



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

June 1st & 2nd

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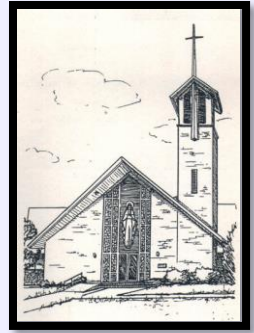
Pastor: Arokia Raj Samala – Parish Council: Jason Eugea

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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - THE ULTIMATE CALL TO PRAYER

"Within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." —Acts 1:5

Jesus tried to give us the Holy Spirit three times. When He died on Calvary He gave over His Spirit (Jn 19:30), although only a few were present to receive the Spirit. Jesus' second attempt to give us the Holy Spirit was on the first resurrection night. He breathed on His apostles and commanded: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). It seems that they did not receive because they stayed locked up in the upper room. The Church received the fullness of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, after having devoted themselves to constant prayer for nine days (Acts 1:14).

Prayer is one of the keys to receiving the Holy Spirit. "If [we], with all [our] sins, know how to give [our] children good things, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him" (Lk 11:13). However, Jesus' followers have traditionally had difficulty spending one hour a day with Him in prayer (see Mt 26:40). Like Martha, we are sometimes upset with others who pray and with the Lord Who calls them to pray (see Lk 10:40ff). We must honestly admit that we are not praying people, praying families, or praying couples. However, prayer is necessary to receive the Spirit.

The Ascension of Jesus is the most powerful and successful call to prayer in the Bible. After the Ascension, apostles who didn't pray an hour in the garden of Gethsemani devoted themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14). On this holy day of the Ascension, the Lord offers us a special invitation to pray and a gift to pray. Accept the invitation, pray, and receive the Spirit.

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 Father Raj, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, May 26 - 8.30 a.m. +Joyce Eck
By Ida Rau

Monday, May 27 - 7:30 a.m. +Joyce Eck
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Wednesday, May 29 - 6:00p.m. +Joyce Eck
By Bill Homer

Thursday, May 30 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck
By Bill Homer

Friday, May 31 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck
By Bill Homer

Saturday, June 01 - 5:30p.m. +Joyce Eck
By Bill Homer

Church Cleaning for June

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Lynita Brown, Phillip Ollinger, and Herschel Black

Family Chalice Program

June 1/2 Doug Kling Family
June 8/9 Cliff and Susan Britten
June 15/16 Nick Ashford Family
June 22/23 Julie Friemel

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 2nd Loretta Kuehler & Blaine Britten

A - June 3rd Jerry & Melanie Britten
Donnie & Marcia Conrad
Wyatt & Karrin Britten

June 4th Barbara Britten

June 5th Landree Hinson, Brett Britten, & Janelle Sustarie

A – June 5th Nick & Nichole Kuehler
June 6th Josh & Nicole Longbine
June 7th Joe & Barbara Homer

Stewardship Reports

05/26/19

Individual	\$1,490.00
Loose	\$ 297.00
Children	\$ 10.00
Total	\$1,797.00

05/26/19 Building Fund

Individual & Total	\$ 100.00
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 1st, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffron & Phineas

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

Sunday, June 2nd, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Maci & K'Leigh

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara

Homer, & Joannie Kling

Saturday, June 8th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek & Ryan

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Tabitha

Eggemeyer

Sunday, June 9th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Carrigan & Halle

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten, Melanie K

Britten, Nichole Kuehler

Saturday, June 15th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Kacie & Hope

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey & Jan

Britten

Sunday, June 16th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison & Ali

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten, Susan

Britten & Vanessa Eugea

Announcements:

Second Collection:

June 2nd Catholic Communication Campaign

June 30th Peter's Pence Collection

Dual Parish Picnic @ The Britten Ranch in Howardwick June 9th mass at 11:00 am with Picnic and games to follow.

Tea, Lemonade, and water will be provided as well as the meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert large enough for your family. Some games and a water feature will be provided, please feel free to bring other games.

Tables and Chairs will be loaded Wednesday, June 5th in the evening, more info to follow. Clean up day at the Britten Ranch will occur Thursday June 6th at 5:30pm. Mowers, weed eaters, tree trimmers, gloves etc. will be needed. Call Jason Eugea at 806-335-6805 with any questions

Parish Council: It is time to elect new members for Parish council. A term is for 2 years with a max of 2 terms. If you would be interested in serving the church in this ministry please contact Jason Eugea at 806-335-6805. A Parish vote will be held the weekend of June 1-2.

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

Announcements:

*Sunday, June 9th – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at Mr. Chris Britten’s Ranch

*Celebrating the Ascension: Easter ranks as the highest feast of the Church. There are four solemnities that rank right behind Easter: Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost. The Solemnity of the Ascension can be a holyday of obligation or Sunday, which the Church in Canon Law states our duties: Can. 1247: On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body.

At first glance, the Ascension would seem to be a sad day. Christ in his human body is leaving the world for the last time. But we need to take our cues from the liturgy. This is a joyful feast; it is the fulfillment of Christ’s salvific mission. The Ascension is the final leg of the Paschal Mystery: Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into heaven (as mentioned in the Eucharist Prayer of the Mass). It is not until Jesus ascends and returns to His Father that His act of Redemption is completed. Our place in heaven is prepared at this feast—we will now share in Christ’s glory. That is why our hearts should sing with Psalm 47 as it repeats 3 days in a row, “God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”