

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

**The Lord ascends
with the sound of a trumpet!**

Al principio del libro de los Hechos (PRIMERA LECTURA), se describe la Ascensión del Señor al cielo, mientras que San Marcos (EVANGELIO) nos habla de las últimas instrucciones que Jesús resucitado dio a sus discípulos antes de subir al cielo. Por su parte, san Pablo (SEGUNDA LECTURA), también menciona que el Señor subió a las alturas, y además nos recuerda que el dio su gracia a cada uno de nosotros, en diversa medida, para desempeñar diversas funciones en la edificación de la Iglesia, hasta que alcancemos la plenitud de Cristo mismo.



Masses For The Week

- sab 11** **Vigilia de La Ascensión del Señor**
04:30 pm Mother's Day Remembrance
- dom 12** **La Ascensión del Señor**
10:30 am Mother's Day Remembrance
- Sun 12** **The Ascension of the Lord**
12:30 pm Missa Pro Populo
- Mon 13** **NO MASS**
- Tue 14** **Saint Matthias, Apostle**
08:00 am +Feliciano Moreno (Herminia Torres)
- Wed 15** **Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Ramiro Paredes, Jr. (Herminia Torres)
- Thr 16** **Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Dr. Berta Z. Galvan (Herminia Torres)
- Fri 17** **Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Frank M. Staggs, Sr. (Herminia Torres)
- Sat 18** **Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Sister Daniela (Herminia Torres)

The Sanctuary Candle



**This Week will be Burning in
+In Memory of Juan Perusquia (Mother)**

Good News!

May 12, 2024
Ascension of the Lord (B)
Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13 / Mark 16:15-20
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit.

We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3)—all prompted by God's Spirit. ●

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Dear Padre

May 12, 2024

What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?

It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the "fundamental event in the contemporary Church" and "the constant reference point of every pastoral action." Vatican II's sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of "Constitution" and contain the core formulations of the council's teachings.

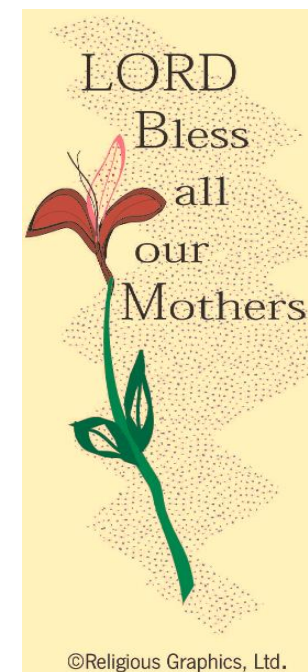
The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the "people of God." Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus, the faithful must be "led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people' (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God's people; "servant leadership" is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II. ●

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A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

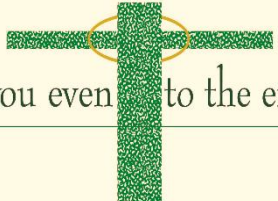


O patient God,
You never tire of waiting for
each of us to grow into the
person you created us to be.
Bless mothers as they wait.
Give them wisdom to know
when to offer help and when
to be silent.
Help them to love as you do,
willing always to forgive and
encourage.
Grace them with faith to see
their children not only as
they are but also, as the
beautiful reflection of
yourself that they are
becoming.

Mary van Balen Holt

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar & Margarita Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, and Rosie Hinojosa.



I am with you even to the end of the world

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Envelopes: \$ 3,665.00
Loose: \$ 402.15
Children's Envelopes: \$ 9.25

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 4,076.40

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 3,882.87



The Diocese of Laredo will be celebrating the Annual Blue Mass at San Agustín Cathedral on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 12:00 pm, noon. The Annual Blue Mass honors men and women in law enforcement who admirably fulfill their duty to serve and protect our community. Everyone is invited to attend!

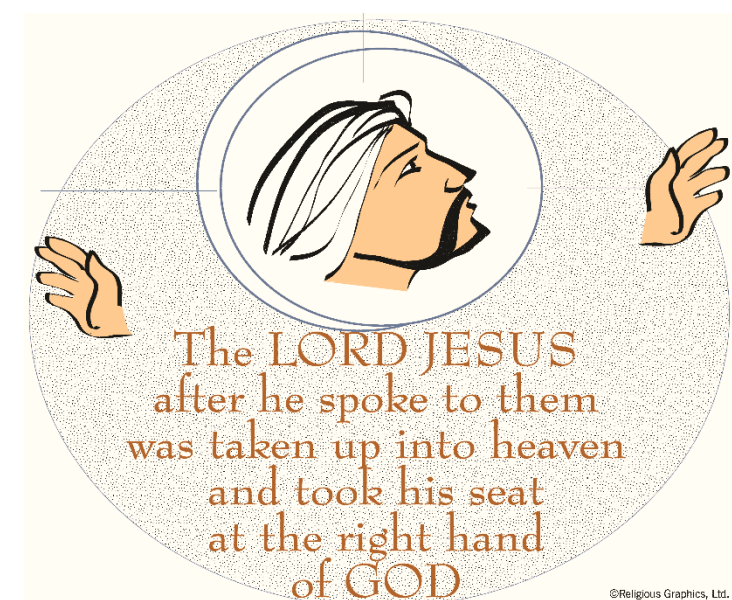
Make disciples of all nations
baptizing them
in the NAME of the FATHER
and of the SON and of
the HOLY SPIRIT
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2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal
as of April

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