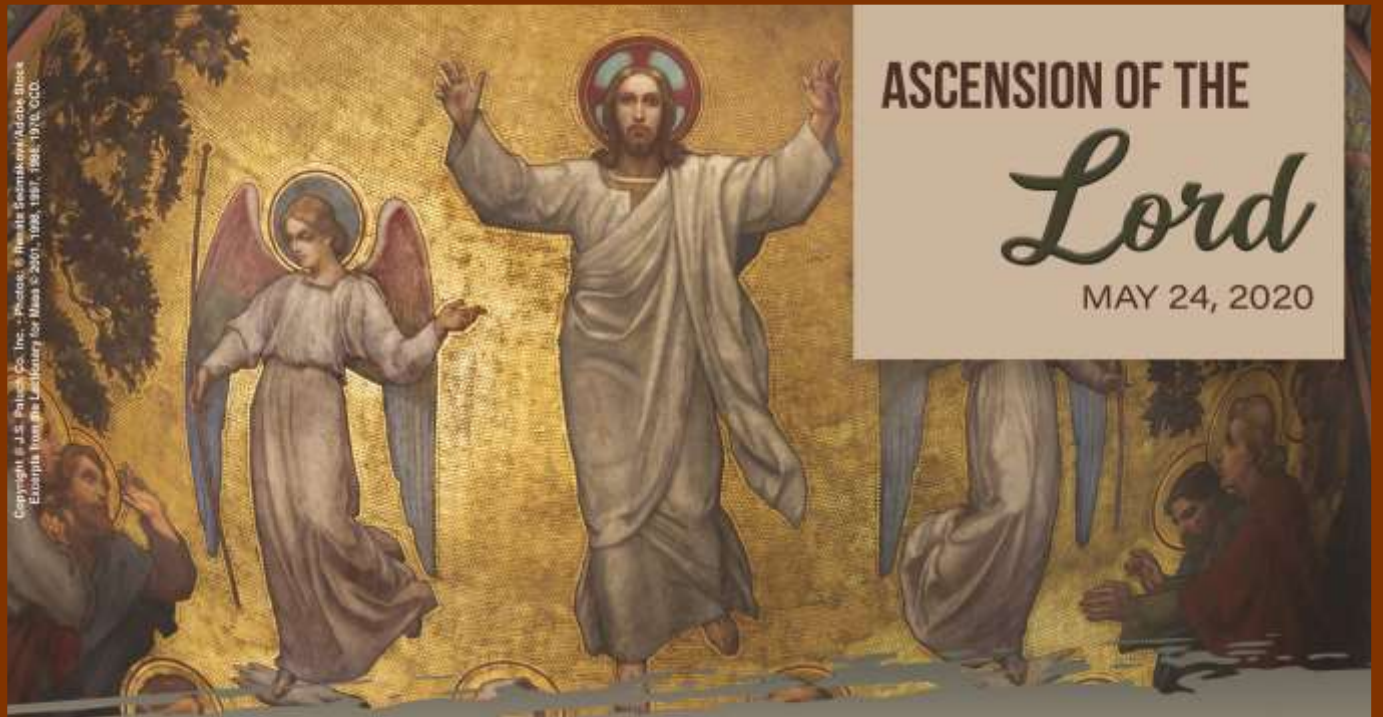


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ASCENSION OF THE

Lord

MAY 24, 2020

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

MASSES:

WEEKDAYS: Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
Saturdays: 8:00 AM

WEEKENDS: Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, 12 & 7:30 PM

HOLY DAYS:

HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS: 6:00 PM
HOLY DAY: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & 6:00 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 6:15 to 6:45 PM
(During the Divine Mercy Devotion)
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:45 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every first Saturday of the month
from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and all
Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 PM

CHURCH HOURS:

OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and
Friday: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 7:30 AM – Closed after 5:00 PM
Mass.
Sundays: 7:00 AM – Closed after 7:30 PM
Mass

DEVOTIONS:

MIRACULOUS MEDAL Monday, following the
8:00 AM Mass

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Wednesday
6:00 PM

ROSARY: Recitation of the Rosary takes
place after every 6:30 and 8:00 AM Mass
during the week, and after the 8:00 am Mass
on Saturday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays, During
Lent, at 6:00 PM

THIS WEEK:
**SATURDAY, MAY 23RD/
 SUNDAY, MAY 24TH,
 2020**
**SOLEMNITY OF THE
 ASCENSION
 OF THE LORD**



The Ascension of the Lord - The key to unlocking the scriptures is in Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we pray, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened." People see and hear things but simply have a hard time believing they are true. In our first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts where his Gospel left off—the ascension of Jesus. For as long as Jesus spent preparing the disciples, they were still foggy about what was happening, and spent time staring at the sky wondering where he went. In today's Gospel, the disciples still doubt Jesus to the very last minute. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks to the new Christian community, but could be preaching to each of us in the pews as he says, "I can explain it to you, but I can't make you believe. This is where faith comes in." May we all pray for the gift of enlightenment today!



**What Pope John Paul II
 can teach us about
 moving beyond fear**

His pontificate began with the words "Be not afraid."

The day of his solemn inauguration, Oct. 22, 1978,

Pope John Paul II looked out upon the throng in St. Peter's Square, and he preached a rousing, poetic homily. At its climax he issued a number of challenges, each punctuated with those words, "Be not afraid."

It resonated, and it became his catchphrase, his rallying cry. He returned to it repeatedly in his preaching and writing. When he visited the United States in 1987, he told the young people of Los Angeles gathered in the Universal Amphitheater, "Dear young people of America, listen to his voice. Do not be afraid. Open up your hearts to Christ."

The words assumed a life of their own. This was not Pope John Paul's original intention, and it took him by surprise. In his 1994 book-length interview with Vittorio Messori, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," he said, "I could not fully know how far they would take me and the entire Church. Their meaning came more from the Holy Spirit."

But what exactly was their meaning? They did not mean that Pope John Paul was fearless, or that he expected anyone else to be. George Weigel observed in his second biography of the pontiff, "The End and the Beginning," that Pope John Paul "did not live without fear; still less did he deny fear. Rather, he lived beyond fear, and his courage was an expression ... of his faith." Indeed, over the course of his life he had to face most people's worst fears. The young Karol Wojtyla knew danger, and he knew fear.



Please visit www.angelusnews.com/faith to read the entire article, courtesy of Mike Aquilina.

**Pope Francis praises St. John Paul II as man of prayer and justice
 Celebrating St. John Paul II 100th anniversary of his birth!**

St. John Paul II was a man of prayer who was close to the people and loved justice, Pope Francis said at his morning Mass Monday. Celebrating Mass at the saint's tomb in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope noted that May 18 is the 100th anniversary of John Paul II's birth. Quoting from the day's responsorial psalm, which declares that "The Lord loves his people" (Psalm 149:4), he said: "And today we can say here: 100 years ago the Lord visited his people, sent a man, prepared him to be a bishop and lead the Church. In memory of St. John Paul II, we take this up again: 'The Lord loves his people,' the Lord visited his people, he sent a pastor." In his homily, Francis focused on three qualities of St. John Paul II, who was pope from 1978 to 2005: prayer, closeness to the people, and love for justice. He said that despite the demands on his time, the Polish pope always made prayer his first priority. "The first task of a bishop is to pray, and he knew it. He did it," he said. "And he taught us that when a bishop makes an examination of conscience in the evening he must ask himself: how many hours have I prayed today?" Francis said that John Paul II, who made 104 foreign trips during his 27-year pontificate, traveled the world "looking for his people." "A shepherd is close to the people. On the contrary, if he is not a shepherd, he is a hierarch, an administrator -- perhaps a good one, but he is not a shepherd. ... And St. John Paul II gave us the example of this closeness: close to the great and the small, to the near and the far, always close," he said. He observed that the Polish pope was "a man who wanted justice, social justice, the justice of peoples, justice that drives out wars." But he was also a man of mercy, because mercy and justice cannot be separated. Pope Francis recalled that John Paul II championed the message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun who promoted the Divine Mercy devotion. "He felt that God's justice had this face of mercy, this attitude of mercy. And this is a gift that he left us: justice-mercy and just mercy," he said. Francis, who canonized John Paul II in 2014, concluded: "Let us pray to him today that he may give all of us, especially the pastors of the Church but to everyone, the grace of prayer, the grace of closeness and the grace of just mercy." (Courtesy of Angelus - Catholic News Agency)



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS ~ For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...

The names that have been in the bulletin are now placed on the Chapel Altar, and prayed for each day during Mass. (this is ONLY a temporary change).

**SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2020
 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

VIRTUAL MASS SCHEDULE: DAILY MASS: 9 AM
 (FRIDAY MASS, MUSIC, AND LITURGY GEARED TOWARD CHILDREN)

SUNDAY MASS: 10 AM
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 MARTHA BANUELOS CASTILLO †
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TUESDAY, MAY 26TH
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Mary, May and the Rosary!

The Rosary: The Spiritual Sword of Mary

Did you know that one of the visionaries of Fátima, the Servant of God Sister Lucia Dos Santos, was explicitly instructed by Our Lady to learn how to read and write in order to promote the rosary to the world? Sister Lucia was so bold that she desired the rosary be declared a liturgical prayer. Perhaps one of the most inspiring champions of the rosary was the Servant of God Patrick Peyton, the holy priest who gathered more people together to pray the rosary than any other person in Church history. Through his heroic efforts, millions gathered in the streets of Brazil, Colombia and the Philippines to pray the rosary and peacefully overcome political dictators and ideological regimes. He also gathered half a million people in a San Francisco park to pray the rosary in 1961. The holy men and women mentioned above are only a sampling of the great champions of the rosary throughout history. By praying and promoting the rosary, you, too, can be a Champion of the Rosary for Our Lady. One hundred years ago, Our Lady came to Fátima, Portugal, and asked three little children to pray the rosary daily for conversion and peace in the world. During the last apparition on Oct. 13, 1917,

Mary specifically referred to herself as “The Lady of the Rosary.”

The rosary is at the heart of the Fátima message, and today we need the rosary in our lives, more than ever before! Who will wield the spiritual sword of the Rosary for Our Lady today and become a champion against the darkness of our present times? Will it be you?

(Courtesy of the Angelus - www.angelus.com)

Praying the Rosary together, we, too, can overcome this crisis: The Coronavirus and its consequences.

**The Rosary; a POWERFUL prayer!
“The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.”**

-Fr. Patrick Peyton



The Ascension of the Lord - Look, Up in the Sky!

Around holidays, people tend to look fondly back on past celebrations and romanticize old relationships. For some, remembering the past is the best part of their holiday. That is the image we get from the first reading as the apostles look up to heaven after the Ascension. They think it is Jesus' last Resurrection appearance and that they will never see Him again. Maybe they were still amazed at seeing Him ascend that way. Or maybe they were remembering all the things He said and did with them. We too sometimes look at the great feasts of Christmas and Easter in that way. We may dwell on the beauty of the decorations, on the innocence of the baby Jesus, on the horror of His passion and death, or on the wonder of His resurrection. Then when the holy day is over, we go back to our normal routine. Perhaps we need an angel to chide us for "looking at the sky." The angels were trying to tell the apostles two things. One was that Jesus would return as He left—in glory. This was not a time to say goodbye but a time of hope; the Lord who had changed their lives so radically would change the world next. While they certainly should remember Jesus and all He taught them, they should also expect to see Him again. Once they received the Holy Spirit, they would see how Jesus was present in the Church, the mystical Body of Christ. The second thing the angels were telling them was to begin following Jesus' command to spread the Good News to all nations. They would soon realize that Jesus was alive in them, not just as a fond memory, but with the power of His Spirit. With this power they would do mighty deeds in Jesus' name and be His witnesses to the world. Because of what the apostles accomplished, we are now Jesus' witnesses to the world. We celebrate His death and resurrection not as a fond memory, but to encourage each other to spread the Good News. We too have the hope of seeing Jesus come in glory, even as we see Him now with the eyes of faith.

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This Sunday, May 24th, 2020 Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

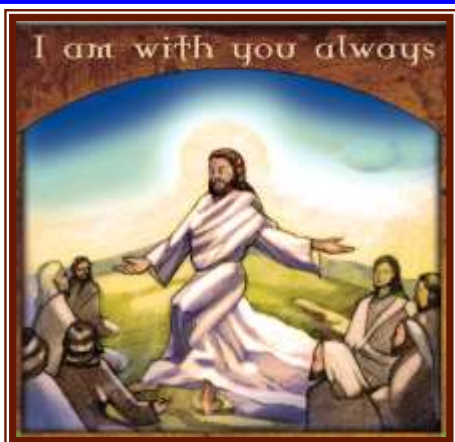
We encourage all to read and reflect on the Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at Masses next week!

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).





Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

Learning about our Saints

SAINT BERNARD & HIS DOG



Saint Bernard of Menthon ~ Feast Day, May 28

Anney is a small town in the Rhône-Alpes in southeast France, where Italy, Switzerland, and France all meet. Here, is where St. Bernard was born, in the Château of Menthon around 1020. He came from a rich and noble family, and received a very good education. His parents hired a man, named Germain, to be his tutor. Germain taught Bernard to read and write and encouraged his religious devotion. He took Bernard on many hikes through the mountains, which influenced his future. Later, his parents sent him away to finish his education in Paris. As an adult, he decided to devote his life to the service of the Church. But, while he was away, his parents planned an arranged marriage for Bernard. There is a legend that on the night before his wedding, Bernard decided to sneak out of the castle. He threw himself from his window, and was caught by an angel and was lowered gently to the ground 40 feet below. Bernard said goodbye to his family and went to live with Peter, the Archdeacon of Aosta. **Peter's house became Bernard's seminary, where he studied for ordination to the priesthood. The Aosta Diocese in Italy, extended to the Alps** where

very few of the mountain people were Catholics. Many were living in remote areas and were pagans. These isolated areas became **Bernard's parish**. For the next 24 years he traveled through the mountains and small towns preaching the Gospel. He helped many to convert to Catholicism and worked many miracles. It was this time, during his missionary work, that he witnessed, firsthand, how dangerous it was to travel through the Alps. Often he ran across pilgrims making their way to Rome, whose friends had died of exposure, or be swept away by an avalanche. To help these travelers, he opened a monastery and hospice quarters, known as Great St. Bernard Pass, 8100 feet above sea level. A second monastery was opened, called Little St. Bernard Pass, at 7076 feet above sea level. The monks who ran these houses were assisted by large dogs, known today as St. Bernards. These monks, rescued lost or injured travelers and gave decent burials to those who died in the mountains. Bernard became famous for these two hospices, for the Passes were perpetually covered with 7 to 8 feet of snow. Sometimes heavy drifts accumulated up to 40 feet of snow. **Before St. Bernard's life ended, his last act was to help two noblemen come to peace, before their differences became a fatal issue.** Monks still continue St. Bernard's work by welcoming visitors, mountaineers, skiers and hikers to the Pass. St. Bernard dogs are still on the site as pets, but rescue helicopters are used today. St. Bernard died in 1081, about 61 years of age. St. Bernard was not recognized as a saint, until he was canonized by Pope Innocent XI, in 1681. Pope Pius XI confirmed Bernard as the "Patron of the Alps". He is also Patron Saint of mountaineering, skiing, snowboarding, backpacking and hiking. Also, the contemporary sport of rock climbing.

SIDE NOTE: St. Bernard High School in Playa del Rey, was founded in 1957. It was run by the Piarist Fathers from Spain, along with three orders of nuns. The Daughters of Mary and Joseph, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and the order that founded St. Anastasia School, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. The mascot for SBHS was, of course, a St. Bernard dog. His name was Bernie and his caretaker was Fr. Salvador Sch.P. One of the Piarist teachers in residence. During this Pandemic they are refurbishing the football field. So, drive down Falmouth Avenue, for a little outing, and check out the bleachers and locker room all painted in blue and gold. Go Vikings !!!



Faith for Kids

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." - John 14:15



You might not always agree with your family's rules about bedtime, but you follow those rules because you know that the people who made them love you and want what's best for you, right? There are other rules we follow for different reasons. For instance, we obey traffic rules to keep people from getting hurt. God gives us rules to follow too. We obey them to avoid hurting others. We also obey because we love and trust God and know He wants what's best for us.

Lord, help me follow your commandments!

Did You Know? What can you do to stop the spread of child pornography?

Child pornography is one type of child sexual exploitation, which includes a range of illegal and abusive activities that control and use children for sexual purposes. Each year, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reviews 25 million images related to child pornography. You can help by reporting sightings of a missing child to 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678). Operators are available 24/7. For more information, please visit, <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>



FACT OF LIFE

National Missing Children's Day - May 25th

In less than a week, we will commemorate National Missing Children's Day. It's a commemoration that comes around every year on May 25, the day that 6-year-old Etan Patz disappeared in 1979 as he was walking to his bus stop. It's an important reminder that all across our country, children continue to disappear--and that we all need to pay attention to missing children fliers and announcements, so that we might be able to help find those children and return them to their homes. But let's take a moment to talk about millions of other missing children--children who are missing from our homes, our schools, our workplaces, our world, because they were never given a chance to live. Since 1980, 1.575 billion children have been aborted worldwide. That is more than four times the population of the United States. We have lost more than quadruple our nation's population to the holocaust of abortion--and who can guess the inventors, the leaders, the creators, the artists, the mothers and fathers who would have grown up to make our world a better place... if only they had been allowed to live. So let us all pray that those children who have been snatched from their homes will be found and restored to their families--and let us pray for an end to abortion in our world, so that no more unborn children will be missing from our society.

What's Happening in the Parish Office during this Pandemic Experience?

Here are some interesting stories from some of the employees. Enjoy them.



Michael, Confirmation Coordinator - During the last few weeks, we have been trying to continue with our Confirmation preparation through online sessions and encouraging teens to continue to grow and learn about their faith with their families. Our Adult and Peer Leaders miss being able to see our Confirmation candidates in person, but continue to lend their prayers and support for our teens throughout this time! We look forward to the day we can hopefully all continue to grow and prepare in person together! God Bless, Michael Gasparro.

Erik, Maintenance - At first the emptiness of the school was beneficial to our projects. No students around meant more heavy work could be completed but when everything is done and I return to work around the school again, everything becomes so lonely at the end of the day. No more parents to say hello to, no more teachers/staff to catch up with. I no longer hear the kids inside the Church practicing their singing. The children's singing was really uplifting when my days would seem off. Just hearing the children would remind me that everything we did around the parish was for them. Their joy gave me more motivation to make sure we continue doing our part for them every day! I never really noticed that every difficult day we managed to get through created a better tomorrow for the children. I know life during this quarantine is a bit lonely, but things will always get better, as long as we keep a positive mindset, and remember the importance of our roles at St. Anastasia! I feel like a cast member of a new movie, waiting for the grand premiere with all the renovations/projects going on at the school/parish. I can't wait to hear what the families, teachers, and students will say when they come back to school!" Blessings, Erik Melchor.

STAY WELL, HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE! STAY HOME! GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL!!!

Will continue? More to come? Perhaps!



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