

# Church of St Joseph

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## MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

**Sun./Dom.** 9 AM (English), 11 AM (Español)

**Mon./Lun.** 8:30 AM (English)

**Tues./Mar.** 7 PM (Español) Vísperas & Misa

**Wed./Mier.** 8:30 AM (English)

**Fri./Vier.** 7 PM (Esp.) Vísperas, Misa & Vía Crucis

**Sat./Sab.** 9 AM Mass for Children/Families-English

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday, 9:30 AM. to 6 PM

(Closed for lunch, 1:00—2:00 PM)

### HORARIO DE LA CASA CURAL

Lunes a Viernes, 9:30 AM a 6 PM (Cerrada, 1 - 2 PM)

### SPECIAL DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIONES ESPECIALES

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction,  
Fridays, after the 7 PM Mass

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento con la Bendición:  
Viernes **luego** de la Misa de las 7 PM

The Miraculous Medal Novena, on Mondays after the Mass.  
Novena de la Medalla Milagrosas, los lunes después de la Misa.

### BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Office for  
information. By appointment only.

### BAUTISMOS & BODAS

Llamar la oficina parroquial. Hacer una cita de antemano.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

9:45 AM on Saturdays. Any time by appointment.

### SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Sabado a las 9:45 AM. O llamar para una cita.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK /UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

Call anytime. / Llamar a cualquier hora.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon José Luis Velásquez, Director of Religious Education

Office Hours Monday/Lunes—Thursday/Jueves -10 AM –12PM

Saturday 10 AM - 1 PM

(914)-457-4776

Email: [sjc.religioused@optimum.net](mailto:sjc.religioused@optimum.net)

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

### INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Deacon José Luis Velásquez - (914)457-4776

### COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Any one who cannot attend church because of illness or age,  
please contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made  
to bring communion to you.

### COMUNION PARA LOS ENFERMOS

Llámanos para que uno de nuestros ministros te lleve la  
Sagrada Comunión.

### Holy Days/Días Festivos

Check the Liturgical Calendar for the Mass schedule.

Revise el calendario dentro del boletín.

### WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please visit the Rectory so that we may formally register you as  
members of the parish.

### ¡BIENVENIDOS NUEVOS FELIGRESES!

Favor de visitar la Casa Cural para inscribirse en nuestra parroquia.

**Sunday/Domingo, May 26<sup>th</sup>**—Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23 / Jn 14: 23-29

9 AM † Serafim Pinho, Sr.

11 AM Lucio Vivar & Family (Living)  
 † Irenes Montes  
 † Meliton & Lilia Rosete  
 † Isabel Sanchez

**Monday/Lunes, May 27<sup>th</sup>** -St. Augustine of Canterbury  
 Acts 16: 11-15 / Jn 26- 16: 4

8:30 AM No Mass

**Tuesday/Martes, May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 Acts 16: 22-34 / Jn 16: 5-11

7 PM †† William & Elizabeth Mansfield

**Wednesday/Miércoles, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 Acts 17: 15, 22- 18: 1 /Jn 16: 12-15

8:30 AM No Mass

**Thursday/Jueves, May 30<sup>th</sup>**—The Ascension  
 Holy Day of Obligation  
 Acts 1: 1-11/Heb 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23/Lk 24: 46-53

7 PM Available

**Friday/Viernes, May 31<sup>st</sup>**—The Visitation of the BVM  
 Rom 12: 9-26 / Lk 1: 39-56

7 PM Available

**Saturday/Sábados, June 1<sup>st</sup>**—St. Justin  
 Acts 18: 23-28 / Jn 16: 23-28

9 AM Communion Service

**Sunday/Domingo, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** -Seventh Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 7: 55-60; Rv 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 14: 23-29

9 AM In Thanksgiving to God

11 AM Available

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Sunday Offering \$2,755.75  
 9 AM \$1,178.25 & 11 AM \$1,590.25)

Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$1,041.75



**Summary to Date**

Goal	Pledge	Paid	# of Gifts	Avg. Gifts
\$21,000.00	\$11,605.00	\$5,520.00	61	\$190.25

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2019-** The 2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves our spiritual communities across our 10 counties. If you have not yet made your pledge to the *Cardinal's Appeal*, please make your commitment today. Remember, you can pledge your gift now and make payments in the coming months. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment. Your generosity is appreciated!

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By/Por: The Parents / Los Padres

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***First Holy Communion of the class of 2019  
 Primera Comunión del año escolar 2019***

By/Por: The Parents/ Los Padres

**UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY?** If you are in a crisis pregnancy, please call (914) 620-4464  
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## The Ascension of the Lord (May 30, MMXIX)

The scriptures paint an interesting picture of the Ascension - and our minds probably need a little opening in order to appreciate it. There's no mention of the Ascension in Mark; Matthew has Jesus appearing to the 11 on top of a mountain and telling them to baptize everyone - and it happens on the same day as Easter. Matthew doesn't tell us what happened to Jesus after that. He concludes with Jesus' words, 'lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age'.

John does not mention the Ascension. Luke's gospel has more Resurrection appearances than the others and these culminate with the Ascension in chapter 24 - and like Matthew, it appears to be on the same day as Easter. It is only in Acts that there's mention of the 40 days that has become enshrined in our liturgical calendar.

St Luke was a gifted writer. For those who can read his gospel in the original Greek, it is like reading poetry. His language is classic in style and sound. So, when he narrates the Ascension scene, even if we only read it in translation, we get hints of its beauty and style. It is dramatic, especially the moments before Jesus ascends. He leads his disciples to Bethany, raises his hand, blesses them and departs. He doesn't just leave them; he 'parted from them and was taken up to heaven'. A very regal departure!

As is often the case, the gospel writers are making points about the person of Jesus and not describing what you would have seen if you had been there. We have to use words to describe the indescribable - but to be over literal about them is to miss the point.

The truth of the Ascension has nothing to do with whether or not Jesus floated off the ground and disappeared into the clouds, like a plane taking off - it's not about history, what happened 2000 years ago. Rather, it's about now - it's about the relationship between God and us now. The Ascension reveals to us the amazing truth that humanity and divinity aren't like oil and water - completely unmixable - but that in Christ one has been taken into the other and are now inseparably linked for all eternity. In Christ, humanity and divinity have come together, never to be separated. Our call is to be Christ-like too. There is a place for us all in God.

The message of the Ascension is also about how we view the world now. It's not about the absence of Christ. It's not about Christ being whisked away, or disappearing into the clouds, like a rocket blasting off. Rather it's about God in Christ being inseparable from all of the world. At the Eucharist, we are incorporated into the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ - and like the disciples at the end of the gospel of Luke, may we then return to our homes and go to our places of work or play, with 'great joy' - joy in the knowledge that all of life both in heaven and on earth is shot through with the glory of the Living God. This wonderful feast of Jesus' Ascension reminds us that we, too, will have our resurrection, when God 'will raise our mortal bodies and make them like his own in glory...when every tear will be wiped away...when we shall see you, our God, as you are'.

## LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR (30 de mayo)

A los cuarenta días después de la Resurrección habiendo instruido a sus Apóstoles sobre la nobilísima misión de establecer el Reino de Dios en el mundo, Jesús iba a subir al cielo, donde le esperaban las glorias celestiales. Bendijo a su querida Madre, a los Apóstoles y discípulos y se despidió de ellos. Una nube lo ocultó de sus miradas.

Le acompañaban innumerables espíritus, los primeros frutos de la redención, que Él había sacado del Limbo. Las jerarquías angélicas salían al encuentro del Salvador del mundo.

Al situarse junto al Padre, toda la corte celestial entonó un himno glorioso de alabanza, como el que oyó Juan en sus visiones: "Digno es el Cordero, que ha sido degollado, de recibir el poder y la riqueza, la sabiduría y la fuerza, la honra, la gloria y la alabanza" (Ap 5, 12).

Jesús entró en los cielos para tomar posesión de su gloria. Mientras estaba en la tierra, gustaba siempre de la visión de Dios; pero únicamente en la Transfiguración se manifestó la gloria de su Humanidad Sacratísima, que, por la Ascensión, se colocó al lado del Padre celestial y quedó ensalzada sobre toda criatura humana.

La noche antes de morir oraba Jesús al Padre diciendo: "Te he glorificado en la tierra, cumpliendo la obra que me habías encargado. Ahora tu, Padre, dame junto a ti la misma Gloria que tenía a tu lado desde antes que comenzara el mundo"(Juan 17, 4").

Por estar unida al Verbo Divino, que es la segunda persona de la Santísima Trinidad, la Humanidad de Jesús disfruta del derecho a la gloria eterna. Comparte con el Padre la infinita felicidad y poder de Dios. Justa recompensa por todo lo que hizo y mereció en la tierra. Humanidad elevada al Cielo por encima de toda criatura, porque en la tierra por debajo de todo se humilló.

Cuando acabe la lucha en esta vida, Jesús nos dará la gracia de compartir eternamente el gozo de su victoria.

Jesús subió a los cielos para ser nuestro Mediador ante el Padre. Allí está intercediendo por nosotros. Subió para rendir cuentas al Padre celestial de la gran obra que había acabado en la tierra. La Iglesia nació, la gracia brota en abundancia de su Cruz en el Calvario y se distribuye por los Sacramentos, la duda de justicia es pagada, la muerte y el infierno son vencidos, el Cielo es abierto y el hombre es puesto en el camino de salvación. Jesús merecía este glorioso recibimiento, al regresar a su hogar.

La Ascensión, además, es garantía de nuestra propia subida al Cielo, después del Juicio de Dios. Fue a prepararnos sitio en su Reino y prometió volver para llevarnos con Él.

Vayamos en espíritu con Jesús al Cielo y moremos allí. Sea esta nuestra aspiración ahora en fe, esperanza en caridad.

Busquemos solamente los gozos verdaderos.

**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**—In the gospel of Mathew Jesus calls a little child to him and proclaims "... whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Mathew 18:5). A representative from Good Counsel Homes will be speaking at all Masses during **the weekend of June 9<sup>th</sup>**. Good Counsel Homes is a mission helping homeless pregnant and parenting mothers and babies. Good Counsel operates 5 Catholic homes for pregnant women and their children as well as a national toll-free crisis pregnancy help line (800-723-8331). They will be giving out baby bottle envelopes to be filled with monetary donations, that will help assist with their lifesaving work. We welcome you with an open heart to learn more about what we, the Catholic community, can do to help homeless mothers and babies in need through crisis to careers. Please consider becoming a monthly donor, also visit

**[www.GoodCounselHomes.org](http://www.GoodCounselHomes.org)**

or LIKE Good Counsel Homes on Facebook. The more you know, the more mothers and babies will be helped.

**MEMORIAL DAY**— In observance of Memorial Day, the Rectory will be closed on **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:** The whole church celebrates the fact that forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended bodily into heaven. The feast of the **Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation**, falls on **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** and **St. Joseph's Church** will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension a 7 PM.**

## **ANUNCIOS**

**CAMPAÑA DE BIBERON-** En el evangelio de Mateo, Jesús llama a un niño pequeño y proclama: "Y el que recibe en mi nombre a un niño como éste, a mí me recibe." (Mt 18: 5). Un representante de Good Counsel Homes hablará en todas las Misas durante el **fin de semana del 9 de junio**. Good Counsel Homes es una misión que ayuda a madres sin hogar y a las embarazadas y con bebés. Good Counsel opera 5 hogares católicos para mujeres embarazadas y sus hijos, así como una línea telefónica nacional gratuita de ayuda para embarazos en situaciones de crisis (800-723-8331). Estarán repartiendo sobres de biberones para que se llenen con donaciones monetarias, que ayudarán a ayudarlos en su trabajo para salvar vidas. Les damos la bienvenida con un corazón abierto para aprender más acerca de lo que nosotros, la comunidad católica, podemos hacer para ayudar a las madres y bebés sin hogar a superar la crisis hacia carreras. Por favor, considere convertirse en un donante mensual, también visite [www.GoodCounselHomes.org](http://www.GoodCounselHomes.org) o LIKE Good Counsel Homes en Facebook. Cuanto más sepa, más madres y bebés recibirán ayuda.

**SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR:** Toda la iglesia celebra el hecho de que 40 días después de su resurrección, Jesús ascendió al cielo. Este año, **La Solemnidad de la Ascensión, es el jueves, 30 de mayo** y es un **día de precepto**. Tendremos la **Celebración de la Eucaristía a las 7 PM.**

**EN MEMORIA DEL DÍA DE LOS CAÍDOS,** la Casa Cural se cerrará el lunes, 27 de mayo.

## PARISH GROUPS –GRUPOS PARROQUIALES

### Monday/Lunes

Cursillistas 7:00 PM School Conf. Room

### Tuesday/Martes

Circulo de Oración 7:45 PM Church

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM School Cafeteria

### Thursday/Jueves

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM School Cafeteria

### Friday/Viernes

Rosario Pro-Vida 7:45 PM Church

Hora Santa (1<sup>st</sup> viernes) 7:45 PM Church

Hora Apostólica (2<sup>nd</sup> vier.) 7:45 PM Church

### Sunday/Domingo

Caballeros de Colón(1<sup>er</sup> Dom) 1PM K of C Room

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

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**SOUP KITCHEN**, Sunday from 2 PM to 4 PM.

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