

The Ascension of the Lord

May 28, 2017

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11; Responsorial Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

“WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE LOOKING AT THE SKY?”



The men from Galilee received this question from the two angels of God in the Acts of the Apostles. Like us, they are urged to not just *look*, but rather to actively *respond* to our Lord's Ascension into Heaven! Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel, tells us: **“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...”** He commands that we not be passive observers, but rather active participants in the building of God's Reign of love and peace. Actively living our faith and bringing the joy of the Gospel into the world means that we not only take seriously and live our discipleship, but that we also call forth others. We witness our faith.

The beautiful and inspiring words of Paul in the letter to the Ephesians challenge us to live our faith more fully: “May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know the hope that belongs to His call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power for us who believe...” Let us always remember that in Baptism we are called and sent by the Lord. **“I am with you always, until the end of the age,”** the ascended Jesus promises us. Witnesses we are. We let the Holy Spirit blow through our lives and into our world! **ALLELUIA!**

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

We celebrate next Sunday, the Great Easter Solemnity of Pentecost! The final Feast of the Easter Season which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. **Let us pray during the coming week:**

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Come Holy Spirit, Come!

WHY CATHOLIC?

Beginning this Fall we will be participating as a parish in the *Why Catholic?* process. The small Christian community process will offer us a special opportunity to grow in the joy of our faith, understand the power of God's Word in our lives, link our faith with our everyday life, and experience the gift of fellowship in community as Catholics.

Why Catholic? is a unique opportunity for our parish to make our faith not only more meaningful, but truly alive! The once a week sessions for six weeks in the Fall will be a very powerful means of growth for each of us individually, as well as for the parish as a community. Please plan ahead to join us in this special spiritual journey guided by the Holy Spirit. More on our *Why Catholic?* process will soon be available.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Dennis

Lector Training Workshop

Our Lectors, as well as other parishioners who are interested in serving in the Ministry of the Word, are invited to attend a Lector Training Workshop presented by Louis Lebherz this Tuesday, May 30, at 7:00 pm, in the Church.

Meeting Mary in Scripture

In honor of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, the pamphlet *"Meeting Mary in Scripture"* is available at the entrances of the church.



Fence Replacement

As many of you are aware, the perimeter fence of the church has been in very poor condition since the winter storms. Replacing the fence has been challenging not only because of coordination with adjoining property owners, but also because of the lack of available materials. However, we are happy to report that the project is scheduled to begin on June 5 and will last two weeks. Thank you for your patience and support.

"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world."
—Matthew 28:19-20

Manna Ministry Needs Your Help

Please consider joining the Manna Ministry food delivery to Cachagua and Rippling River residents in need. It's a small time commitment of one hour on a Saturday morning every six weeks. Team 3 in particular is in critical need at this time. Their next delivery will be on June 3. Please contact Jeff Hawkins (622-0424) or the Parish Office if you are able to serve.

Second Collection - Next Sunday - June 4, 2017

There will be a special Second Collection for:

**The Catholic Communications Campaign
and the Catholic University of America**

Offertory Report 5/21/2017

Plate collection: \$2,262; 2nd collection: \$274; Hope's Pantry: \$101; Building Fund: \$25; other: \$1,897. Total deposit: \$4,559.

Mass Intentions May 27-June 2, 2017



Sat., 4:30 pm +Mariano and Amalia Davila
+Feliz and Connie Maldonado
Sun., 9:00 am +Edward and Agatha Wollack
+Mathias and Elizabeth Ring
Sun., 11:15 am +Renata Hulse
+Giuseppe Manuguerra
Sun., 5:00 pm +Maria Rodriguez
+Jovita Mora y Familia
+Maria del Carmen Cardenas
+Juan Resendiz
Wed., 7:00 am Schmidthues Family
+Giuseppe Manuguerra
Thurs., 7:00 am +Jill and Jeffrey Taylor
Fri., 7:00 am +Mike and Nina Easley

ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras - Favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Confesiones - Cada sábado, 3:30 pm y por cita.

Músicos - Si toca guitarra u otro instrumento, favor de participar y servir en nuestro coro. Los ensayos son cada viernes a las 7:30 pm.

¿POR QUÉ SER CATOLICO? - Empezando en el otoño, nuestra parroquia participará en el proceso especial para profundizar y vivir la alegría de nuestra fe Católica que se llama *¿Por Qué Ser Católico?* Las 6 semanas del otoño nos ofrecerá la oportunidad de crecer personalmente y juntos como comunidad parroquial. ¡Habrás mas información muy pronto! -P. Dennis

Youth Corner

The most important word in today's gospel is GO. Our faith is not meant to be kept to ourselves, but is meant to be shared! After meeting the Risen Christ, the Apostles were told to go and make disciples. But they weren't the only ones who were sent forth with Good News. By our Baptism, **we too are called and sent** to share the Good News with everyone we meet. We do this by letting others know what we believe and why we do what we do. **GO!**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioner

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am & 11:15 am
Spanish Mass: Sunday at 5 pm
Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
10 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Ministries / Contacts

- Pastoral Council:** Jeff Hawkins, Chair, Patrick Dowd, Vice Chair, Lori Jakubowski, Secretary, Tess Arthur, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, María Ortiz, José Resendiz, DeDe Woodhead,
- Finance Council:** Joe Hertlein, Chair, Rafael Maldonado, Vice Chair, John Finn, Secretary, Diane Douglas, Pat Ryan, Steve Zalan
- Faith Formation:** First Communion Year 1 and 2: Margaret Lopez
Confirmation Year 1: Patricia Gray
Confirmation Year 2: Teresa Brunson, Christina Haupt, Lori Jakubowski
RCIA / Becoming Catholic: John Condon, John O'Keefe
- Hope's Pantry:** Lydia Newton • Wednesday 10 am–12 noon
- Hope's Boutique:** Deborah Kimes • Wednesday 10 am–12 noon
- Manna Ministry:** Joni Zabala • joni@thegrid.net
- Music Ministry:** Larry Carolan (4:30 pm & 9 am Mass)
Louis Lebherz, Director, Barney Hulse, Piano (11:15 am Mass)
- Lectors:** DeDe Woodhead
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