



ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church
86-13 55th Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373

Parish Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Ascension, strive to be united in Christ through worship and prayer, grow in Christ through God's word and the sacraments, and serve Christ in one another by sharing time, talent and treasure.

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024



From the Pastor's Desk

Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024
John 20:19-23

Dear Ascension Family,

Blessings of peace and good health!

Successful celebrations are born from communitarian efforts. The celebration of our parish patronal feast - the Ascension of the Lord, was no different. On behalf of the parish staff and the entire parish family, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who shared their time, talent and treasure for a meaningful and fruitful celebration, which was preceded by a nine-day novena of prayers and Masses, and highlighted by the blessing of the new Tabernacle donated by a very generous couple. I thank especially Most Reverend Raymond Chappetto for gracing the affair; all the sponsors and donors for their goodness and generosity; the Parish Pastoral Council and its various ministries for organizing, coordinating and implementing the planned activities; the liturgical ministers for assisting at Mass; the different parish choral groups for the vibrant and uplifting music; those who made the church and its surrounding festive by their beautiful decorations; the San Guillermo Marshals for ensuring the safety of the procession; all the parishioners who prayed and actively participated in the different events of the celebration. To all, we say THANK YOU! And together, let us make our parish an even more vibrant parish family, which is one of the things that the Church celebrates today.

This Sunday the universal Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost. After the crucifixion of Jesus, the religious and political leaders in Jerusalem hoped that the death of Jesus on the cross would put an end to the Christian movement.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 8:00AM

Saturday : 9:00 AM

: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 8:30 | 10:00 | 11:30AM

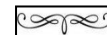
1:00 PM (Spanish)

1st Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Cebuano)

2nd Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Tagalog)

**3rd Saturday @ 5:00 PM (God the
Father of all Mankind)**

4th Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Divine Mercy)



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But instead, it did just the opposite. Christianity began to spread like wild fire. How did it happen?

The amazing story is told in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. And the starting point of that amazing story is when the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus had promised to send his disciples, transformed them. The confused and fearful disciples were transformed into a courageous body of believers, which St. Paul calls the Body of Christ, which we call the Church. Thus Pentecost is rightly called the birthday of the Church. It is the birthday of God's new family.

To illustrate what this new family means, let me share with you a story. Some years ago an artist was commissioned to do a painting illustrating the point that, through the Church, God calls all nations to be one family. The artist decided to model his painting after the lines of an old hymn that read, "Around the throne of God in heaven thousands of children stand."

Late one night, after weeks of work, the artist finished the painting. Shortly after falling asleep, he seemed to hear a noise in his painting room. When he went to investigate, he found a stranger changing his painting. The stranger was changing the color of the faces of the children. One was now red, another brown, another black, and another yellow.

"What are you doing?" shouted the artist. "I am correcting your painting," said the stranger. "You have painted only white faces answering my call." "Your call?" said the artist. "Yes," said the stranger. "I said to my disciples, 'Let the children come to me; do not prevent them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' That is what I told my disciples in Gospel times, and that is what I am still telling them."

Then the artist awoke, and realized that he had been dreaming. The next morning he revised his painting in line with his dream. The Church is the vehicle through which God is saying to us, "Let the children of all nations come to me and become one family."

At Pentecost God reversed the disaster of Babel which divided and confused the unity of the human family. The Holy Spirit makes known to all peoples the one true God, and so creates from the many languages of people one voice to profess one faith. But the Church is more than just a body of believers sharing the same faith. It is the Body of Christ sharing a common life.

In the gospel reading today, Jesus prefaces his bestowal of the Holy Spirit with the words, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The Holy Spirit is given to empower the disciples to carry out Jesus' mandate to preach the gospel to all nations. Like the disciples of Jesus in today's gospel reading, each of us received the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation. And like the disciples, we are sent on a mission.

There is so much spiritual power for good in each of us. Shall we let this power go unused? Or, shall we use it to do good to others and help renew the face of the earth?

Praying for you all,
Fr. Anacleto

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

2nd Saturday of the month @ 11:00 AM, Baptism Class is the last Saturday of the month preceding the baptism @ 9:00 AM, pre-registration is needed, available in English & Spanish instruction. Please call the rectory to schedule, at least one month ahead of desired date. For further information and for the requirements of the godparents, please call the Rectory office.

Confession

Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

Marriage

Couple should contact the rectory office for information and registration at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory to arrange for a Priest's visit



CHURCH OFFERING

May 12, 2024

1st Collection - \$8,726.00

2nd Collection - \$1,89.00 (Youth Ministry)

Upcoming Collections

May 19th - Catholic Communications

May 26th - Upkeep of Rectory & Grounds

June 2nd - Faith Formation

June 9th - Church Maintenance

June 16th - Air Conditioning

June 23rd - Peter's Pence & Vatican Contribution

June 30th - Upkeep of Rectory & Grounds

Online Giving

If you are interested in donating online, please visit the parish website. Parishioners can schedule their contribution to be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.



Religious Education Classes for Children

Faith Formation Classes are held Sundays from 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM. The classes run from September through June. Registrations for Faith Formation are presently being accepted at the Rectory Office for classes from: 1st - 8th Grades. Proof of baptism is required for children who are being registered for the first time. For further information on registration please call the Rectory Office at 718-335-2626.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you an unbaptized adult but want to be baptized in the Catholic church? Or, are you baptized non-Catholic who desires to be a Catholic? Or, are you baptized Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you.

For further information please call the Rectory office at 718-335-2626.

Saint's Corner:

St. Isidore the Farmer

May 15

Isidore was born in Madrid, Spain, in 1070. As soon as he was old enough to work, Isidore entered the service as a farm laborer of a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint - Maria de la Cabeza. They had a son, who died as a child. He tilled the fields from dawn to dusk.

Isidore was a man devoted to prayer. He rose early in the morning to go to Mass before going to work each day. All day long, as he tilled the fields, he communed with God. It is said that he was seen to have angels helping him in plowing the fields. He was known for his love of the poor. He would share with the poor his own share of the fruits of his labor.

Isidore died on May 15, 1130 at the age of 60. It may have been providential that St. Isidore was declared a saint in 1622 with Ignatius of Loyola, the great founder of the Jesuits, Francis Xavier, the great Jesuit missionary, Teresa of Avila, the great Carmelite reformer, and Philip Neri, the great apostle of Rome. By his very presence in their company, we can see the multiple roads to holiness. Some of these roads are dramatic and others are arduous. For other people, it is a simple path along which we walk with Christ to the Father. This was the case of Isidore the Farmer. He was an ordinary man doing an ordinary work but filled with the extraordinary grace of the Holy Spirit. That is what made him a saint to whom we can all relate.

There are lessons to be learned in a farmer becoming a saint: physical labor has dignity; sainthood does not stem from status; ordinary life is conducive to holiness.

NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME! PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

New parishioners are to register in the Parish. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address or phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

_____ I wish to receive a registration form

_____ I have an address change

_____ I am moving out of the Parish

Please cut out and return to Parish office or drop in the collection basket. Thank you.



Sunday Gospel Activities

Pentecost Sunday

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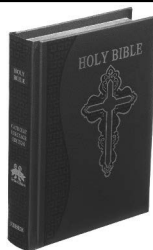
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