

May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018



### The Good News

In today's first reading, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with

Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and he has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14-15](#)). Indeed, his intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the first reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through baptism. The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace. The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)) because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the first Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

Scott Hahn  
Saint Paul Center for Biblical Studies



|            |  |
|------------|--|
| <b>Mon</b> | ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 * PS 113:1-8 * JN 15:9-17                  |
| <b>Tue</b> | ACTS 20:17-27 * PS 68:10-21 * JN 17:1-11A                      |
| <b>Wed</b> | ACTS 20:28-38 * PS 68:29-36 * JN 17:11B-19                     |
| <b>Thu</b> | ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11 * PS 16:1-11 * JN 17:20-26                 |
| <b>Fri</b> | ACTS 25:13B-21 * PS 103:1-20B * JN 21:15-19                    |
| <b>Sat</b> | ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 * PS 11:4-7 * JN 21:20-25                 |
| <b>Sun</b> | ACTS 2:1-11 * PS 104:1-34 * 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13 * JN 20:19-23 |



### Please Pray for Parishioners and Friends of who are sick, recovering or shut in:

Emma Busse, Mary Alice Enright, Laurel Battles, Alta Jones, Eadie V. Roland, Luz Aviles, Hoa Tran, Celeste Ward, Pauline Bradford, Edwina Gonzales, Brian Quenton, Robert Wade, Julie McCuller, Pascaline Abibiloni, Margie Phillips, Michele Ticknor, Duane & Dana Stensrud, Katherine Green, Ali Hardy, Fr. Nicolaus Marandu, Matt LaBore and Family.



Please keep our students in your prayers as they approach exams, graduation and school end.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Sign up for our Parish Workshop**

**May 19, 2018**

Parish Workshop

With Mariam Marston

Of Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

HOLINESS, PARISH GROWTH and ENGAGEMENT

Lunch provided

Free

Sign-up sheet located at back of church



Offertory Collection

May 6, 2018

Teach us to give and see there is no cost

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Envelopes.....                           | \$ 880.00   |
| Loose.....                               | \$ 777.00   |
| Online Giving.....                       | \$ 0.00     |
| Total.....                               | \$ 1,657.00 |
| Amount needed from<br>Sunday collection. | \$ 1,780.00 |
| Difference.....                          | \$ -123.00  |

You can also put your offertory commitment on autopay. Call the office for further information.

Please pray for an increase in our offertory.

**This Week at Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Sunday, May 13th**

|                                |       |             |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Legion of Mary                 | 9 AM  | Parish Hall |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Prep | 9 AM  | Church      |
| Mass (English)                 | 11 AM | Parish Hall |
| Mass (Vietnamese)              | 5 PM  | Church      |

**Tuesday, May 15th**

|              |      |         |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Morning Mass | 8 AM | Rectory |
|--------------|------|---------|

**Wednesday, May 16th**

|              |      |         |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Morning Mass | 8 AM | Rectory |
|--------------|------|---------|

**Thursday, May 17th**

|              |      |             |
|--------------|------|-------------|
| Morning Mass | 8 AM | Rectory     |
| NAA          | 8 PM | Parish Hall |

**Friday, May 18th**

|              |      |         |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Morning Mass | 8 AM | Rectory |
|--------------|------|---------|

**Saturday, May 19th**

|                 |                 |             |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Parish Workshop | 9:30AM –12:30PM | Parish Hall |
| El Shaddai      | 1 PM            | Parish Hall |
| Vigil Mass      | 5 PM            | Church      |
| NAA             | 8 PM            | Parish Hall |

Last Week's Second Collection

**Catholic Charities**

Total.....\$425.00

Funds gathered provide direct support to the network of agencies that make up Catholic Charities in western Oregon. With your gifts, we are able to continue to support thousands of people who turn to us for assistance each year

Thank you for your generosity!



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day!*

“He whom we love and lose is no longer where he was before, He is now wherever we are”.

St. John Chrysostom

REGISTRATION FORM

The following confidential information will be entered in our parish data system. It is only for the purpose of knowing and serving you better.

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_