

ST. PETER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:18b-19

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	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday May 24	The Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20	7:00 AM +Dick and Mary Ellen Budd 8:30 AM +Eddie Keberlein 10:00 AM +Manuel Villarreal 11:30 AM Dr. Mary Blattner 6:00 PM +Maxine Lopez
Monday May 25	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day	Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab John 16:29-33	12:10 PM Shirley Johnson
Tuesday May 26	St. Philip Neri, Priest	Acts 20:17-27 Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21 John 17:1-11a	12:10 PM Sylvia DeMaio
Wednesday May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Acts 20:28-38 Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab John 17:11b-19	12:10 PM Virginia Sorenson
Thursday May 28		Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 John 17:20-26	12:10 PM Gwen Neff
Friday May 29		Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab John 21:15-19	12:10 PM Mary Reis
Saturday May 30		Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7 John 21:20-25	9:00 AM Krys Obrzut 4:00 PM Jim and Suzanne Reilly
Sunday May 31	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Allen, Kathleen Alvarado, Kay Anderson, +Sue Asche, Sharon Aughe, Luke Barden, +Michael Barker, Staci Behne, Lisa Biem, Claudean Boatman, +Harold Bohm, Kathyne Bonar, Diane Brown, +Emma Brown, Mary Ellen and +Dick Budd, Ray Burns, Corrina Cantrell, Frani Castaneda, Roman Castaneda, Lydia Castillo, John Casynn, Lea Ciothe, Betty Clark, Mallory Cranwell, Jeremy Cruz, Chad Dunfee, Karen Eicher, Jackie J. and Family, Priscilla French, Heidi Gaiser, Steve Garcia, Victor Garcia, Merle Gaspers, Jeanette Gau-Moore, +Mark Gonsior, Rodriguez Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Kelly Graybill, Aaron Greber, Gimena Gunderson, Denise Gustafson, Bryce Hares, Jean Hawkins, Margaret Hernandez, Sydney Hintz, Elliot Hitchcock, Marcella Holguin, Frank Holland, Judy Houston, Karen Johns, +Mary Margaret Kauffman, Louise Kessler, N. J. King, Geni Koenig, Rodney Kontz, Estson and Karen and Sherlene Kontz, Randy Koski, Carolyn Lafferty, +Virgil Landretti, Gavin Landwehr, Larue Lara, Laronda Leigh, Jerry Martin, Carla Martinez, Kevin McKenzie, +Art Milner, Peter Mongan, Chrissy Moore, Barbara Morales, John Muniz, Carol Murphy, Nestia Nuanez, Luci and Salem O'Leary, Donna Olson, Larry Overton, Carmen and Alvin Padilla, +Rose Pargas, +Rose Paris, Carlos Pena, +Ray Pierce, +Michael Prieto, Deloris Potterfield, Zachary Quick, Tony Quigley, Joel Redman, Junior Rodriguez, Virginia Rodriguez, Andrea Romero, Jackie Rowe, Cheryl Rubino, +Mike Ruzyla, Kendall Scheiderer, Tyson Schaffer, Fred Sieber, Debie Simonton, Mildred Skonksner, Virginia Sorenson, Pauline Soto, +Vic Smiley, Henry Smith, Eleanor Sneddon, Neva Spencer, Wilmena Stahla, Bob and Lorene Steele, Jon Stoson, Judy Stryker, Sonny Subia, Mabel Tapia, Joe Trujillo, Pauline Trujillo, Sonny Unrein, Mary Frances Villarreal, Patricia Marie Villarreal, Justine Wahlert, Terry Walsh, Majorie Whittington, Tamara Wilkinson, Joe Yates, Bonnie Youngman

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ."

- Jn 17:1-3

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YOUTH GROUP

**Join us for a
online youth group
experience**

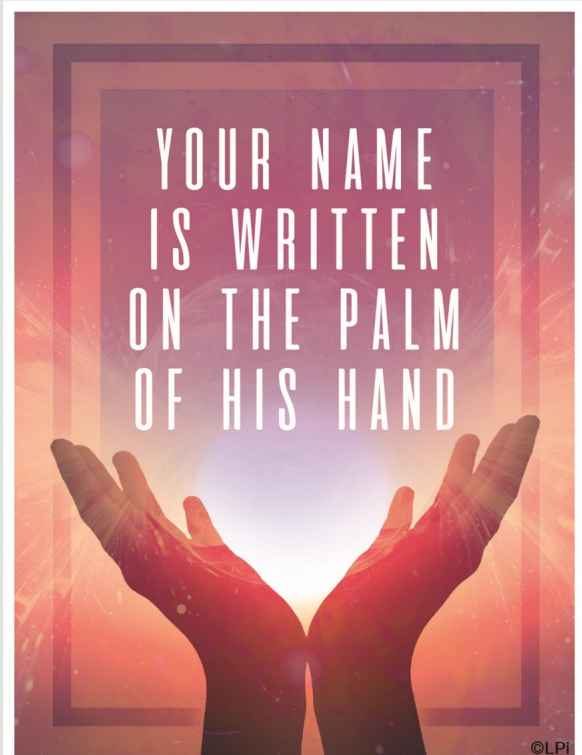


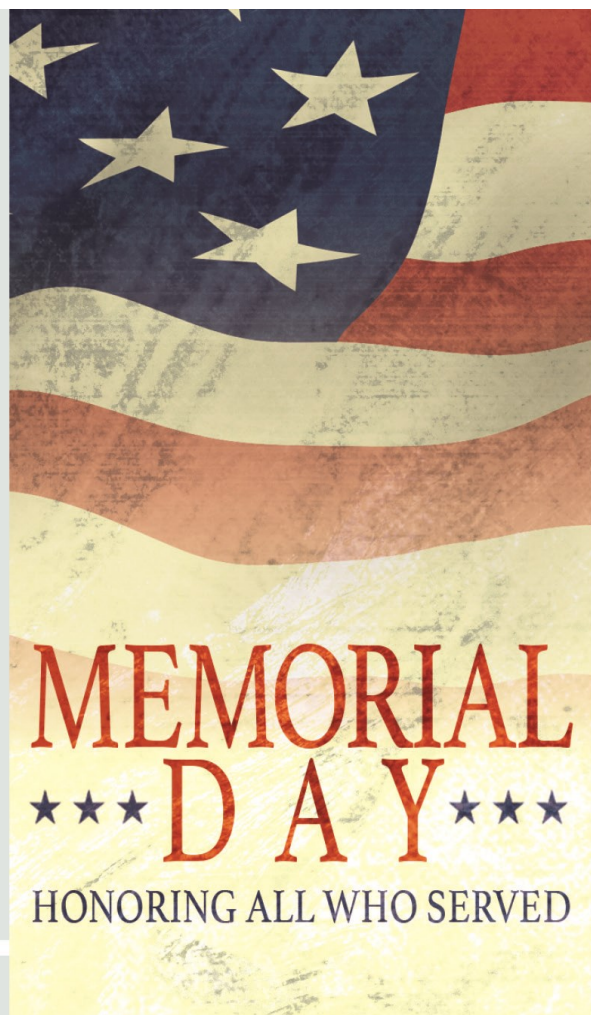
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Email youth@stpetergreeley.org for info!

**Our last youth group will be this Wednesday,
May 27th**

Stay tuned for our Summer activities schedule!





REFLECT

FIRST READING

Those closest to Jesus in his life gathered together in the immediate aftermath of his resurrection and ascension. What sort of mixed emotions do you think they experienced?

SECOND READING

Peter encourages those who suffer for the faith to “glorify God.” When have you experienced this type of redemptive suffering?

GOSPEL READING

At the conclusion of his farewell discourse, Jesus offers a prayer of petition to the Father for his disciples. How do you find Jesus’ words comforting?



FIRST READING

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (Acts 1:9)



PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47) or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Eph 1:17-23)



GOSPEL

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt 28:19)

Fr. Thomas's Weekly Reflection

Hope is the main theme of the liturgy of the Word on the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. And specifically, the hope of heaven. The first and most important warrant of this hope is Christ himself. After His resurrection, He appeared to the apostles many times. At the time of His ascension, the angels assured the disciples: *This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.*

Christian hope, as the psalmist points out, is always combined with joy, praise and worship. The focus of this hope is heaven – being, existing in the glory of the Trinity. When Jesus ascended to heaven, he took with himself our humanity, which He accepted in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the humanity that in the moment of the Incarnation has become His own. Thanks to this act, we can attach our hope of heaven to His humanity placed at the right hand of the Father. This hope becomes the manner of life for all of us. Hope that always moves, propels us, until the very last moment of our lives here on earth.

Every human being needs hope in order to gain access to God. A Christian, for whom the situation is never hopeless, is called to set out to the deep and, studying the face of Christ, *constantly cross the threshold of hope.* In the biblical sense, therefore, hope is a desire that leads us to happiness. Hope contains the courage to exist and to act, combined with the acceptance of risks, patient endurance of hardships and pain, not flinching even in the face of death. In the light of the Scripture, hope is realized in three steps: promise, trial and fulfillment.

On the one hand, it seems that hope is the most indispensable of virtues, because it is for us a strength in the midst of sufferings, difficult experiences and opposition. This hope is backed up by Jesus Christ, who loved to the end, which is expressed in the Eucharist. On the other hand, hope seems to be the most vulnerable of virtues, as it is threatened by the rejection of Jesus Christ and His saving work: indifference to the Risen Lord, denial of the Word of God, lack of prayer, nonexistence of sacramental life and living in the state of sin. Closing the doors of our lives for Jesus closes them also for heaven.

Hope of heaven, where none of us can enter on our own, results from receiving Jesus in our life, who leads us to the joy of His Father. It is not an escape from the world or its rejection, but this hope cannot be reduced to merely temporal activity. Instead, it allows us to go to those who are in need and encourages us to be among them the disciples of God's healing love. It can also stimulate us to give a testimony in our everyday life to God's immeasurable love, both through our words and actions. Hope allows us to do all those things, to endure hardships, to face challenges, to reach out to those suffering, because, although we are from this world, we have already been taken out of this world – hope of heaven has become a reality for us.



ARCHBISHOP'S
CATHOLIC APPEAL

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have;
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.”
(Hebrews 13:16)

Your sacrifice will affirm your desire to make Christ known to others. Please give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal.

Visit www.archden.org/givetoday
or call 303.867.0614.

Spiritual Adoption

Your adopted child is 2 Months old:

I am making great progress. I have already developed all of my external features and internal organs. My brain started functioning after six weeks. With an ultrasonic stethoscope, you can hear my heartbeat. Baby -teeth buds were present at 6 1/2 weeks and I can suck my thumb and swallow. After the eighth week, I will continue to grow but everything I need to survive after birth is already present. Mom is probably just finding out about me. Pray, pray, pray. "All the days of his life have been planned out by God before any have come to be." Psalm 139:16

**“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby
that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”**

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Please continue to pray for an unborn child and to pray daily for the child and for their parents and to offer a daily personal sacrifice. Your prayer can make a difference between whether a baby will be born... or aborted. Our prayers are a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.