

MAY 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

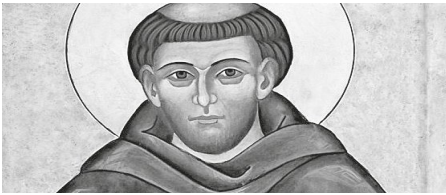
BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.





From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

05-10-2026.....\$3,400
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$400
 YTD Offertory.....\$168,064
 Budget.....\$132,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$36,064
 Food Pantry\$25



ACTS 1:1-11
EPHESIANS 1:17-23
MATTHEW 28:16-20

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 967

Hi everyone;

This week we celebrate the Ascension of Christ into Heaven. This can be a little bit of a strange thing to be celebrating. Jesus told his disciples, "it is better for you that I go". But is it really better? If Jesus were on earth, think how much good could be done! The sick could be healed, the Gospel proclaimed, and every question could be answered!

But on the other hand, we would also have a lot of different problems if Jesus didn't ascend to the right hand of God! First, only certain people would get to see him. How many times have you spoken to the pope or the president, or even the governor? By ascending, Jesus allows all of us to reach him whenever we need him. Second, if Jesus didn't ascend, there wouldn't be a human being at the right hand of God! Because Jesus is there in the heavenly throne room, we can know that God gets us as humans and understands our weaknesses.

Maybe it's not such a bad thing that Jesus went!

Fr. Rob

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
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, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 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 and 7/Jn 21:20-25 ©LPi

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, May 16	5:00 pm Vigil Mass Evangelista	+Ted and Carolina
Sunday, May 17	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Ronaldo Tanael
Monday, May 18	No Mass	
Tuesday, May 19	Noon Mass/6:00 pm Adoration	+Kenny Blackburn
Wednesday, May 20	Noon Mass	For the Priest
Thursday, May 21	Noon Mass	+Charles Cokley
Friday, May 22	Noon Mass	+Chad Walls
Saturday, May 23	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Charles Cokley
Sunday, May 24	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY

05/17/2026

Lector - Mary Jo Ratliff

Lector Fill in Only - Isabella Ramsey

Gift Bearer Server - Bob & Annice Welch

Coffee & Donuts - Zach & Jonnica Bryson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion - Theresa Dawahare

05/24/2026

Lector - Steve Misczenski

Lector Fill in Only - Mary Jo Ratliff

Gift Bearer Server - Cherry & Mariano Rivera

Coffee & Donuts - Denny Rohrer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion - Denny Rohrer

05/31/2026

Lector - Fadi AlAkhrass

Lector Fill in Only - MaShawna Jacobs

Gift Bearer Server - Todd & Sandra May

Coffee & Donuts - Denny Rohrer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion - Frank Dawahare

Devotions, Explained! Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Explained

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — 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. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

John 17:1-11a

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week. — Father John Muir ©LPi

ROSARY - Join us the first Saturday of each month for the Rosary at noon.

SAVE THE DATE - We will be celebrating Fr. Rob on June 7 immediately after Mass. Please mark your calendar — we would love for everyone to join us! More information to come soon!



Susie Johnson

Kallum Coleman, infant son of Skylar and Evan Coleman

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Sharon Collins, cancer

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Ada DePoy

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50