

Dear Friends,

We celebrate today the Solemnity of the Ascension; it is the feast of the bodily Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven in the presence of his apostles. This feast is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday, which falls on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter. However, the feast is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter by most dioceses in the United States. The Catholic bishops of our region chose to transfer this great feast to a weekend; the rationale was to enable more people to celebrate this important event in the life of our Lord Jesus.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us an account of the remarkable event of Pentecost as Jesus was lifted up from among his apostles. The apostles and disciples probably felt alone, sad and abandoned as their leader was being taken away from them. The Angels quickly reassured them: "This same Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven" (Acts of the Apostles 1:11).

Today's Gospel is often referred to as "the Great Commission." Jesus before his ascension entrusted his mission to the Apostles saying, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Matt 28:19) While that mission was entrusted to the Apostles, and to the bishops who are the successors of the Apostles, and their assistants: the priests. The lay faithful can assist them in their mission to evangelize by praying for them and by giving witness by following Christ, especially in those situations where you are the one to witness to Christ. Is Christ relying on you to witness to him where no one else will? I pray that we be renewed by the prayers in today's second reading: May God our Father enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

As the Easter tide draws to a close, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus continues to be present in the world but now in a new way: through his Church which is his Body; teaching us everything we need to know and do. We need to proclaim the story of Jesus and his teaching and embody in our daily lives all that Jesus stands for. Obviously, this is way beyond our human capacity. However, it does become possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of God who calls us into the body of Christ and assures us that Jesus is with us to the end of time.

Have a blessed weekend
Fr. Jude Uche, MSP.

Pastor's Annual Leave.

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP will be on vacation from June 6th to July 6th. Fr. Justin Udoma will cover both weekday Masses and Weekend Masses in Spanish and English during this time. In the event of any emergency, please call Fr. Justin Udoma with the rectory phone number (Home): 254-239-1814 or (Cell Phone): 512-810-4155.

Ascensión del Señor

En este domingo, escuchamos nuestro llamado a "proclamar el Evangelio a toda criatura". Somos llamados y se nos da el poder por la gracia de los sacramentos de anunciar la Buena Nueva y de ser la Buena Nueva para otros. Si lo hacemos así, podemos sacar los demonios de la división, la apatía, el racismo, la desesperación y la violencia a través de nuestro nuevo lenguaje de amor, compromiso, comunidad, esperanza y paz. Armados con la justicia y la misericordia de Dios, daremos testimonio de vida humana y dignidad, del cuidado de los pobres y de la creación, en solidaridad con todos alrededor del globo de manera que la enfermedad de nuestro mundo fracturado pueda ser sanada ¿Qué Buena Nueva dará usted esta semana?

Ascension of the Lord

On this Sunday, we hear the call given to all of us to "proclaim the Gospel to every creature." We are called and empowered by the grace of the sacraments to speak Good News and be Good News to others. If we do so we can drive out the demons of division, apathy, racism, despair and violence with our new language of love, commitment, community, hope and peace. Armed with God's justice and mercy we will give witness to human life and dignity, care for the poor and for creation, in solidarity with all across the globe so that the sickness of our fractured world can be healed. What Good News will you speak this week?

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 27	5:30 pm	Juan & Petra Reyna +
Sunday	May 28	9:00 am 11:00 am	Orlando Lopez + Fr. Jude (Birthday)
Monday	May 29		NO MASS
Tuesday	May 30	6:00 pm	Nicholas Pritchett
Wednesday	May 31	8:30 am	For the Parishioners
Thursday	June 1	8:30 am	For the Families of St. Stephen
Friday	June 2	12:00pm	Nick Lopez Jr. +
Saturday	June 3	5:30 pm	Anita Lopez, Becky Gutierrez +
Sunday	June 4	9:00 am 11:00 am	Janie Montalvo (Health) Xavi & Nino Martinez (BD)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 28

MONDAY MAY 29
6:30 pm Grupo de Oracion Bible Study
(Spanish) *Marian Room*

TUESDAY MAY 30

8 am Men's Group- *OLOG Room*
6:30 pm *TNMC- Parish Hall*

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

6-8 pm Catechist Thank you Dinner

THURSDAY JUNE 1

FRIDAY JUNE 2

7 pm Grupo de Oracion

SATURDAY JUNE 3

10 am Luis A. Valle (Baptism)

SUNDAY JUNE 4

Ministry Schedule for June 3-4 2017

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	L Arnold M Reed	M Markham E Markham J Palma	S Ervin M C Ervin C Kowaleski	T Schatte B Yanez-Smith C Arnold P Watson
9:00 AM	B Hoelscher L Rohaly	I Dworaczyk L Hossfield K Konarik K Konarik	G Reihsen E Alvarez T Petter	Deacon Ernie M Riley A Mazoch E Mazoch J Rodriguez
11:00 AM	V Perez M Baltazar	A Arias A Ortiz S Villafranco D Villafranco D Villasana E Vargas	B Martinez C Urquiza E Loma	M Ramos E de la Hoya M Esteves C Tovar S Villarreal

Monetary Stewardship

Collection Last Week:

Regular: \$ 3,432.00

Online: \$753.36

Total \$ 4,185.36

remembering the words of the Lord who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 26-30, 2017



This year VBS "Maker Fun Factory" will be held June 26-30 from 6-8 PM. Please join us! Please contact Laura Snyder for more information 254-913-2239

Office Closed

The Office will be Closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day

6th Annual Fr. Charles Davis Golf Tournament

Total income: \$ 6,970.00
Total Expensed: \$ 2, 642.00
Total Profit: \$ 4,328.00

Thanks to the organizers and sponsors



St. Stephen

Mass Attendance for May 20 & 21, 2017

Total Attendance: 412

Appreciation

With so much gratitude and appreciation, Daniella, Veronica and I, sincerely thank the St. Stephen family for your generous gifts at Sunday's concert, which allow Daniella to accept the summer camp opportunities in New York. We received \$ 2,640.00 as donations and it will cover the tuition expenses. We are so very happy to share our gifts from God with you, Thank you Father Jude for your encouragement and support.

From, Grazyna, Daniella and Veronica Lombardi

Altar Servers Party 2017



St. Stephen Music Concert with Daniella & Veronica Lombardi

