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Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 7:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9 AM—12 PM

(The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.)

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MAY  
**29**  
2022

"Men of Galilee,  
why are you  
standing there  
looking at the sky?"

Acts 1:11

THE  
*Ascension*  
OF THE LORD

## PARISH REGISTRATION

**All are Welcome!** New parishioners are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. When moving, please notify the Rectory office.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass. Arrangements for Baptism should be made at least one month in advance. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Congratulations to our engaged couples! Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

## RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory office.

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.

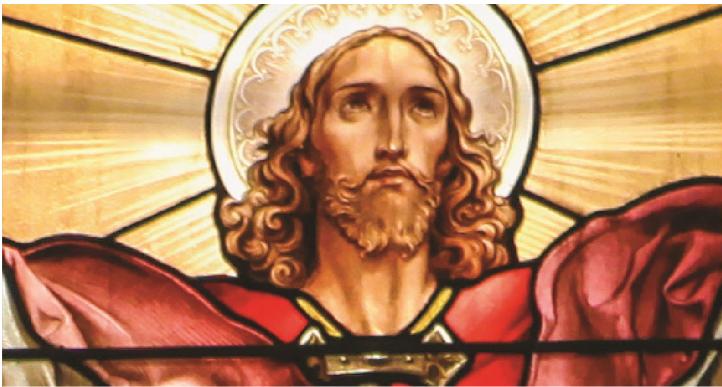


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# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022

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AS HE BLESSED THEM  
HE PARTED FROM THEM  
AND WAS TAKEN  
UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

## CONTINUING JESUS' MINISTRY

The celebration of the Ascension of our Lord occurs distinctively this year, when the two most detailed descriptions of the event, both written by Luke the evangelist, are brought together in today's readings. We hear both the concluding verses from Luke's Gospel, the first volume of his work, and the first verses of Acts, his second volume. For Luke, the Ascension is the hinge of his two-volume work. The evangelist apparently thought the story of the Ascension was important enough to tell twice. While his first telling emphasizes the meaning of Jesus' earthly ministry, the second telling shifts to how the community of his followers are commissioned to continue this same ministry. Now the apostles, and by implication all who follow Jesus, will bring healing and hope to a world that desperately needs them. Luke reminds us that we the Church are also summoned by Jesus to participate in his work.

## ABSENCE AND PRESENCE

Appreciating the Ascension within the larger story of Jesus can be difficult. This is partly because of the mystical features of Luke's two descriptions, and also the lack of description in the other Gospels. The Ascension describes both the absence and the presence of Jesus. Why did Jesus have to leave? As Jesus told his disciples, his departure makes possible his continuing presence in a new way, through the work of the Spirit beginning at Pentecost.

The Ascension is more than a departure, for it describes how the bodily, human Jesus is now "at the right hand of God," and that the Father exalts Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth. We need to hold these two together: that Jesus knows our human trials and joys and walks compassionately with us; and Jesus also is our Lord, who pushes us out of our comfort zones toward Christian maturity, and holds us accountable.

## WITNESSES

In the descriptions of the Ascension in today's readings, Jesus tells the disciples "You are witnesses" or "you will be my witnesses." The image of witness evokes a legal proceeding, where a person affirms the truth of an event. Sometimes physical evidence, such as a DNA test, serves as witness to the truth. This same word is used again and again in Acts, as the apostles witnessed to the Resurrection, or to the whole story of Jesus. We are called to witness the truth of the Gospel.

We might witness in at least three ways. In dialogue with others, we can speak the witness, by explicitly sharing the biblical story and what it means for us. We can do the witness, by aligning our actions and lifestyle so as to share love for others. We can be the witness, in our fundamental openness and faithful response to God, and in our grace-filled personal presence with others. We are the best evidence of the truths of our faith.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23 or  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Luke 24:46-53

## THE 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

Please help us reach our Parish goal of **\$7990.00** by making a donation to the 2022 Annual Appeal. Donations can be made online at [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org). Thank you to those who have already pledged. Pledge envelope are located at the back of the Church or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing).

## WHILE ON VACATION...

Please remember the needs of our parish before you go away. We understand it has been a difficult time for many. But we still count on your continued support. We thank you for your generosity and may God bless you with a happy, healthy and safe vacation! For those parishioners going on vacation, please visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find Mass times at your vacation destination.

## FATHER'S DAY CANDLES

Father's Day candle forms are available in the back of the Church. Place the completed form and \$10.00 offering in the collection basket or return to the Rectory office no later than Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful gesture to honor your father either living or deceased.

## FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

All Masses on Father's Day including the Saturday Mass, will be offered for all fathers, living and deceased. Father's Day Mass cards are available in the Rectory office during office hours 9 AM—12 PM. Offering for each intention, including the card is \$5.00.

## SACRAMENT FOR THE SHUT-INS

All those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist in their homes, please call the Rectory office at (201) 998-4616 to make arrangements.



The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM.



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Armand Calabrese, Joseph Colamedici, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, Sally Zuza**, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

*May God grant them healing.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 <sup>st</sup> collection	05/15/2022	\$1100.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	05/15/2022	\$298.00
1 <sup>st</sup> collection	05/22/2022	\$716.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	05/22/2022	\$433.00

The second collection for the weekend of June 4/5 is for Maintenance and Repairs.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!*

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday

5:00 PM

### May 28

Nancy O'Hara

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

### May 29

In Thanksgiving of Father Patrick's 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

### May 30

Klena Family

Req. Yarmolowicz Family

### May 31

Louis Kennedy

Req. Irene Potts

### June 1

Allen Dixon

Req. LaShan Dixon

### June 2

Regina Harris

Req. Theresa Tiberi

### June 3

Friedewald, Ludwig, and Rolli Families

Req. Theresa Tiberi

### June 4

Dennis Dixon

Req. LaShan Dixon

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### June 4

Lino Abrantes

Req. Miranda Family

### June 5

Patricia Blair

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

### Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish

### Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish

### Altar Candles...

People of the Parish



## FULFILLING YOUR EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022**.

\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

## SAVE THE DATE...

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