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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
May 21, 2023
Hallelujah! Jesus ascends to Heaven

– Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:46-53



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.

Mass Intentions



May 20th 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia-RIP; Gustavia Adams (RIP) Langston Adams; Benjamin Jones, Jr. (Happy Birthday-Living); Marcus Allen (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Veronica, Alfred, Corey Allen & Cynthia Sinegal; Victoria Green (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Mable Smith

May 21st 9:00AM Seventh Sunday of Easter; For All Parishioners

May 23rd 6:00PM For Personal Intentions

May 24th 8:00AM In Memory of Rosie & Homer Willis by Willis & Hatch Families;

May 25th 8:00AM Willie Mae Fontnette (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by The Family; Susan Greig (RIP) by Damon Wiltz & Family; Walter Sinegal (Death Anniversary-RIP) by Cynthia McZeal-Sinegal

May 26th 8:00AM Herbert "Chief" Fontnette (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by The Family; Margaret Green (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) & John Green (RIP) by The Yeggins, Green & Jones Family

May 27th 4:30PM Mary Fisk (RIP) by Langston Adams; Theresa Barnes (2yrs. Death Anniversary-RIP) & Deceased Members of Narcisse, Alexander & Marks Family (RIP) by Barnes & Narcisse Family



May 13th & May 14th

4:30PM	**$2,114.00**
9:00AM	**$2,023.00**
Mail	**$1,740.40**
Totals	**$5,877.40**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.
Palm —Psalm 47:2-3,6-9
Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.
Second Reading — Ephesians 1:17-23
God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.
Gospel —Matthew 28:16-20
Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Col 3:1; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 14:16; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; PS 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; See Jn 17:17b, 17a; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:21; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 14:26; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 16:7, 13; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39



Happy 97th Birthday
Doris Castille



Congratulations to the Class of 2023 Graduates Olivia Bush, Marcus Linden & Asa Lewis on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 9:00am



The Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is dedicated for praying the Holy Rosary and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parishioners are encouraged to say their rosary daily in the month of May. Parishioners are asked to donate a flower to place in a vase in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The 2023 Spring Raffle is here!!
The prizes are as follows:
1st Prize: 55" Smart TV
2nd Prize: Laptop
3rd Prize: $200 Lowe's Gift Card
4th Prize: $100 Gas Gift Card
5th Prize: $50 Visa Card
6th Prize: $50 Visa Gift Card
The donation is $1.00. The raffle will be held at the Sacred Heart Family Day Picnic on June 4, 2023. Tickets will be available after each mass. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sacred Heart Parish Family Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at the Port Arthur Downtown Pavilion. We will begin with Mass at 10:00am and the picnic will immediately follow. There will be food, games, door prizes and lots of fellowship!!!

Meetings

-The Drexel Society of Port Arthur, Inc. will meet Tuesday, May 23rd at 5:30pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

-4th Degree Ladies of Grace Chapter #18 will meet Sunday, May 21st at 1:00-2:30pm at the KPC Hall.

Texas State Conference Knights of Peter Claver presented to Knight F. Paul Landry a plaque and medallion in Recognition for Outstanding Leadership, Hard work and Dedication as President 2018-2022. Congratulations Paul!!

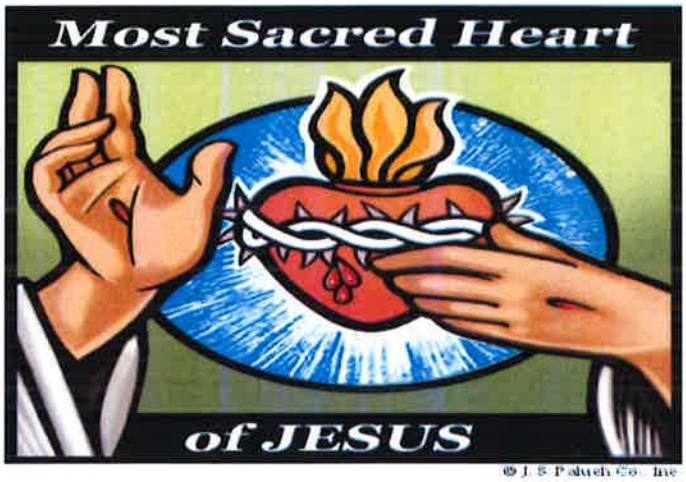
Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.



SAVE THE DATE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 12-14, 2023

All CCE teachers & Youth Director are ask to meet on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:30pm, to make plan for Bible School in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

MEN AND WOMEN CONFERENCE
Saturday, June 10, 2023 8:00am-2:00pm
"WALKING IN FAITH-Who are You Walking With?
Our Mother of Mercy Church Hall
3390 Sarah Street-Beaumont, TX
"Style Your Denim at the Conference"
Bring Your Bible

WHAT IS THE MEANING AND THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD IN OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIANS? G.I.F.T. and A.W.E.

G: GLORIFICATION of Jesus' humanity with his definitive entrance into GOD'S HEAVENLY DOMAIN)…

I: INTERCESSION. He once and for all INTERCEDES CONSTANTLY FOR US AS THE MEDIATOR. F . FULFILLMENT OF HIS PROMISE TO SEND US THE HOLY SPIRIT. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 665-667).

T. TASK. Task to do apostolate and to seek his presence here on earth.

A: APOSTOLATE: Jesus asks us TO DO APOSTOLATE with the people around us.

W: WITH US: Jesus also assures us that HE IS WITH US ALWAYS UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE.

E: EXPECTS US. Jesus expects us to look up to Him and seek his presence.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

Fr. Anthony will bless our youth. Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a birthday in May.



May is Stroke & Hypertension Awareness Month

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ... Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Bernadette Brown, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames,Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Henry Dwin, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Donnette Eulain-Jackson, Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Bernard Mouton, Jr., Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen

"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

Reflections

Hallelujah! Jesus ascends to Heaven. Right now we feel happy and at peace knowing that. The disciples too were filled with great joy after experiencing this Holy act of Ascension of our Lord.

Instead of being sad and in despair, the disciples returned to Jerusalem a very happy lot. The ascension of Jesus gave them great comfort and joy.

They now awaited the power, strength and guardianship of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus Christ.

You're Invited
2nd Annual
For The Good GALA
Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 6:00pm
Diocese of Beaumont
Beaumont Civic Center
701 Main Street, Beaumont, TX 77701
Proceeds benefit education For the Good of the Diocese of Beaumont
To purchase tickets please go to:
www.dobgifts.org



Parish Social Ministry is available to assist anyone in the parish that needs help with electric, gas, or water bills. Other services are available based on the parishioners need. All assistance provided is confidential. We are now in our 7th year of service to the parish and the community. If you would like to know more about Parish Social Ministry, please take home a brochure located in the vestibule.



Parish Social Ministry is collecting Jell-o monthly for the United Board of Missions. The box is still located in the vestibule. This will be put in the low income bags given to members of the community who apply through United Board of Missions. Please be generous. If you have any questions, you can contact Brenda Broussard or Sheryl Alpough.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
May 27th & May 28th

LECTORS

SAT.	**4:30PM**	**Geraldine Viltz**
		Margaret Taylor
SUN.	**9:00AM**	**Jasline Sebile**
		Tanya Robertson

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

SAT.	**4:30PM**	**Herbert James**
SUN.	**9:00AM**	**Rodney Broussard**

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