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Sunday, May 9, 2021 • Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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

CONFESIONS

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 9, 2021 - Mother's Day

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM Intention of All Mother's
50th Anniversary Blessing for Zenaida & Carmilto Dungca

Monday, May 10, 2021

12:00PM †Perla Weinberg - Vrlec Family

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

12:00 PM †Bill Cizek, Sr.

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

12:00 PM Intention of Bojan Family - Family

Thursday, May 13, 2021

12:00 PM †Anne Giannini - Family

Friday, May 14, 2021

12:00 PM †Sharon M. Brown

Saturday, May 15, 2021

4:00PM †Enrichetta Christofano - Dr. Barbara Santucci
Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino & Demma Families - K & M Demma Families
†Manuel Balce Jr.—Mary Allen Agbayani

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

† Denotes Deceased



Words of Thanks from Father Jose

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

It's wonderful to have you come here and join me in offering my thanksgiving to God. As I celebrate my 35th year in the priesthood a question has been on my mind these past few days: What does it mean to have been a priest for thirty-five years?

Am I the same man who was ordained 35 years ago? An honest look in the mirror tells me that I've changed considerably since those first years of my priesthood. Less hair. More lines and wrinkles. And of course, the energy level has diminished greatly. I was ordained at 29, and the physical changes are obvious, but the real changes are more important. As I look back over my life, my journey of faith, my preparation for priesthood, and my ministry as a priest, I am grateful; I am humbled; I am amazed. What does it mean to have been a priest for thirty-five years? It means everything. Certainly more than I could ever say here.

As a young boy growing up in a rural area in India, I enjoyed going to church with my parents and siblings. Family prayer was very much part of our home while I was growing up. Every evening we got together and prayed the rosary. My mom had some special prayers before we began the rosary. Prayer for vocations was one of them. She prayed: Lord bless my family with vocations to the Holy Priesthood. "Maybe I am the answer to her prayers," I said to myself. That was the beginning of my discernment for my priestly vocation. Let me tell you, I am glad where I am.

What has given me the greatest joy in my priesthood is celebrating mass with the people of God. Perhaps one of the strangest things that Jesus did before he ascended to heaven, was to entrust his Church to priests; ordinary, sinful, weak human beings. This is something that we do not understand, but we believe. Through the gift of the priesthood, He gave us the most extraordinary gift of all, the gift of the Eucharist, which is the gift of Jesus himself really and truly present in the form of bread and wine. There is no gift greater than this, but the fact that he made it depend on priests is what is so strange. I am sure that one reason in particular why he did this was to make it obvious that it is God who is at work and that the Lord is in no way dependent on the gifts or skills of human beings alone, especially not us priests. God doesn't call the perfect; He perfects the called." Today let us pray for vocations to priesthood. Let us pray to the intercession of Mary, the Mother and Model of Vocations.

A priest's privileged ministry is to help people to stay connected to God and to communicate God's love for each person, especially through the Sacraments, through preaching and teaching, through pastoral care and counsel. Our love for Christ is but a reply to His love for us. The most important task of a priest is to help people know the Lord loves them by bringing them into relationship, into communion, with Christ.

I have met many people who believe that God loves everyone. But, when it really comes down to it, they're not really sure that God loves them. Acting in the person of Christ, a priest is an agent of God's love. A love that calls and consoles. A love that challenges and changes. A love that commissions and sends out. I am so very grateful for the people who have loved me, and who do love me still. There are people who have shown me God's love without realizing it. There are people who, by their own love, have helped me understand and accept God's love. To my parents and my siblings; to my family and friends; to past and present bishops, priests, religious men and women; parishioners of Paxton and Ascension, and many more besides; to everyone who has been part of my journey to and in the priesthood, I am indebted to each one of you. Thank you seems inadequate, but it is extremely heartfelt.

Most humbling are the ways I have been invited to share people's lives, not because of me, but because I am a priest. So many joyful celebrations of baptisms, weddings, First Holy Communions and Confirmations. What a pleasure to be included in times of such great happiness. What an honor too, to be present in times of challenge and sadness: anointing the sick and the dying; praying with people as they died; presiding at the funerals of babies, children, and loved ones. I have been trusted as a confessor and a spiritual director. When I have not known what to say, I marvel at the Lord's presence and the words He has put onto my lips.

I am constantly amazed by the Lord's goodness, by the outpouring of His grace and the working of His providence. As I continue to grow in the priesthood, I realize, more and more, that we are held in love, no matter what. To love Christ, to know Christ, and to serve Christ. This is the desire of a priest. This is his desire for those he shepherds. So here I am. 35 years a Priest and 5 years as Pastor of St. Ascension Parish. What a wonderful gift.

Thank you for putting up with me, despite my limits, weaknesses, and failures. Please pray with me and for me today, that I will continue to have the zeal, the enthusiasm, the energy, the generosity and the willingness to humbly serve God and his people in the most humble way. On my part, I will continue to pray for each and every one of you.

~Blessings, Fr. Jose

Parish News



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I (1840-1889)

May 10 Damien volunteered to bear Christ's light into Moloka'i's bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: "We lepers," he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy.

Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them.

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA - MAY 13

Today's Memorial celebration commemorates the greatest saint of all, Saint Mary, as she manifested herself to three humble children in the Portuguese village of Fatima in 1917. Our Lady, the only mother ever chosen by her son, appeared in a particular place, at a particular time, to a particular people, to satisfy a particular need. She spoke to the children deep theological truths about heaven, hell, and purgatory. She performed a publicly witnessed miracle that made the sun dance, asked for increased devotion to her Son Jesus Christ, and pleaded for reparation for the many sins committed against Him.

(mycatholiclife.com)

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 15- 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob

SUNDAY, MAY 16- 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose

SUNDAY, MAY 16 - 10:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose

STEWARDSHIP

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Sunday, May 2, 2021 -\$5,298

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.



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



"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the son of God."
— JP II



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 10: MASS 12NOON

TUESDAY, MAY 11: BLESSING & SPECIAL COMMUNION

9AM-2PM , 12NOON MASS

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

THURSDAY, MAY 13: 10:30AM LEGION OF MARY - CORPUS CHRISTI, 12NOON - MASS,

FRIDAY, MAY 14: 11:30AM CONFESSON, 12NOON MASS,

SATURDAY, MAY 15: 3:15 —CONFESSON, 4:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 16: MASS 8AM AND 10AM MASS



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Blessing for Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church.

Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from the Book of Blessings)

To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.
To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.
To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.
To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.
To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.
To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

- Hannah Kardon

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

GETTING THROUGH IT ALL

During this past year everyone has had to endure limits or changes to our normal living patterns. Some have not made it through this pandemic. Others have avoided the dangers of the virus but have had to limit their lifestyles and personal choices. So it is with the Members of our parish SVDP Conference as well as those we serve. First, let us apologize to everyone that we have been unable to do more especially in these trying times. We have seen our Conference President pass away on Christmas eve. Many in our Conference lost friends or relatives to illnesses that could not be adequately avoided during this time. Some of us simply grew a little older and more limited in our physical abilities as have many others. It is now that we turn to others in our parish to replace those who cannot continue to serve and to provide new energy, commitments and novel ideas to continue our service to the poor and disadvantaged.

Here are some of the needs we currently have in order “*to talk the walk and walk the talk*” of our future work. Here are an array of our Conference present needs: Officers that can take the lead in our Conference work. Staff additions and replacements that can provide the work of Case Screeners and Case Managers that directly work with individuals and families in need. Data Base Manager, clothing and household goods Collection Managers, Special Events Coordinators, Fund Raisers, Gifting & Donation Acknowledgers, Training Leaders/Formatters to explain and teach others about the Vincentian *Rule and Manual*, Tax and Incorporation Specialists, Service Twinning Connectors, and anything else you may want to do as a Member or Associate Member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Ministry. Many of these do not at all require you to leave your home but serve others from there. Now more than ever we need you to get us through this recent period of limitations and on to a future of fervent help for those in need. If there is anything you think you may wish to do with or for us, please call our office at 630-953-4419 and leave your name and a phone number and we will quickly get back to you to receive your thoughts, ideas and service to the poor and our Society. Above all we ask your prayers so that we all come through this pandemic and be the better for it.



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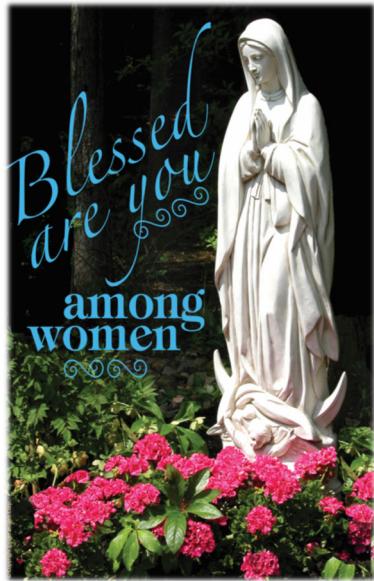
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A Prayer During this Month of May

Holy Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus,
Hear my prayer for my own dear mother.
Take her hand as I hold her in my heart and mind.

Let the strength you have known as a mother
Fill her body. Let the devotion you feel for our Lord
Fill her heart. Let the grace that surrounds you
Fill her spirit. Holy Mary, may your divine presence
In my mother's life, today and every day, bring her joy
And peace forever. Amen.

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