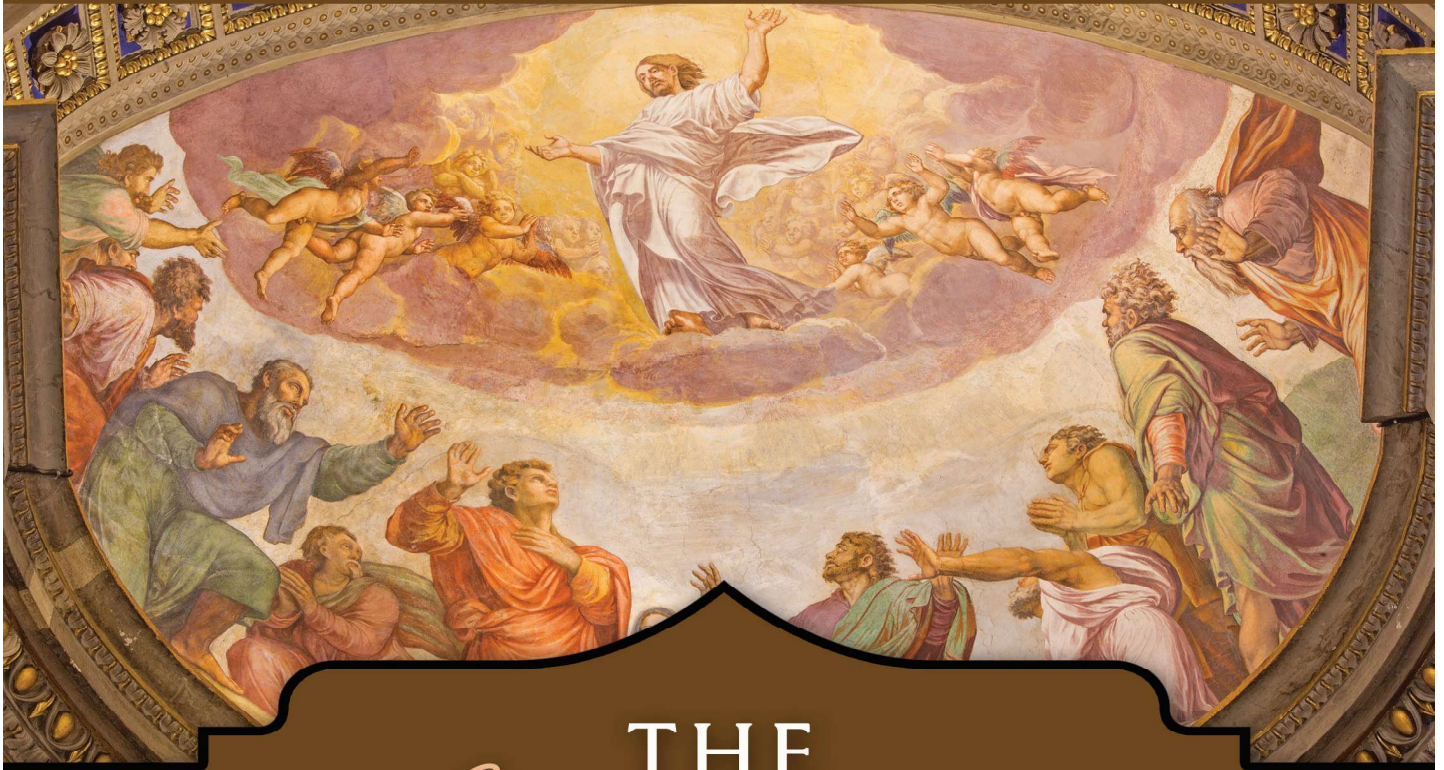


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THE *Ascension* OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

Men of Galilee, why are you
standing there looking up at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way.

Acts 1:11



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY: 11:30AM-12NOON

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 4:00 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 16, 2021 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †William Cizek, Sr. - Family
† Mary McGinnis Lynch - Dave & Nancy Hayden
†Eligio B. Peralta - Lito & Zeny Dungca
†Salvacion Saludes - Lito & Zeny Dungca
Intention of Brenda Hark - Loving Family

Monday, May 17, 2021

12:00PM †Robert A. Cynowa - Loving Wife

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

12:00 PM Intention of Caridad L. Cuasay - Family

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

12:00 PM Intention of Father Jose Kadkunnel - Benita Lim

Thursday, May 20, 2021

12:00 PM †Perla Weinberg - Nilda Cinco

Friday, May 21, 2021

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino & Demma Families - K & M Demma Families

Saturday, May 22, 2021

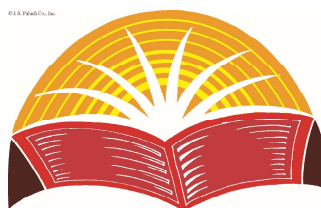
4:00PM †Catherine Skulski - Mary Kay McCrory
†Pedro Felix, Sr. - Family
†Amelia Pocina - Patsy Williams
†Dr. Jose and Ofelia Lasala - Christie Agins

Sunday, May 23, 2021 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Mary Power - John Power I
† Marie Cordero - Vilma Tionioc
†Sarina Conmy - Connie
†Maria C. Ignacio - Daughter

† Denotes Deceased



**They went forth and
preached everywhere**

Dear Padre,

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won't be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn't Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, "You must be born anew" (*Common English Bible*). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says, "Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom."

We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it's not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words "personal savior." Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is "sealed" with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple's personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

Calendar

Monday
MAY 17

Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday
MAY 18

Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday
MAY 19

Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday
MAY 20

Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

Friday
MAY 21

Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

Saturday
MAY 22

Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

Sunday
MAY 23

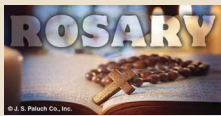
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
or Gal 5:16–25
Jn 20:19–23
or Jn 15:26–27;
16:12–15

**Know Someone
Overly Anxious About Sin?**
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

Parish News



If you did not receive a Holy Water bottle at Easter and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.



Ascension of our Lord Parishioners have been gathering at the parking lot front door entrances of:

Oakbrook Healthcare -(Mondays 10am)
Terra Vista of Oakbrook Terrace-(Tuesdays 10am)
Lexington Healthcare-Lombard - (Fridays 10am)

to pray the rosary. These parishioners pray for the those residents in the facility along with prayers for the healthcare workers and their families.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE STOP BY AND PRAY . PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION.

WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO PRAY THE ROSARY !



**"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with
great love."
Mother Teresa**

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 22- 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob

SUNDAY, MAY 23- 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose assisted by Deacon Peter

SUNDAY, MAY 23 - 10:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, May 9, 2021—\$5,982

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.**

UPDATED CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confessions **continue** on Fridays **before** the 12noon Mass, starting at 11:30am.

Confessions will remain on Saturdays from 3:15pm-4pm.

Appointments may be scheduled as well by calling the parish office.



WORLDWIDE ROSARY TO PRAY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC—MAY 17

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception has been chosen

by the Holy See to lead the worldwide recitation of the Rosary on Monday, May 17, at 12 noon ET/6pm Rome time, in response to Pope Francis' call for a "marathon" of prayer during the month of May "to ask for the end of the pandemic."

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington will prayerfully lead the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary from the Basilica's Great Upper Church. .

The recitation of the Rosary will be livestreamed at www.nationalshrine.org/mass and will be shared with the Holy See for transmission throughout the world. (unitedstatescatholicbishops.com)



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

If you or a family member are ill and would like to be placed on the Ascension of Our Lord Prayer List, please call the Parish Office. The name will be added for one month. Due to privacy issues, we will only honor requests made by you or a family member. Name will remain on list for one month. **Please call the Parish Office to add a name to the "Pray for the Sick" list.**

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 17: MASS 12NOON

**TUESDAY, MAY 18: BLESSING & SPECIAL COMMUNION
9AM-2PM , 12NOON MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19: 12NOON - MASS BIBLICAL WALK WITH
MARY—ZOOM 6:30PM**

**THURSDAY, MAY 20: 10:30AM LEGION OF MARY - CORPUS
CHRISTI, 12NOON - MASS,**

**FRIDAY, MAY 21: 11:30AM CONFESSION, 12NOON MASS,
SATURDAY, MAY 22: 3:15 —CONFESSION, 4:00PM MASS**

SUNDAY, MAY 23: MASS 8AM AND 10AM MASS



Dear Parishioners & Friends of Ascension of Our Lord Parish,

We have much to celebrate on this the Feast Day of the Ascension of the Lord—our parish name-sake! Today we are called to spread the Good News! Just as we are often renew our Baptismal Promises throughout the Easter Season, today we take those promises and act on what those words truly mean.

This ties in beautifully as well with the conclusion of the projects of our Revitalize & Rejoice Campaign. By the generous stewardship of prayer and treasure, Ascension of Our Lord Parish is prepared to spread the Good News for many years to come!

Revitalize & Rejoice Project Recap:

- Replacement of nine rooftop units for AC and Heat that serve our Narthex, Offices, Parish Hall, Kitchen, Founders Foyer, Marian Room, and Classrooms
- Replacement of the Narthex carpet
- Replacement of the carpet in the Sanctuary and aisles with luxury vinyl tile (LVT)
- The purchase of a new baby grand piano for the Church to enhance our worship together
- The installation of new security cameras and an electronic fob system for building access
- Wallpaper was fixed in the Narthex, Corpus Christi Hall, Founder's Foyer, Marian Room, and throughout the hallway of our education wing.

Other projects completed:

- New Hymnals were donated. (We will see these again once we are allowed to use them.)
- Parking Lot lighting will be upgraded to LED in the coming weeks with daytime/dusk sensors.
- WiFi has been installed throughout the building for use in our Religious Education Programs and other programming throughout the year.
- New Stations of the Cross were donated.

Spreading the Good News:

- We welcomed Mayslake Ministries to our campus in 2020.
- Throughout the pandemic, we are one of the few parishes in the area to have its full weekend schedule restored along with weekday Mass five days a week.
- The continued generosity of your time, talent, treasure, and prayer continues to sustain us all in more ways than one can imagine.
- We thank our pastors, Fr. James Duffy, Fr. Bill Cullen, Fr. Damien Graziano, Fr. Bill Donnelly, and presently Fr. Jose Kadukunnel for their guidance and vision over these 50+ years.

May today's Feast Day be one of great celebration for you and your family!
Vince

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

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Engaging Catholics in a Modern World

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FORKS ON OUR ROADS

As we hopefully approach the end of the pandemic, everyone must make further decisions to determine which way we want to take on **these** forks on our individual travels to the future. The FIRST decision is whether to get the vaccinations necessary for protection from any further dangers of the Covid19 virus contagion. Once we have our shots we must decide whether to leave the quarantine of our homes and begin to rejoin friends and relatives by means other than phone, E-mail, regular mail or ZOOM. We also need to decide when we wish to resume physically going to church services and receiving the Sacraments. Some of you have made these decisions already but others either are prevented from engaging on those roads due to illnesses, lack of transportation or health confinements.

The Members of our Society parish Conference and the poor we serve are also faced with the dilemma of choices in reengaging our ways and living prior to the pandemic. We ask everyone to consider their paths to the future while never forgetting the needs of the poor and neglected we serve. Please pray for our Members, those we assist, and all of us that we put our trust in the Lord in making these decisions now that we have options for our future. Above all, pray that we all make the right decisions and choose the right paths for the benefit of everyone. Consider helping us with your spare resources, your ideas, your joining us as Members and above all your continued prayers to aid everyone in choosing the right roads.

If you have tried unsuccessfully to contact us in the last several weeks, we apologize that we had no one to answer the office phone nor to clear the backload of people requesting our help. Our Members are now making the same decisions we noted earlier and others have encountered illnesses and personal matters that prevented many of us from responding to the many calls we have very recently received. We hope this is now addressed adequately to continue our communications with everyone.



FRIDAY, MAY 21 IS NATIONAL PIZZA PARTY DAY! Having a blast on National Pizza Party Day is no pie-in-the-sky idea. Pizza's the very definition of a good time and your May 21 options are plentiful. Although mainly thought of as an Italian dish, pizza has seemingly existed forever. The ancient Greeks used to flavor their flatbread with oils, herbs, and cheese, while Persian soldiers used to bake their own pizzas on the hot surfaces of their shields. Traditional pizza is also known as Neapolitan pizza, and it originates from Naples, around the middle of the 16th century. Italian immigrants later introduced the dish to their new American compatriots, and eventually, pizza became the savory crowd-pleaser we know it to be today. **Enjoy a pizza today!!!!** Taken from national today.com

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457)
May 22**

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. “Divine Savior,” Rita prayed, “let me suffer like you!” Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven. —Peter

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The Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate not only a special day in our liturgical year, but also of our parish namesake! The image to your left should be very familiar to you—located between the two staircases to our Church is a wonderful piece of art with raised hands depicting the Ascension of the Lord!

What a beautiful reminder of the Lord's Ascension each and every time we enter and leave our Church. Throughout the Diocese of Joliet, we are the only parish named after the Ascension of the Lord!

Over the next week, think about what does our parish family of Ascension of Our Lord parish family means to you. Through your continued **time, talent, treasure, and prayer**, *Ascension of Our Lord Parish is a better place because of you!*