

Church of the Ascension

May 01, 2022 — Third Sunday of Easter

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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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ.
(Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me
(Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb
(Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias
(John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

GOD'S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS

The superabundance of God's kindness ties all of today's readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance.

Similarly, today's Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—"everything in the universe"—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.

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HARRY TIBBETTS, LONG-TIME PARISHIONER CONFIRMED

"I am so excited; I didn't sleep at all last night!" said long-time parishioner Harry Tibbetts just before he joyfully received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 3pm Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph on Divine Mercy Sunday April 24, 2022, along with 131 other adults from among 21 parishes. This day for Harry was also remarkable because it was his first time to ever be inside the Cathedral!

Accompanied by his wife and sponsor Diane, Harry presented himself to Bishop Cantú, who after the laying on of hands, conferred the anointing with Sacred Chrism on his forehead with the words: "Harry, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." And with this anointing, Harry was overcome by emotions, knowing it had taken him over six decades to receive through this sacrament the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that was first given at his infant baptism.

Let us share in his joy and congratulate our life-long Catholic friend, Usher/Greeter, Knights of Columbus member, and fellow parishioner: Harry Tibbetts!

The Sanhedrin

Today's gospel has the apostles brought before the Sanhedrin. On Palm Sunday, the Gospel of Luke described Jesus being brought before the Sanhedrin. Who are these people? Basically it was the council of elders of the people (thus the name Sanhedrin from the Greek meaning "council"). The Sanhedrin was made up of representatives of the various Jewish parities—Sadducees, Pharisees, chief priests, scribes, and other prominent officials. Because at the time of Jesus religious and political concerns were not separate, this council functioned as a court of law in political, criminal and religious matters. We do not know who sat at the head of the Sanhedrin, but in the gospels and Acts of the Apostles, there is evidence that the High Priest at the time had considerable power to influence the outcomes.

**Church of The Ascension's
Rosary Group invites you to**

Praying with Mary

MOTHER'S DAY



Saturday, May 07, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

*There will be praying of the Rosary, singing,
flower offering, candle lighting, and procession
as we celebrate the motherhood of Mary.*

Please join us for refreshments after the Rosary.

ANNUAL WALK FOR BABIES

**Saturday, May 14th (9am to 1pm)
at Oak Meadow Park, Los Gatos**

All proceeds support Guadalupe Hope Society

See the website for details and registration:
guadalupehopesociety.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 30	Sat	9 a.m.	The McKeever Family
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
May 01	Sun	7 a.m.	James Lautermilch +
		9 a.m.	Joseph Stolz +
		11 a.m.	Edwin & Carmela Honor (L)
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
May 02	Mon	8 a.m.	Joe Hering +
May 03	Tue	8 a.m.	Karissa Torres +
May 04	Wed	8 a.m.	Aida Lobos +
May 05	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
May 06	Fri	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
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 +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	St. Athanasius (4th cent. Egyptian bishop & Doctor of the Church who introduced monasticism to the West; patron of theologians)
Tuesday	Sts. Philip & James (first century apostles of Jesus: Philip as disciple is recorded in all 4 gospels; James, the son of Alphaeus, is called "James the Lesser" to differentiate him from James, the son of Zebedee)
Friday	First Friday
Saturday	First Saturday

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR OUR YOUTH

Let us pray for the students who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation:

• **Diana Barra** • **Konrad Wrebiak** • **Kynwyl Mascarinas** • **Nathan Serios**



Our four students have been preparing all year and, two weeks ago, they attended a mini-retreat in a join event with teens from St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish. They will be confirmed at Sacred Heart Church in Saratoga on Friday evening, **May 6, 2022** by Bishop Oscar Cantu.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen them as they journey closer to Christ and participate more actively in the life of the Church.