

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

Reflections for the Week

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He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. — *Acts 1:9*

Today's Readings

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family: Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small, Martha Araj Ayoub, David Desch & Charlie & Dodie Vaszko

For Healing:

Edith Bucoy, Pat Hoffman, Tom Johnson, Annette Gabrielli, Maureen Francis, Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty, Ethel Friedrichs, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra, & Shirley Dela Cuz
...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.

May 22nd thru 28th, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	(RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	(RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	(RIP+)	11:30am
Mon.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Jon Chan (Happy Birthday+)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention. Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, and Get Well.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
- Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day
- Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
- Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
- Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
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- Friday: St. Rita of Cascia

“PUSHED” OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original *Dr. Dolittle Tales* called the “Pushmi-Pullyu.” It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the “push me” and the other is the “pull you.” Today’s feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or “pushes” the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew’s Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy that “pulls” us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Due to this Corona Virus Precautions through out the San Francisco Area we are Canceling the Following till Further Notice:
Friday Night Bible Study During Lent
Saint John of God Lenten Retreat
Station of the Cross are Canceled
Coffee Hour on Sundays
Senior Open Hand Lunch Program
SJOG Office &
All Mass are Suspended till Further Notice

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
MONDAYS, 7:30 TO 9:15 PM)

Note changes from the usual second and fourth Mondays: June 8, 2020. Check for Canceling Notices with Paul Riofski.

Parish Livestreams of Liturgies & More

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Archbishop Cordileone celebrates nonpublic Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral daily (M-F) at 7:30am; on Saturdays at 8:00 am; & on Sundays at 11:00am or 1:00 pm Spanish). All Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed. Each Mass can be experienced live online or viewed later (youtube.org/archdioceseofsanfrancisco/watch) Audio of the Archbishop's homilies is posted on the website (sfnarch.org/homilies) and in our podcast. (archdiocesef.libsyn.com).

Face Masks: Greetings Safety Coordinators,

I hope my email finds you all in good health and great spirits. Reminder: **San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow** has issued a new order Requiring members of the public and workers at essential businesses to wear face coverings outside the home for certain activities and in places of business. The order has taken effect and will As of April 22, 2020 date. It will remain in effect until it is amended or superseded by the health officer. **Please Wear Mask!!!**



Due to this Corona Virus Precautions through out the San Francisco Area there will be no Coffee Hour until further Notice.

The Saint John of God Prayer

Dear God, through the intercession of St. John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means to inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of God's Love. Amen.
 - Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave

Dear Friends, Job Opening
Principal Keyboard Musician

St John of God is looking for a part-time Principal Musician with keyboard & vocal skills. Responsible for leading the community & or accompanying the community for weekend services, Holy Days & other services (infrequent). Required are the ability to work independently in a self-motivated & self-directed manner working collaboratively with the Director of Parish Music Paul Riofski at: sjogmusic@aol.com . Please send resume to Fr. Kabipi at: akabipi@yahoo.com or to our Office at: stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net

Dear Parishioners,

Charlie Vaszko, 98 years old, died a peaceful death May 7, 2020 passed away peacefully, no distress this afternoon at his care facility in Sebastopol. His daughter, Diane, and family were there." He was beloved by our Parish for many years. We ask that our community pray for his eternal rest, and for his family.

Dear Parishioners,

THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN
YOU WILL DO GREATER THINGS THAN THESE

Four Thursday Evenings 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm ON ZOOM
 The uniqueness of the Gospel of John has been recognized for Centuries. The temptation has been to think of the Jesus of St. John in esoteric terms. Theologians have even invented a "dogmatic" Jesus out of the lush & transformative narratives that constitute this Gospel. Our four-part introduction will survey the first chapters of this Gospel as we uncover the Jesus who demands that life be given to the poor, marginalized, rejected and threatened of this World.

MAY 28, 2020 -CANA TO CANA (PART ONE)
June 4, 2020 -CANA TO CANA (PART TWO)

Red Cross Needs

Blood Donations Urgently
800-733-2767—redcrossblood.org

SF Food Pantry at ALHS, 9-1pm

Starting tomorrow The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank is hosting weekly pop-up food pantry at Abraham Lincoln High School. The pantry is open to anyone in the community who needs food, not just Lincoln Students. Dates: Fridays started March 20, 2020 Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Location: Abraham Lincoln High School, 2162 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116 Each household will receive one bag of groceries. You DO NOT need to sign up, show ID or bring your kids with you to get food. Food is available for all who need it so please share this with your family and neighbors-available at: [tps://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/](https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/)

Second Collections- Up-Coming:
May 23-24 Catholic Communications Services

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**May 14, 2020
AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH**

**May 21, 2020
JOHN THE BAPTIZER AND THE FIRST DISCIPLES**

**MAY 28, 2020
CANA TO CANA (PART ONE)**

**June 4, 2020
CANA TO CANA (PART TWO)**