

The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

Calendar

Saturday, May 15th

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Jude Marino Sr, Harriet Mathes, Edwin M. Palmer Jr, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, the Burch & Pfister Families, and the Intentions of the Caverly & Lapeyre Families

Sunday, May 16th

8:00am Mass For all parishioners

10:30am Mass Daniel Fuselier, Joan Glynn, Joy Nalty Hodges, Deacon Paul Nalty, Michael J. Rapier, Cynthia Kropog Sciortino, and the Intentions of the Williams Family

5:00pm Mass A Special Intention

Monday, May 17th

6:30am Mass Deacon Henry Garon

Tuesday, May 18th

St John I, Pope and martyr

6:30am Mass William Joseph Allen

6:00pm Mass Bergeron & Boudreaux Families

Wednesday, May 19th

6:30am Mass Intentions of Sister Dolores Espinoza, STJ

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, May 20th

St Bernardine of Siena, priest

6:30am Mass Intentions of Sister Jerome Blank, CIC

Friday, May 21st

St Christopher Magallanes, priest, & Companions, martyrs

6:30am Mass Sister M. Angela Bergeron, CIC

Saturday, May 22nd

St Rita of Cascia, Religious

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)

The Sanctuary Lamp in St Stephen Church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Vetter Amadeo Taylor.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the rectory chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

Our Mass setting is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo* and is found in the *Seasonal Missalette* from number 176.



Banns of Matrimony

Jessica Nicole Ragusa & Patrick Joseph Nunes

Annabelle Bliss Clark & Thierry André Jaques Marceaux

Lay-minister Schedule

May 23rd

4:00 pm

Lector: Douglas Kariker
Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Newton

8:00 am

Lector: Linda Tufton
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi and Patrick Guise

10:30 am

Lector: Jennifer Wise
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Laura Finnegan, and Bob Vaughn

Apostolates & Volunteer Groups

The Monthly Prayer-request for Priests

May

1 st	The Reverend Father James Carter, SJ
2 nd	The Reverend Francis Ferrié
3 rd	The Reverend Pedro Felix Nuñez
4 th	The Reverend Patrick Carr
5 th	The Reverend Father Thomas T. Pham, CSSR
6 th	The Reverend Father Leo Nicoll, SJ
7 th	The Reverend Douglas Brougher
8 th	The Reverend Father Scott O'Brien, OP
9 th	The Reverend James Jeanfreau, Jr
10 th	The Reverend Father Eduardo J. Gabriel, OP
11 th	Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
12 th	The Reverend Father Etido Jerome, SSJ
13 th	The Reverend Daniel Darmanin
14 th	The Reverend Bac-Hai Viet Tran
15 th	The Reverend Damjan Zablocki
16 th	The Reverend Father Michael Burke, OP
17 th	The Reverend Denzil Perera
18 th	The Reverend Andrew Gutierrez
19 th	The Reverend Jeffrey Montz
20 th	The Reverend Patrick Collum
21 st	The Reverend Kenneth Allen
22 nd	The Reverend Father Gregory Ross, OCD
23 rd	The Reverend Father David Begany, SSJ
24 th	The Reverend Salvador Galvez
25 th	The Reverend Paul Clark
26 th	Pope Francis
27 th	The Reverend Garrett M. O'Brien
28 th	The Reverend Monsignor Christopher H. Nalty
29 th	The Very Reverend Luis F. Rodriguez, VF
30 th	The Reverend Monsignor Lanaux J. Rareshide
31 st	The Reverend Sam Anthony Morello, OCD

† deceased

Altar Society	Cindy Gainsburgh, @ 899-2637
CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)	Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3793
Center of Jesus the Lord (Charismatic)	The Center, @ 529-1636
The Good Shepherd Choir [on hiatus until September]	Brian Morgan, @ 227-3793
Event Planning	Retory Office, @ 899-1378
Friends of Our Lady of Good Counsel	Barbara Fortier, @ barbaraf13@aol.com
Friends of St Henry	Alfred Hagdorn, @ 891-3410
Knights of Columbus	Patrick Guisz, @ 812-6941
Life Apostolate	Kathy Fayard, @ 905-7676
Mass Volunteers	Brian Plauché, @ 289-6799 Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3793
Retory Volunteers	Ivy Rohr, @ 227-3792
Society of St Vincent de Paul	Laura Finnegan, @ 899-1378

Collection Report	May 2 nd	July 1 st -May 2 nd
Total Collections	\$5,370.00	\$288,929.00
Budget	<u>\$9,368.71</u>	<u>\$412,223.24</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,998.71)	(\$123,294.24)

Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations	
St Stephen Restoration Fund	\$94.21
Our Lady of Good Counsel Building Fund	\$30.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$745.00

Lightning Apologetics



by Phillip Bellini, DRE

The Resurrection—Part III

This is the final part to our meditation. Part I, remember, was the historical reality of Christ's bodily rising from the dead. Part II is how the Resurrection is a continuing reality in the Holy Eucharist. And part three is, **'that Christ's Resurrection is a promise of our own resurrection from the dead'**. St Peter's insistence on Jesus the man being raised back to life by the power of God is the heart of the matter we speak of today. Later on, St Peter would tell the Jews that they killed the Son of God, but on Pentecost it was necessary to emphasize and explain to them that Jesus was a true man, who truly died and by divine power was truly raised from the dead. **Christians must be firmly convinced that Jesus, Himself, rose from the dead**, otherwise their faith in the final resurrection will lack the grounds for believing that Peter provided the first converts to Christianity on Pentecost Sunday. What Peter wanted to bring out is that Jesus was the first man raised from the dead. As God He raised Himself, as man, He was the first one to be raised, and we are to follow Him for He has the power over death itself.

The longest sustained narrative in the Acts of the Apostles, begins with St Paul's unsuccessful effort to convert his fellow Jews to Christianity. Through five chapters, chapters 21-25, St Luke tells the story of Paul's stay in Jerusalem. Paul preached there at length, but the high point of his preaching was the fact that the followers of Christ, like the Master, will one day rise glorious from the grave. The Jews tried to kill Paul, and then had him arrested by the Roman authorities. While pleading to his Roman citizenship, he was temporarily freed from his chains. During his period of freedom, he spoke before the assembled Sanhedrin, the highest court in Judaism. He told the Jews, "It is for our hope in the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial". He was on trial before Felix the Roman governor. Paul again defended himself against the charges which the Jews were making. He told the governor that the real grievance against him was not his belief in the final resurrection: "I hold the same hope in God as they, the Jews, do, that there will be a resurrection of good men and bad men alike. In these things I, as much as they, do my best to keep a clear conscience at all times before God and man." The opposition to Paul was deeper. All his Jewish enemies opposed his teaching, because he claimed that Jesus was the Messiah foretold by the prophets. Jesus proved His claims by allowing Himself to be killed and then rising from the dead after three days.

In teaching the final resurrection of the body we, in sharing this faith with others, must show how this relates to Christ's divinity. It is because Christ is the living God in human form that He has the power to raise mankind from the grave at the General Judgment. Death came into the world through sin, and we must all die because we have all been conceived in sin. But we shall all rise again in our bodies because Jesus Christ died on a cross to redeem us and proved that we are redeemed by raising Himself from the dead on Easter Sunday! Except for the Savior, we could not hope to attain either eternal happiness for our souls or eternal joy for our bodies. Why not? Because, Christ our Lord, by His death on the cross, merited two things. He merited our salvation and, therefore, our eternal happiness in soul. Unless Christ had died, none of us could reach heaven. But, unless Christ had died, none of us could hope to rise glorious from the grave. Why not? Because, Jesus

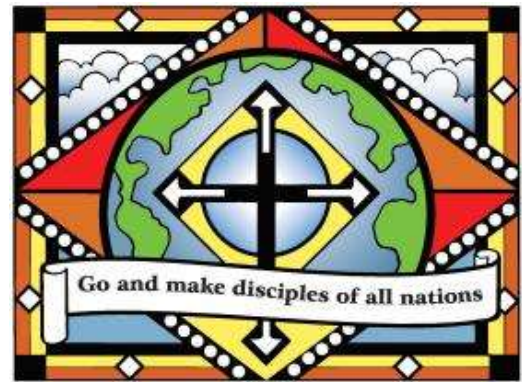
assumed the penalty which God had imposed on the human race for sin. What was that penalty? Bodily death! And just as bodily death is the proof of our spiritual death in sin, so our resurrection of the body will be God's universal proof of our restoration in soul to reunion in spirit with a God from whom we were estranged by sin. Christ's bodily death, therefore, was Christ as man taking upon Himself the penalty that was due to all of us, namely death of the body. Rising from the dead, Christ proved historically that we were truly redeemed. He really died, but He really rose from the dead, which is the evidence we have that our sins have truly been remitted. Until the last day we believe that, but on the last day it will no longer have to be a matter of faith. We will experience the restoration of our supernatural life in soul by the restoration of our bodily life in rising glorious from the grave. There is a very close intimacy between death of soul and death of body, and correspondingly, there is a necessary relationship between the rising of the body and the restoration of grace in the soul.

One concluding observation. Christ's body after the Resurrection was glorified. We know that Jesus did not reveal the full, glorified state of His risen body during the forty days He spent in Palestine before the Ascension. The fullness of that glory is revealed only in heaven and will be totally revealed only when we in our bodies join Jesus Christ in His body. Why? Because one of the main reasons why we are to rise bodily on the last day, is that we might join with Christ in the joy of His Resurrection. Sharing with Him not only in the Beatific Vision that Jesus experiences in His soul but sharing in the pleasures of the body of the Risen Body of Christ experiences now in heaven. The following is a prayer by the late Reverend Father John Hardon, SJ:

"Lord Jesus, we believe that You rose from the dead, really, truly, historically. We believe You, our Risen Savior, are with us on earth in the Holy Eucharist. We believe, with the depths of our hope, that one day we shall be with You our Risen Savior in Your glorified body, and we are glorified by You in Your company in a glorious eternity for which we were made. Amen."

Pray for the Sick

Ron Behler, Lois Boboa, Beverly Couch, the Honorable Martin Feldman, Marta Fernandez, Ellie Fogarty, David Forly, Audury Guillot, Virginia Hamrick, Janet Hopkins, Gloria Ann Manso, Bill Paine, Amy Splain, Frederick Henry Taylor Sr, Gerald Toups, and Angela Villanueva.



Pray for the Dead

Anthony Charles Amadeo, Beverly Bellini, Sister M. Angela Bergeron CIC, Alma Champagne, Deacon Henry Aloysius Garon, Alethea Gernard, Joan Glynn, George Rohr Sr, Cynthia Kropog Sciortino, Theodore H. Sorina Jr, and Vetter Amadeo Taylor.

News

The Monthly Food Pantry Request for "Love Thy Neighbor" (a project of our Society of St Vincent de Paul) for May is canned fruit. We will have a Second Collection next week-end, Peter's Pence (Denari Sancti Petri), to aid the philanthropic works of the Supreme Pontiff.