



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church



May 12th – May 13th

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Sunday, May 13, 2018 - The Ascension of the Lord

"ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW"

"No sooner had He said this than He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight." —Acts 1:9

For almost forty years, a good Catholic father told his children to live for Jesus and to love Jesus especially by going to Mass — not only on Sundays but daily, or as often as possible. However, although some of his children went to Mass on Sundays, they never made the decision to live for Jesus. Then the father said again what he had said for all those years, but this time he died. The children could no longer so easily dismiss or ignore their father's words. One of his sons gave his life to Jesus and centered his life on the Eucharist.

For many years, Jesus has told His disciples many things. We are to:

Down size our lifestyles and choose poverty (Mt 5:3),

Love and forgive our enemies (see Mt 5:44),

Deny ourselves and take up our crosses each day (Lk 9:23),

Wash the feet of others in sacrificial service (see Jn 13:5ff),

Devote ourselves to God's word and the communal life (Acts 2:42), and

Spend our lives in being witnesses for Jesus (Acts 1:8).

Many Christians have ignored these commands of Jesus. However, when Jesus ascended, His disciples could not so easily dismiss His words.

May we receive this grace of the Ascension today and respond to Jesus' words and take Him seriously.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, May 13--08:30a.m. +Sambo
Kotara by Neysa Friemel

Monday, May 14--07:30a.m. +Sambo
Kotara By Neysa Friemel

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten,
Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major,
Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker,
Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting,
Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins,
Willie Mae Barnett, James Weinheimer, Alice
Britten, Alan Acker, Sherry Koetting, Georgann
Hinson, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Eileen Asher,
and Margaret Heinrich

Family Chalice Program

May 12/13 Keith Barkley

May 19/20 Neysa Friemel

May 26/27 Alice Kuehler

June 2/3 Pam & Cassie Ashford

June 9/10 Nick Kuehler Family

Birthdays

May 12th Tucker William Hinson

May 13th Mark Koetting, Corkey Hickey

May 15th Neysa Friemel

May 17th Halee Kotara, Nick Ashford

Anniversaries

Church Cleaning for May

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra
Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami
Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri
Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly,
Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, Tabitha
Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney
Britten

Stewardship Reports

05-6-18

Individual	\$2,890.00
Loose	\$ 265.64
Children	\$ 9.00
Total	\$3,164.64

05-6-18 Building Fund

Individual & Total	\$ 200.00
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 12th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffron and Kacie
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, May 13th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Cari Weinheimer, and Sandie Hickey

Saturday, May 19th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Trace
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Wesley
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten, Nichole Kuehler, and Joannie Kling

Saturday, May 26th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Lauren and Damon
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, May 27th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Zayden and Braxton
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Melanie K Britten, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon and Stephen
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Zayden and Braxton
Lectors: Marcia Conrad
Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Kay Britten, Sandie Hickey

Announcements:

Second Collection: May 13th Building Fund
May 20th Catholic Relief Services

***Next Sunday, May 20 Mass will be at 11:00am**

***In my absence there will be communion service on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:30am. Contact Marla Britten**

Christian Mothers:

New Officers are as follows:

President: Joannie Kling
Vice Pres. : Marla Britten
Secretary: Melanie Britten
Treasurer: Pam Ashford
2nd Vice: Wamyth Britten
3rd Vice: Lorri Connelly

Flowers: Doris Homer

Cards: Linda Bohr

Little Flower Charirman:

Rita Lister, Tabitha Eggemeyer, and Krista Johnson

St Monica:

Donna Barnett, Sandie Hickey

Installation of officers will be Monday, May 14th @ 7p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring a salad with you. Crackers and dessert will be provided.

Contact: Cara Ashford at ashfordcar@gmail.com, if you have information for the bulletin.

Announcements:

*Fr. Raj is taking four weekends of vacation and one weekend of Retreat from May 15 to June 22nd. In his absence we will be having Five Sunday Masses at 11a.m. (**Sunday, May 20th, 27th, June 3rd, 10th and 17th**) by Fr. Hrudaya Raju Kindamudi from St. Francis Catholic Church – cell no: 806-665-5358. There will be no change on Saturday day Masses in my absence.

***Is there any special doctrinal significance to the Ascension?**

There certainly is! In fact, commentators see a lot of significance to this event. For Instance,

1.Christ's Power and Authority: Christ's ascent to heaven, where he now "sits at the right hand of God the Father" (see Hebrews 1:3) says much about his power and authority, a theme that comes through in many of the passages cited above, but perhaps nowhere as powerfully as in his own words to the high priest at the time of his trial: In the future, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven (Matthew 26:64).

2.The Sending of the Holy Spirit: His ascent to heaven was a necessary prelude to the sending of the Holy Spirit that took place ten days later, at the festival of Pentecost. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit as a Counselor and made it clear that his "going away" was a necessary prerequisite for the sending of the Holy Spirit: But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7; see also John 14:16-18 and 15:26-27). So in a sense we can say that Ascension Day was necessary if Pentecost was to happen!

3.The Promise of His Eventual Return: His ascent to heaven was accompanied by the promise of his eventual return. Listen to Luke's record of what happened immediately after the Ascension: They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11). So just as surely as we know that Jesus ascended, we can be confident that he will one day come again.