



THE ASCENSION SUNDAY OF THE LORD
 SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The book of the Apostles describes this important event for us: *“When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.... This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”*

Once again, the Resurrection and Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ give the followers a sure hope that if we are faithful to Him to the end, we will surely share our Lord’s glory eternally in heaven. Is this not what we hope, pray for, and try to make that hope alive in us every day, particularly when life is so tough on us - such as the death of a loved one or the bad news of a friend having cancer?

How can we know that the hope of being with God forever in heaven will be ours at the end of life on earth? How can we know we love one another? How can we be sure we love God? And how can we know we are faithful to God to the end? The gospels from the last several Sundays have given us all the answers.

If you know the answer from the Lord, go and do it. Why do you hesitate? In fact, yes, when we come to the point of doing what God wants, we hesitate; we try to bargain with God; we have a long list of excuses to “EXCUSE” ourselves for not doing what the Lord wants us to do! Does this sound familiar to you?!!!!

Today let us place ourselves before the Lord: our strengths and weaknesses, our good and bad habits, our successes and failures, our love and hatred and so forth. Let us be sincere and honest to God and even to ourselves. Let us be sincere to confront our weaknesses, failures, bad habits/behaviors, and our “excuses,” so that we can know where we should start to love God and others, to follow/keep God's commands and Church’s teachings, to change our life to fit into the vocation to which we are called.

Yes, it is not easy at all! We need to be “PRUNED” by God in order to bear GOOD FRUIT for Him and His Church. If we do not want to be pruned by God, don’t even think about achieving the hope of being with God forever because the branches that do not bear fruit will be cut off from the tree, wither, and then be thrown into the fire that never dies.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God the Father, give us the graces and blessings we need to be fruitful and faithful to Him to the end. Amen.

Peace,
 Fr. Tien

The Sanctuary Lamp this week
 is in memory of
 Stephen H. Swanson by Charlene.



Visit this website for valuable information on how to get more people, including yourself, involved in the pro-life movement. 10stepstoendabortion.com



OCIA/Adult Education Classes are completed for this year. They will resume again in September.
Deacon David

The Ladies Guild will meet this Monday, May 18th, at 10:00 a.m.
All women are invited to attend.



There is a second collection this weekend for the International/National Collection.

GOT RED?

Be sure to wear it next weekend as we celebrate Pentecost.



Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.

Donations made easy! Here is our QR Code that you can scan with your phone.



Prayers for healing: Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:
Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 16

5:00 P.M. † Bob & Sara Potts, † Jim & Anne Pierson
† Frank Laux

Sunday, May 17

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 A.M. † Felipa Ramos Diaz
† Miguel Angel Ramos Diaz,
† Guillermo Ramos Diaz
11:30 A.M. † Sergio Montero, † Atonio Cruz Arango
† Jose Juan Montero Luna

Monday, May 18

Saint John 1, Pope and Martyr

9:00 A.M. † Stephen H. Swanson, † Ray Behr
Bill Shaw by Mary Murphy

Tuesday, May 19

NO MASS

Wednesday, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

5:30 P.M. † Bernardino Cuautle

Thursday, May 21

Saint Chrostopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 A.M. † Bill Holten, for all Priests

Friday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

9:00 A.M. For all Priests

Saturday, May 23

5:00 P.M. † Bill Holten, † Betty and Carl Gels

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 A.M. † Damaso Daniel Acevedo
† Jonathan Uriel Cruz,
† Michael John Farrell by Shawn Farrell
11:30 A.M. † Alfonso Trujillo, † Guillermina Nunez
† Jose Ferral Deleon, † Luis Cruz Vasquez

Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.