

Church of the Ascension

May 15, 2022 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — John's vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today's readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment's freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles.

For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to "make all things new." In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: "love one another."

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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 May 21-22

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.

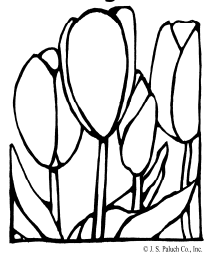
With your support and parish partnerships, we are changing lives for good – one family at a time. Thank you for your generosity! For more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org/annualappeal or call (408) 325-5250.

THANK YOU

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| May 08, 2022 | Our Weekly Offering |
| NEEDED | \$5,400 |
| COLLECTED WESHARE | \$4,594 \$ 772 |
| TOTAL | \$5,366 |

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Priest Retirement Fund
Collected \$1,894
Thank You!

Behold, I make all things new.



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A New Commandment

At the Last Supper (as we read in today's Gospel) Jesus gives a new commandment. Previously He had given two "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, your strength, and your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27). Now He refines the second part, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." This is a high bar to reach and often people are confused about loving those that they dislike. The love that Jesus advocates, however, should not be confused with feelings.

Although many types of love have been identified, most fall into four kinds of love: erotic or passionate love; platonic or friendship love; familial or unconditional love as that of parents for children; and agape, the love of mankind, sometimes referred to as divine love. Agape is the one Jesus is speaking of, i.e. the love modeled on the love of God for men and the love of man for God. It's the love that is given whether or not it's returned; it is a love without self interest. This is a love that may engender feelings but feelings are not necessary; this is a love that comes from the will, a decision to treat all people with the kindness, forgiveness and generosity that God gives to them. Agape is the kind of love that is beautifully outlined by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: Love is patient, love is kind, etc. .

ADA 2022 OVERAGE WILL GO BACK TO ASCENSION

It is not too late to contribute!

Although we have reached our parish ADA goal (\$73,571), participation from every household is important.

From now on, any amounts over the goal will return to Ascension and be set aside for the church sound system (we are still in the bidding process - please be patient).

Thank you for your generosity.

Whenever the divine favor chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfil the task at hand.

— St. Bernardine of Siena

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| 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 + |
| May 16 | Mon | 8 a.m. | Corazon David (L) |
| May 17 | Tue | 8 a.m. | Rose & Alex Lenarduzzi + |
| May 18 | Wed | 8 a.m. | Lourdes Ancheta + |
| May 19 | Thu | 8 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| May 20 | Fri | 8 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| 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) |

God dwells wherever we let God in.

—Ancient Jewish saying

REVS vs SEMS BASKETBALL (NEW DATE)

Come cheer on priests and seminarians in the Revs vs Sems Basketball Challenge!

**The game will be at 7pm, this Sunday,
May 15, at St. Francis High School.
Doors open at 6pm.**

Tickets are \$5 general. All proceeds from the game benefit seminarian formation.

The game was initially scheduled for January 28, 2022. Tickets purchased in January this year are valid for the May 15 game.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Wednesday | Pope St. John I (6th cent. Italian pope & martyr) |
| Friday | St. Bernardine of Siena (15th cent. Italian priest & Franciscan missionary; patron of advertisers, public relations personnel, gambling addicts) |
| Saturday | St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions (20th cent. Mexican priest & martyr; in 1927 he was executed along with 21 diocesan priests and 3 laymen) |