

May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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Mass prompts and order of the mass can be found here: tinyurl.com/yeqtax3q

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5:00 pm Mary & Bart Zucosky+ By Chris & Amy Zucosky

Sunday, May 16th

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

10:00 am Elsie & Frank Marcigliano + By Janet & Emil Manfredonia

12:00 Jack & Josie Foley By Foley Family (60th Wedding Anniversary)

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Welcome to our Livestream of the Sunday Mass - **please feel free to share this with your friends on Facebook and invite people to attend the online Mass. If you click the "Share" icon on this you can share it as a post on your page.**

Good Morning

Announcement:

The Church has reopened and daily mass has resumed with 7 am and 8:30 am - appropriate social distancing must be followed and masks must be worn at all times - no exceptions. 8.30 am mass will continue to be livestreamed.

Weekend masses are open as well but require advance signup – please see website for details. 10 am Sunday mass will also continue to be livestreamed.

The Church is open for private prayer from 6.45 am to noon on weekdays. Please follow social distancing protocols. Masks must be worn at all times.

Also, please note that you will need to reserve in advance for attending weekend masses - details for sign-up posted on the website

For those of us who continue to celebrate Mass in our homes virtually it is good to remember that Jesus is truly present whenever 2 or 3 are gathered in his name, even if at a distance. There is also the idea of the "Domestic Church", an understanding that is born of baptism that the family is the first and perhaps most encountered way of living out our lives of faith. Both of these ideas have taken on greater prominence these last few months.

Let us now take a moment to greet each other online.

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Amen

Lord have mercy;

Christ have mercy;

Lord have mercy;

Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Amen

Reading I

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,

I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught

until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for "the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him,
"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"
He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons
that the Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth."
When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.
They said, "Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,

shout to God with cries of gladness,

For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,

is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;

the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

Sing praise to God, sing praise;

sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God;

sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,

God sits upon his holy throne.

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Reading II

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

OR:

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters,

I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit
through the bond of peace:
one body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore, it says:

He ascended on high and took prisoners captive;
he gave gifts to men.

What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended
into the lower regions of the earth?

The one who descended is also the one who ascended
far above all the heavens,

that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets,
others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of faith
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

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Alleluia

Mt 28:19a, 20b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: "The Lord be with you" All: "And with your spirit"

P: "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark All: "Glory to your O Lord"

Gospel

Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;
whoever does not believe will be condemned.
These signs will accompany those who believe:
in my name they will drive out demons,
they will speak new languages.
They will pick up serpents with their hands,
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.
But they went forth and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

After Gospel

P: “The Gospel of the Lord.” All: “Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.”

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The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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Prayer of the faithful:

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Response: Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for an end to the current COVID-19 pandemic and all who are impacted by it, especially those who are ill and those who have lost their lives.

Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving as well for those who risk their own health to help others.

Let us offer a prayer for people that are administering the vaccine and those getting it and that the effectiveness of the vaccine may help end the pandemic.

Let us pray for people suffering from physical and mental illness that God may heal them according to His will.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit come upon all and continue to inspire us.

Let us pray for peace around the world.

Let us pray for protection of the unborn.

Let us pray for the children of our parish who have received their sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation during this month and those who will receive their sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in the upcoming weeks.

Let us pray for all the mothers on this Mother's Day.

Back to School Prayer

Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our students and teachers, that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. We pray that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength. *Amen*

Let us pray for a safe time and a Holy and Blessed Easter season.

Please pray for our Church.

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Archbishop's annual appeal has launched. Please consider donating.

Offertory:

At this time we would have our weekly collection. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation through our online, text to give or parish envelope options.
Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Giving:

<https://www.paritygiving.org/index?e=876D52DCC9C937F21282F9D33E7E517ED8C94E18D7AF78A1>

Go Fund Me:

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Blessed be God forever

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

Amen

And with your spirit ;

We lift them up to the lord ;

It is right and just;

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic prayer:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,

FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU

R: My Lord and my God

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,

FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,

THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,

WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY

FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

R: My Lord and my God

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Memorial Acclamations

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

until you come again.

Memorial Acclamations (pick the one that is sung)

[Priest]

The mystery of faith.

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.
2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.
3. Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Amen

Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is
in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever

Amen

Peace be with you all.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

Amen

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Please see letter from Fr. Mike regarding Engaging Disciples Update.- Parish Pastoral Council: <https://ihmparish.net/s/Engaging-Disciples-Update-Pastoral-Council.pdf>

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Dismissal

And with your Spirit

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Have a blessed week!