

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

**Blessed be the Lord,
who hears my prayer!**

Al principio del libro de Hechos (**PRIMERA LECTURA**), se describe la Ascensión del Señor al cielo, mientras que san Marcos (**EVANGELIO**) nos habla de las últimas instrucciones que Jesús resucitado dio a sus discípulos antes de subir al cielo. Por su parte, san Pablo (**SEGUNDA LECTURA**), también menciona que el Señor subió a las alturas, y además nos recuerda que él dio su gracia a cada uno de nosotros, en diversa medida, para desempeñar diversas funciones en la edificación de la Iglesia, hasta que alcancemos la plenitud de Cristo mismo.



Intenciones de las Misas

sáb. 12 04:30 pm	Vigila del VII Domingo de Pascua Mother's Day Remembrance
dom. 13 10:30 am	VII Domingo de Pascua Missa Pro Populo
Sun. 13 12:30 pm	VII Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Remembrance
Mon. 14	NO MASS
mart. 15 08:00 am	Día de la Semana de Pascua +Isidro J. Soto (Javier Soto)
Wed. 16 08:00 am	Easter Weekday For All Diocesan Priests
juev. 17 08:00 am	Día de la Semana de Pascua For All Religious Priests
Fri. 18 08:00 am	Easter Weekday For All Bishops
Sat. 19 08:00 am	Easter Weekday +For All Deceased Bishops

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+Rosa Cavala
(Manuel Cavala)

Good News!

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Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) Ascension of the Lord

Seventh Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26;

1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

The beginning of the Book of Acts presents a summary of the life of Christ and how he called and taught the apostles in the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection, Christ kept the apostles in Jerusalem, where they prayed together with the Virgin and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit which would give them power to witness to him beyond the city and into the outlying countries and regions, just as the Gospel reading commands.

This Spirit given to them by Christ is a spirit of mission and witness. When Jesus was finished speaking, when his revelation had finished, he was taken to heaven. And the apostles were left standing there, looking up after him.

That looking up can be interpreted as a longing for Jesus' presence that was no longer in human form. Things had radically changed. Jesus' mission had finished, and now theirs was beginning. Their situation is the same as ours. We are sent on a mission!

An essential element of being Christian is to understand that we are sent into the world to build Christ's kingdom. We are his missionaries, his representatives. He counts on us to go into the world and bring his message to all his beloved children just as he did—with preaching, testimony, and love. Jesus doesn't send us to be comfortable, professionally successful, and wealthy. He sends us to be missionaries!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Dear Padre

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It says in the Gospel account of the ascension that Jesus was taken up body and soul into heaven. Why would Jesus need a body in heaven?

In the Old Testament, there was a great chasm between our bodies and heaven. We were told that no one could see the face of God and live, let alone live with God in heaven. Jesus came to bridge that gap through his body and blood.

Jesus' glorified body is in heaven to show that we, too, will be glorified like him, showing that, as part of God's creation, our bodies are inherently good and worthy of heavenly life. Jesus' ascension will be followed by our ascension into heaven. Our bodies will become like Jesus' glorified body. Our life with God will become like Jesus' life with God. We see in Jesus our own future. Our lives and our loves will not be snuffed out like a candle. Rather, we will carry them in our spiritual and glorified self, leaving behind pain, death, and human inadequacies.

Christianity is a flesh-and-blood religion. We can't bypass the physical to reach the spiritual. Jesus ascended into heaven, body and soul. We do not reach higher spiritual truths by rejecting the material world. Heaven won't contain disembodied spiritual beings, but will be full of glorified human bodies without the inadequacies we suffer now. Saint Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15:35-40, tries to explain this to the people of Corinth. He tells them that the splendor of the heavenly body is of one kind and the splendor of the earthly body is another.

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A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

O patient God,
 you never tire of waiting for each of us
 to grow into the person
 you created us to be.
 Bless mothers as they wait.
 Give them wisdom to know
 when to offer help and when to be
 silent.
 Help them to love as you do,
 willing always to forgive and
 encourage.
 Grace them with faith to see their
 children
 not only as they are
 but also as the beautiful reflection of
 yourself
 that they are becoming.

Mary van Balen Holt

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THE ANNUAL BLUE MASS

The Diocese of Laredo will be celebrating the Annual Blue Mass at San Agustin Cathedral on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 12:00 pm. The Annual Blue Mass honors men and women in law enforcement who admirably fulfill their duty to serve and protect our community. Everyone is invited to attend!

MAY PILGRIMAGE TO SCHOENSTATT SHRINE

Rockport, TX on May 20, 2018. Round trip fare is \$38 per person. For information, please contact Herminia Torres at 791-5761 or Christina Sanchez at 723-8577.

ATTENTION GRADUATES OF OUR PARISH



Only prospective graduates of our parish (High School & College) are invited to participate in the celebration of Mass on Sunday, June 10 at 12:30 noon. If you plan on participating, please call the Parish Office and give us your name on or before May 28; we have a gift for you.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, Pedro Murillo, Lorenza Valdez, Ruby Ann Inocencio, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Jorge Martinez, Fidela Ruiz, Dora Rodriguez, Pedro Malacara, Sister Thelma I. Gallegos, Ana Maria Trevino, Genoveva Ramirez, Deisy Garcia, Esther Salinas, David Riojas, Reynaldo Reyna, Victoria Carrillo and Chelo Ruiz.

REHEARSAL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Those receiving First Holy Communion on May 20 will have mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, May 19 at 9:00 am at the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communions will be held on Sun., May 20 at 12:30pm Mass.

REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION

Those receiving Confirmation on June 3 will have mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, June 2 at 9:00am at the church.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, June 3, at 12:30pm at the church.** Candidates and sponsors, including adults, must be in the church hall no later than 11:30am.

the LORD has set his throne in heaven

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Colecta de la Semana Pasada

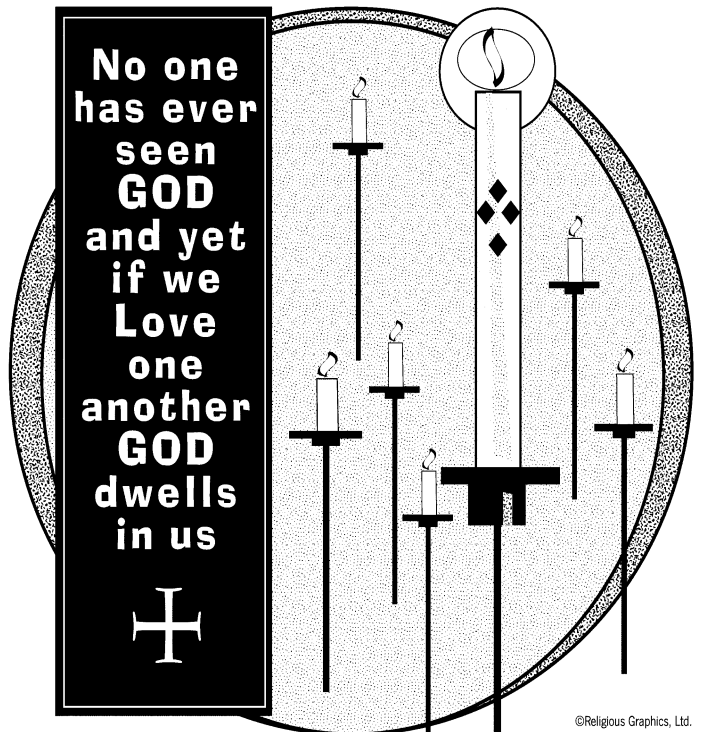
Envelopes: \$ 3,287.00

Loose: \$ 327.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 57.08

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 3,859.08

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 4,041.70



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