

Church of the Ascension

May 22, 2022 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation
(Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you!
(Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem
(Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23).

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us
everything
(John 14:23-29).

RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor 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

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is This Weekend

Please join us in this time of giving. We hope you will prayerfully consider what you will contribute to this important work in our communities. Gifts of all sizes from individuals and families are critical to our success in helping our neighbors in need.

With your support and parish partnerships, we are changing lives for good – one family at a time. Thank you for your generosity! For more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org/annualappeal or call (408) 325-5250.

THANK YOU

May 15, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$4,072
WESHARE	\$3,432
TOTAL	\$7,504

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Priest Retirement Fund
Collected :
Last Week \$1,894
This Week \$1,654
Thank You!



The Advocate

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples (and thus by extension, us) the sending of an Advocate, another name for the Holy Spirit, who will teach us "everything and remind" us of all that Jesus told us. This promise follows the words of Jesus, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Holy Spirit is often identified as the Advocate or Paraclete (from the Greek, *parakletos*) meaning adviser or "lawyer." This term is taken from the law courts and describes the Holy Spirit in terms of someone who comes to the aid of an individual in times of need and speaks on his or her behalf, someone who stands to support and to defend you before others. What a gift to have the Spirit indwelling within us for moral support, for assurance in times of trouble and as a guide to our decision-making.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday	St. Bede the Venerable (8th cent. British Benedictine monk; patron of English writers & historians) Pope St. Gregory VII (11th cent. Italian pope) St. Mary Magdalene d Pazzi (17th cent. Italian Carmelite nun & mystic; patroness of the sick)
Thursday	St. Philip Neri (16th cent. Italian priest, founder of Congregations of the Oratory; patron of U.S. Special Forces, laughter, humor, joy) The Ascension of the Lord (commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into Heaven; traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the 40th day of Easter Season, but its observation is sometimes moved to the following Sunday)
Friday	St. Augustine of Canterbury (6th cent. Italian Benedictine monk & first Bishop of Canterbury; considered apostle to the English & "Founder of the English Church")
Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord (celebrated at Sunday Masses; moved from observance on Thursday)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

May 21	Sat	9 a.m.	Cynthia Stolz (L)
		5 p.m.	Floramante Molina, Sr. +
May 22	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	The McKeever Family
		11 a.m.	Charlene & Frank Fagione +
		5 p.m.	Mary & Orv Burley (L)
May 23	Mon	8 a.m.	Jessica Fedeli +
May 24	Tue	8 a.m.	Doris Avanzado (L)
May 25	Wed	8 a.m.	Doris Avanzado (L)
May 26	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
May 27	Fri	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
May 28	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Marilyn Martin (L)
May 29	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	Robert Hansen +
		11 a.m.	Evelyn Tanner +
		5 p.m.	Luis Nuricio (L)

**Wisdom has its roots in goodness, and not
goodness its roots in wisdom.**

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

**The artist is nothing without the gift, but
the gift is nothing without work.**

—Emile Zola



CONFIRMATION 2022

May 06, 2022

Church of the Ascension
newly confirmed:

Kynwyl Mascarinas
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with Bishop Cantú
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