

Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

The Lord ascends with the sound of a trumpet!

San Lucas, al principio de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos describe la partida del Señor hacia el cielo (PRIMERA LECTURA). San Mateo (EVANGELIO) refiere los términos de la misión confiada por Jesús a sus apóstoles, después de su última manifestación. San Pablo, por su parte (SEGUNDA LECTURA), se adentra más allá de la nube que escondió a Cristo y contempla al Señor, sentado a la derecha de Dios en el cielo, como cabeza de toda la iglesia y Señor del universo.



Masses For The Week

- sab 16** Vigilia de la Ascensión Del Señor
04:30 pm Missa Pro Populo
- Sun 17** The Ascension of the Lord
11:30 am +Hector Rogelio Zepeda – Birthday (Mom)
+Pascual B. Collazo (Sus Hijas)
- Mon 18** NO MASS
- Tue 19** Easter Weekday
08:00 am +Jose & Candelaria Torres (Herminia Torres)
- Wed 20** Easter Weekday
08:00 am +Francisca Miranda (Herminia Torres)
- Thr 21** Easter Weekday
08:00 am +Felipe & Elida Aguero (Herminia Torres)
- Fri 22** Easter Weekday
08:00 am +Rev. Antonio G. Arguelles (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)
- Sat 23** Easter Weekday
08:00 am +Rogelio & Andrea Martinez (Collazo Family)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in for
+All Souls in Purgatory

Good News!

May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord (A)
Acts 1:1–11 / Ephesians 1:17–23 / Matthew 28:16–20
MIGUEL DULICK

Even by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! •

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Dear Padre

May 17, 2026
I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thesalonians 4:16–17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. •

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Today during the 11:30am Mass, Fr. Nolasco administered First Holy Communion to 5 candidates. We congratulate these members of our parish, as they received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. We thank the parents of these children for supporting them and our CCD Program throughout their years of preparation for this day. We pledge our continual support in the faith development of your children. We also applaud the CCD Teachers and Helpers who gave so much of themselves in support of our youth and parish. Thank you, catechists, for sharing your faith so that faith may flourish in others. God bless you.

2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal as of April

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

2026 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Building The Kingdom Together

- \$ 1,300.00 - Our Gifts to Date/Nuestras Donaciones
- \$ 16,735.00 - Our Pledges to Date/Nuestras Promesas
- \$ 14,900.00 - Our Parish Goal/Nuestra Meta
- 83 - Families Participating/Familias Participantes

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, and Vladimiro Checchin.

i am with you always



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Colecta de la Semana Pasada
Envelopes: \$ 1,787.00
Loose: \$ 172.00
Children's Envelopes: \$ 18.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,977.00

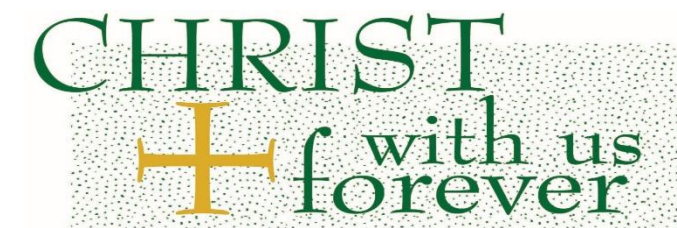
Total Expenses Last Week: \$3,212.75

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 7 at 11:30am. If you are an active parishioner and plan on

participating, please call the Parish Office and give us your name on or before May 30; we have a gift for you.



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CONFIRMATION DATE
Confirmation candidates will receive Confirmation on
Sun, May 31 at 11:30 am

