ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 29 - Vigil: 5:10 PM
Thursday, May 30: 7:15, 8:00 AM; 12:05, 5:10 PM; 6:15 PM en español

The Ascension, John Singleton Copley
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Saturday, June 8, 2019


Pick up a copy of this week’s Lanterian to learn more about Rogation Days (May 27-29). Visit stfrancischapel.org for Rogation Day prayers.

A novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts (beginning on May 31) will be available at the chapel, online at stfrancischapel.org and on the kiosk in the entrance starting on May 30.

Praying the Rosary with Venerable Bruno Lanteri is the latest book by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary and the first in the Nunc Coepi Series. A Scriptural passage and an excerpt from the writings of Venerable Bruno helps us to meditate on the fruits of each Mystery of the Holy Rosary. Available at the Gift Shop and on our online bookstore!

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**A Reflection on the Feast of the Ascension**  
*By Fr. James Doran, OMV*

**Sunday, May 26**
- 8:00 AM Sr. Norma White
- 9:15 AM + David Haddock
- 10:30 AM + Nancy Warner
- 11:45 AM Clarence Paulin — 89th birthday
- 1:15 PM (esp) + Julita Roxas — anniversario
- 4:00 PM + Kamal Abu Hussein
- 5:30 PM + Zenon Zebracki

**Monday, May 27**
- 8:00 AM Annie Cunniffe
- 12:05 PM + Grace Newman
- 4:45 PM + Kathleen Allen

**Tuesday, May 28**
- 8:00 AM + Salvatore J. Seminatore
- 12:05 PM + Corey Del Tufo
- 4:45 PM + Mary Pangilinan

**Wednesday, May 29**
- 8:00 AM Robert Boyle
- 12:05 PM + Yehida Flores
- 5:10 PM Irene Stepanyk

**Thursday, May 30**
- 7:15 AM + Frank & + Genevieve Palermo
- 8:00 AM + Clemence Cadoret
- 12:05 PM Sheila Coffey — healing
- 5:10 PM Patricia Tchoumi — health
- 6:15 PM (esp) + Jorge Maravi y Julia Bustios

**Friday, May 31**
- 8:00 AM + Norman Clement Mendes Jr.
- 12:05 PM + Anna Tarsa
- 4:45 PM + Anna Centofanti

**Saturday, June 1**
- 9:00 AM Br. Francis, FPO
- 12:00 PM + Ercilia Nuñez
- 4:00 PM Michael Donahue — health
- 5:30 PM + Thomas Heller
- 7:00 PM (esp) + Lonie Landfield

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What does the feast of the Ascension mean to you? **It means that the risen Jesus, after forty days visiting the disciples, ascended into heaven to take His proper place as the second person of the Blessed Trinity. There, He continues to intercede for us. He is the eternal Priest.**

But what does this feast mean to you? Does it make you joyful? Opening prayer: “**make us joyful!”** Why should you be joyful? Because His victory is our victory. He is the head of the body, the Church. Where the head goes, the body follows. And we are members of His Body as long as we do not separate ourselves from Him by committing mortal sin.

We hope to follow Him into the new creation. His ascension is our glory and our hope! For the first time a man entered heaven! Jesus, true God and true man. We were not created to live forever on earth, but to live forever in heaven. He told His friends that He was going to His Father’s house and that He was going to prepare a place for each of them, and each of us. So that should make us joyful. Think about it. Jesus is preparing a place for you.

“I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you also may be.” “All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with shouts of gladness. Sing praise to God sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.” We have more of a reason to be happy than the psalmist.

Love is to desire the best and highest good; and if we love anyone, we wish salvation for that person. That is why Jesus told the disciples to “**Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved!”**

Salvation is not automatic. The Gospel must be taught and lived. We might become discouraged at times because we are weak. But we must continue to hope. Why? Because Christ is on our side. Because of His merits, because of His intercession with the Father we are able to attain justice and reach sanctity of life.

The Church may indeed experience difficulties; the Gospel may suffer setbacks, but because Jesus is at the right-hand of the Father the Church will never know defeat. Christ’ victory is ours.

Let us “be deeply conscious of Christ’s victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness. Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken His place with the Father.

Let us renew our faith today in the promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that He can come back again and take us to Himself.

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**Feast Days This Week**

- **May 27:** St. Augustine of Canterbury - Bishop
- **May 30:** The Ascension of the Lord
- **May 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **June 1:** St. Justin Martyr
Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA

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The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

The OMV US Province House is at St. Clement’s in Boston.

The OMV motto, “MARIAM COGITA, MARIAM INVOC” “THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.