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conclude on this
Sunday, May 17th.



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Sunday May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday



"Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew
the face of the earth."

Reflections

by Fr. Njoku Canice
Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension. It is an important solemnity that marks the return of Jesus to the Father. Together with the Resurrection, it is a manifestation of the victory of Christ.

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we, the members of his body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever." (665-667).

The first reading from Acts of the Apostles recounts the events of Christ's moment on earth with his apostles before his ascension into heaven. Christ instructs his Apostles here: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for what the Father has promised." Christ encourages his disciple to remain faithful. Most importantly, he reminds them that their success will depend on their ability to walk with the Holy Spirit. These instructions are also meant for us too. It reminds us that before we set out for any business or project, we must commend ourselves to the guidance and counsel of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Paul prays to ask God to send us the Holy Spirit: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you the Spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you the full knowledge of him." This must be our prayer and wish every day of our life. We must invite the Holy Spirit to take control of our entire mission. We must invite him to lighten the dark spots of our lives as Paul prays:

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The Hail Mary Explained



The words of the Hail Mary, undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Our Father, are deeply rooted in Scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus" — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation. The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century. An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, §2676-2677. 1.b; 2. c; 3. g & h; 4. m; 5. a; 6. l; 7. l ©LPJ

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"May he enlighten the eyes of your minds so that you can see the hope his call holds for you." We must ask him to lead the way so that we follow him. This is because his ways and counsels are right.

In today's gospel, Jesus knew that his apostles needed help to succeed. So he instructed them: "...Stay in the city until you are clothed with the power from on high." We must seek this power if we must make any positive impact on our world. Therefore, we must pay attention to what Jesus tells us in today's gospel. As an experienced master, He knows the terrain we are about to walk. He knows how delicate the hearts of men of our age are. He knows how challenging our task is and what it takes to be successful. He knows that only the Holy Spirit can help us.

Therefore, Ascension marks the beginning of the fulfillment of Christ's promise to us. So, as we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension today, Jesus reminds us that irrespective of our knowledge and human capabilities, we need divine help in order to succeed. This divine help will come from the Holy Spirit, to whom we must always pay attention.

So, as we celebrate the Ascension of Christ today and expect the fulfillment of His promise on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray: "Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth."

Peace be with you!

NEXT WEEKEND AT BOTH MASSES!



Please bring military items of yours or a loved ones for our Memorial Day display, the weekend of May 23 and 24 Masses.

ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday May 16, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00 Mass **DIANE & DAN DOBEK R.I.P.**

Sunday MAY 17, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30
8:30- Mass **INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH**

Wednesday May 20, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00
MASS 5:00 **MERT & MARIE WANDREY**

→ **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- ON HOLD THROUGH JUNE**

Thursday May 21, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.
ROSEANNA HASSETT R.I.P.

Saturday May 23 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
RAYMOND RIGSBY R.I.P.

Ministry Schedule

May 23/24

Marleen Loff	Bristol Faust	
Cathy Clayton † Nancy Helmer	Victor Vale, John Hawco, Casey Geer	
Jim Spagnolo Vols, Knights	Lynnleigh Masters, Parker Masters James Hudachek, Luke Hudachek	
	Barbara Leblanc, Don Baird Knights of Columbus	

Month of our Lady MAY Anniversaries

Byron and Angela Helm 3/6
Nathan & Michele Honeycutt 5/20
Mark & Valerie Tylka 5/21
Justin & Natalie Acharya 5/24
Billie & Joanne Morris 5/24
Heidi & Gary Holland 5/24
Nancy & Tony Helmer 5/28



Birthdays

Amy Wilegus - 3
Mike Papa - 6
Betty Jo Lopez - 7
Mercy Emeghara - 13
Laura Powers - 14
Jennifer Hudachek - 16
Jessica Brennon - 18
Annette Papa - 20
Sam Baird - 24
Ray Leblanc - 27
Hailey Mercier - 28
Don Baird - 30
Mark Tylka - 31

MAY MASS INTENTIONS

Bruce Price R.I.P. - 2
Frank Tersigni R.I.P. - 6
John Sefranek & Family R.I.P. - 7
George & Florence Oleksek R.I.P. - 9
Sue Hubbard R.I.P. - 13
John Petrick R.I.P. - 14
Diane & Dan Dobek R.I.P. - 16
Mert & Marie Wandrey R.I.P. - 20
Roseanna Hassett R.I.P. - 21
Raymond Rigby R.I.P. - 23
Michael Jorgeson R.I.P. - 27
Inez Tersigni R.I.P. - 28

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions

Prayer Requests

May 11-17

Monday May 18 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 16: 11-15
Psalm: Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Alleluia: John 15: 26b, 27a
Gospel: John 15: 26 - 16: 4

Tuesday May 19, 2026

Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs/ Pancras, Martyr
1st Reading: Acts 16: 22-34
Psalm: Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Alleluia: John 16: 7, 13
Gospel: John 16: 5-11

Wednesday May 20, 2026

Our Lady of Fatima
1st Reading: Acts 17: 15, 22 - 18: 1
Psalm: Psalms 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Alleluia: John 14: 16
Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Thursday May 21 2026

Matthias, Apostle Feast
1st Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26
Psalm: Psalms 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Alleluia: John 15: 16
Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Friday May 22, 2026

Isidore the Farmer, Married Man
1st Reading: Acts 18: 9-18
Psalm: Psalms 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Alleluia: Luke 24: 46, 26
Gospel: John 16: 20-23

Saturday May 23, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 18: 23-28
Psalm: Psalms 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10
Alleluia: John 16: 28
Gospel: John 16: 23b-28

Sunday May 24, 2026

Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity
1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm: Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23
Alleluia: Matthew 28: 19a, 20b
Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

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A NOTE OF THANKS!

I wish to express my thanks and offer my prayers to and for those who were able to come to the Rosary at 10AM on Monday the 11th. The day and hour of my brother's funeral in Quakertown, Pa. Your attendance and participation was and is a great blessing and comfort for me. God bless and thanks again. Paul Petrick



May the Souls of the Faithful Departed,
Through the Mercy of God
Rest in Peace! AMEN