	80.00
Christmas	0	80.00
Votive Candles	228.91	0
Outreach for those in Need & the Poor	2,135.00	2,105.00
St. Patrick's School	25.00	150.00
Seasonal Flower Donations	145.00	200.00
Catholic Charities	275.00	200.00
Comboni Missionary Sisters	275.00	600.00
Holy Shrines	20.00	458.00
Operation Rice Bowl	40.00	0
Retired Religious	0	200.00
Convent Donations	275.00	600.00
Parish Life Center Maintenance Fund	0	250.00
Sister Parish Donations	0	100.00
Sister Parish Sponsorships	275.00	725.00
TOTAL EXTRA DONATIONS	<u>\$ 3,693.91</u>	<u>\$6,068.00</u>
Easter Sunday Donations	<u>\$270.00</u>	<u>\$2,937.50</u>

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for continuing to support our church and our ministries. We couldn't do any of our work without your generous financial assistance and we give thanks to God for the love you have for your Parish and for your Catholic faith. We pray for all to be bless in abundance and pray especially for those who may be currently unemployed due to this pandemic that God will take care of all their needs.

Our parish of Holy Faith is blessed by all of you. Thank you again for the love.

Thank you to those who have signed up for online giving making it easier for us to receive your donation.