



The Ascension of the Lord

June 1/2, 2019

Mass Intentions



Saturday – Easter Weekday

5:00 PM

Sunday of Easter – World Communication Day

8:00 AM † Mary Colon / Rosado-Aleman

10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Fr. Maria

Wednesday – Easter Weekday – St. Boniface, Bishop

8:00 AM

Thursday – Easter Weekday – St. Norbert, Bishop

8:00 AM

First Friday – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM First Friday Memorial Association Members

Saturday – Easter Weekday

5:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS in memory of or for the welfare of a loved one are available. To request a Mass, call the office at 251-961-3649 or drop a note in the collection basket.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Parishioners: Bob Caudill, Ginny Cook, June Henderson, Brad Jarveis, Bill Johnston, Judy Jordan, Charlotte Mackey, Monroe Matheny, Bob & Margaret Nail, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, Mike Wilcox, David Woodford

Homebound: Juanita Baena, Loretta Roy, Dotsie Santa Cruz, Jo Flynn, Bob & Margaret Nail, George Schaff, Mary Smith, Charles "Buddy" Stempel

Assisted Living: Allen & Gwen Dretzka, Paul Peschel

Non-parishioners: Diane Geiselman, Susan Henderson, Bud Kaechele, Mercedes Carol Knutson, Rev. David P. Carucci, Berkleigh Cirilli, Barbara Kuntz, Irene Lipscomb, Dan Mulroy, Bill Roman, Rosa Linda Torio, Art Treinen

~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you or someone you know is homebound, ill, due to have surgery or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or to receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families
Living & Deceased Shields, Self & Chambers Families
Living & Deceased Cretaro & Kilday Families
Living & Deceased Gardner & Donovan Families

† Jim & Mary Link
† Deacon J. Cretaro
† Doris Mullek
† Margaret A. Mullek
† Joe Lacey
† A.M.S. Warriner
Mignon Kilday
Jo Anne Cretaro

James D. & Mary Lou Chunn Partridge & Family
Living & Deceased Lacey & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Pope & Lang Families
Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of the President of the USA

This Week's Schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM "Coffee with the Padre"
 Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall
 Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church
 Thursday 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting at Council Home
 First Friday 8:30 AM–6:00 PM Sacred Heart Devotion, Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Please sign up for Adoration

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND
 5:00 PM = 45 8:00 AM = 80 10:30 AM = 62 Total = 187

STEWARDSHIP for May 26, 2019
 Offertory = \$2,070.00
 Maintenance = \$125.00
 Renovation Project = \$207.00
SvVP Special Second Collection = \$601.00
 Many thanks!
Second Collection – NEXT week – Communications (envelopes are in the pews)

IMMACULATE MARY HALL RENOVATION DEBT

Total amount collected during May = \$4,216.00

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

"The Changing of the Guard"

June 23 – 11:30 AM – "Farewell" reception for our pastor, Fr. Maria, as he continues his priestly vocation as pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Montgomery, AL, **June 28**.

July 7 – 10:30 AM – Installation of our new pastor, Rev. Fr. James Singarayar, H.G.N., by Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi followed by a "Welcome" Pot Luck Luncheon.

"It is not merely about renewing the old, but about letting the Holy Spirit create newness, making all things new." –Pope Francis

Your prayers are a blessing for our parish priests as they begin their new assignments.

Bless their journey ... pray for their success.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

We are offered the gift to adore our Lord in the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament this Friday. There should be at least two people in the church at all times.

Eucharistic Adoration gives us the opportunity to be face to face with our Lord in silent adoration and prayer or to simply keep Him company, just as we would a dear friend.



Gospel Reflections

WAITING FOR THE SPIRIT ~ In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus recalls his (and the apostles') mission. He directs them to return to the city and wait for the promise of the Father. He blesses them and is "taken up" into heaven. This suggests being carried up like an acceptable sacrifice ascending to the throne of God. The apostles, nourished on scriptures that spoke of acceptable sacrifices, understand this. They go to Jerusalem to wait and pray.

The first reading reiterates and further develops this experience. Here, too, Jesus directs his apostles to return to Jerusalem and wait. But something new is disclosed: they are to await the powerful baptism of the Holy Spirit.

We know that in a few short days the powerful Spirit will come to the apostles. We can be grateful that they stayed and waited, whatever their trepidation. From their example, we learn what it takes to wait and be open to the coming of the Holy Spirit.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS ~ If you would like to offer flowers for our altar in celebration of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please call Hannah Gale at 850-766-1645.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – "TO BE" OPTIONS FOR WOMEN in Robertsdale needs volunteers for their reception desk and maintaining their baby store. Flexible schedule. Please call Peggy Peterson at 251-947-3877 or Deborah Gomillion at 251-923-3305 to volunteer for this very rewarding program.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

JUNE is our month to provide nonperishable food items for the CSS Pantry in Robertsdale. Urgent needs: tuna fish and tuna helper, ramen noodles, chicken broth, dish soap, and hand sanitizer. They also ask for paper products and cleaning supplies because these expensive items are not covered by clients' food stamps. Bring them to the classroom in IM Hall or put them in the container provided in the vestibule.

June Church Cleaning

Joe & Barbara Bennett, Sr. Thérèse West
More help is needed! Call the office if you would like to help. Please check the schedule.

June 8/9

Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Lectors

C. Puglisi
H. Shields
R. Fortunati

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / Sr. Thérèse
J. & N. Aleman
P. Hilderbrandt / W. Zielinski

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

We have several employment opportunities: a Middle School Language Arts teacher; a Development Director who would manage all media presence including website, Facebook, Instagram, newspapers and parish bulletins; and a Music Teacher/Choral Director who would teach classroom music, direct school musicals, a performance choir and a Mass choir, play piano and plan liturgical music for school Masses.

If interested in any of these positions, call Dr. Kathy McCool at 251-986-8143.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.



They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that the mission to the whole world could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but from renewed and deeper presence.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to Proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle.

REMINDER ~ "Divine Mercy for America" Novena begins on the first day of every month. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of the Saints for respect for the dignity of all life, sanctity of traditional marriage and families, and threat to our religious freedom – for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

Gift Bearers

K. Galvano
H. Gale / B. Bovat
B. & J. Johnston

Ushers

F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
M. Manley / Substitute
B. Jarveis / J. Hilderbrandt