

Church of the Ascension

May 08, 2022 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. These disciples then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshiping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting.

Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm



POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 8th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," is a special day for everyone in our parish. We celebrate *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. While appreciating all vocations, the Church designates this day especially in honoring the men and women who have committed themselves to religious life. We also

raise our voices in prayer for our youth to be graced with faith and generosity, responding to God's call with courage and vision.

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Our Lady of Fatima

This feast day observes the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal on the 13th of each month between May and October, 1917. At Fatima, Our Lady identified herself as *Our Lady of the Rosary*. Mary stressed the importance of repentance, conversion of heart, and dedication to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, especially through daily recitation of the Rosary. The published memoirs of Sister Lúcia in the 1930s revealed two secrets that she claimed came from the Virgin Mary, while the third secret was to be revealed by the Catholic Church in 1960. It was at these apparitions that the Virgin requested the Consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

Today, twelve of our young parishioners will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time during the **11 am Mass**.



They had a mini-retreat last Sunday, gathering as a group, telling stories, baking bread, and sharing a meal.

Just like what we all do when we pray as a community at Sunday Mass!

Let us keep them in our prayers as they personally experience the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist:

Keshawn Mascarinas

Xian Berfulfo

Lucas Guilbert

Adam Quiason

Olivia Ford

Ethan Ford

Emma Mora

Emma Sabato

Jamin Alcantara

Jieann Sergio

Diego Segovia

Kynwyl Mascarinas

“GIFT OF READING” BOOK DRIVE

Thank you to all who gave to the Lenten book drive which our Ascension youth supported. A teacher from one of the CORAL schools enthused at the many boxes of books collected and exclaimed how much students would “love these books!” Many of the students CORAL serves have never owned a book!

The coordinators of the program appreciate all who shared “the lifelong gift of reading.”

**Men’s Club Mother’s Day/Wives Dinner
Worner Hall/Gymnasium
Friday May 13 6:00pm**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

May 07	Sat	9 a.m.	Barbara Nuricio +
		5 p.m.	Francisco & Rosa Barican +
May 08	Sun	7 a.m.	Patricia Gainor +
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Minita Chico-Nazario +
May 09	Mon	8 a.m.	Clarita Dulan +
May 10	Tue	8 a.m.	The McKeever Family
May 11	Wed	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
May 12	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
May 13	Fri	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
May 14	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Maxine Stice +
May 15	Sun	7 a.m.	Rita Domanico (Ohio) +
		9 a.m.	Barbara Nuricio +
		11 a.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
		5 p.m.	Eduardo Leano +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	Mother’s Day (a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society)
	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday	St. Damien de Veuster (19th cent. Belgian priest, missionary, chaplain of leper colony on Molokai; patron of people with leprosy)
	St. John of Avila (16th cent. Spanish priest, mystic & Doctor of the Church; patron of Andalusia)
Thursday	Ss. Nereus & Achilleus (2nd cent. Roman soldiers & martyrs)
	St. Pancras (4th cent. Syrian youth & martyr; patron of children, jobs, health)
Friday	Our Lady of Fatima (a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary based on the Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal)
Saturday	St. Matthias (according to the Acts of the Apostles (written c. AD 80–90), the apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot)