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JUNE 1, 2025 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

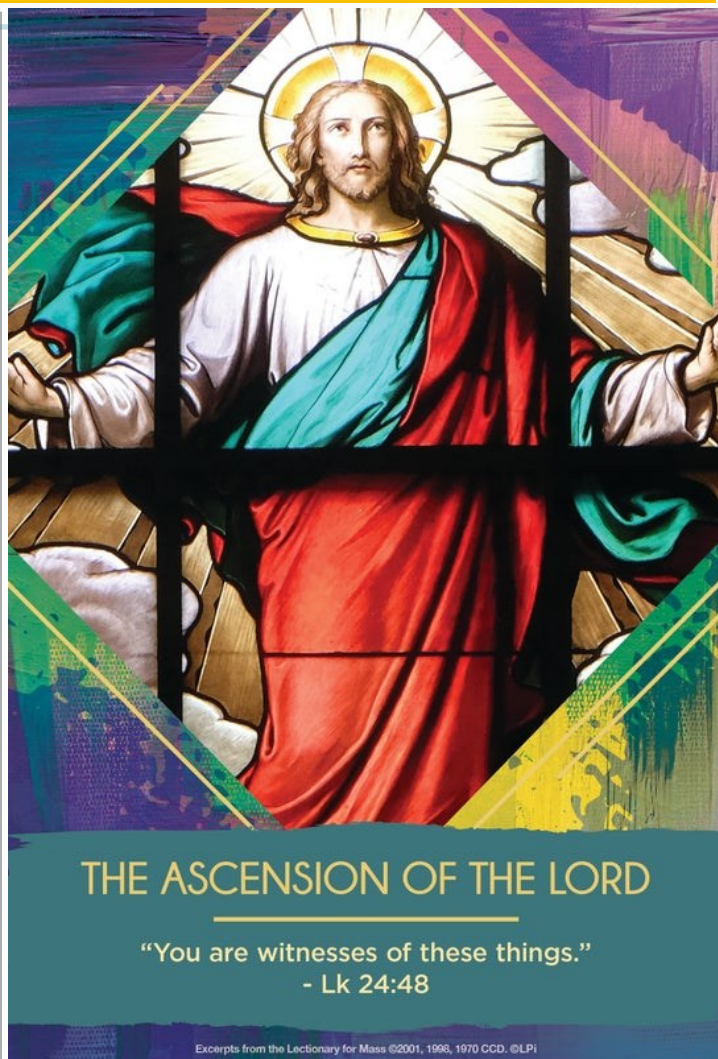
REFLECTIONS

It was a Delta flight from Salt Lake City to Phoenix, and it looked like an on-time departure. As the large plane rolled away from the gate, the pilot announced over the intercom: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the crew outside didn't fill up the tanks with fuel. We are going back to the gate to wait for them." The passengers groaned with impatience. But over the next hour, we knew the waiting had a purpose: it meant fuel to get us to our destination.

The disciples at the Lord's Ascension are in a similar predicament but on a massively higher plane. They want the Kingdom of God to begin on earth as it is in heaven. But Jesus says, **"I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high"** (Luke 24:49). They stay together in prayer in Jerusalem and wait nine long days until the Holy Spirit descends. Empowered by supernatural gifts, they go forth to the ends of the earth and to their deaths proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. The wait was worth it.

Before you begin a task or endeavor, do you take time to patiently pray for the Holy Spirit to come? The bigger the task, the more ardent the prayer should be. Try it this week, and you'll be clothed with power to get where God wants you to go.

— *Father John Muir*



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday	St. Anthony's—Lakin
5:00 pm	Rosary & Prayers
5:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	HPRV
9:30 am	Mass
10:10 am	Communion/Visiting
Wednesday	St. Raphael-Syracuse
8:00 am (MST)	Mass (Syracuse)
Thursday	St. Anthony's –Lakin
11:00 am	Confession
11:45 am	Rosary & Prayers
12:15 pm	Mass

Friday

7:30 am
8:00 am
8:30—10 am
Saturday
3:50 pm
4:00 pm
5:20 pm

St. Anthony's

Rosary & Prayers
Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Lakin
Confessions
Mass (St. Anthony)
Confession

Sunday Lakin & Syracuse

6:00 pm
8:00 –8:50 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
Mass (Christ the King)
Confessions
Mass (St. Anthony)
Mass (St. Raphael)

COLLECTION FOR 5-25-2025

Envelopes: \$ 860.00
Loose: \$ 695.00
Online Giving: \$ 368.40
Total: \$ 1923.40
Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
Income over/under: 162.23



OFFICE HOUR

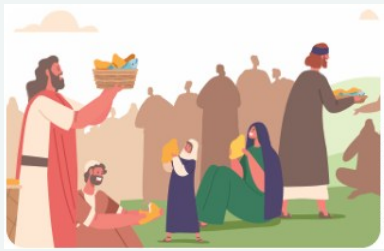
T - F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

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DEAR PADRE,

What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles? Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 156). Christ’s multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus’ miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5). Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church’s credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful. To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at [Vatican.va](https://www.vatican.va).)



WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, “I am now grown up.” Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future. The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us. There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not “Why doesn’t God do something?” but rather “Why do we not do something?” To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new.



The Ascension of the Lord / June 1, 2025

First Reading: They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)

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

Second Reading: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Eph 1:17)

Gospel: As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. (Lk 24:51)

Observances for the week of June 1, 2025

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Monday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Prayer of Mission

Surround us with your presence, Lord,
as we labor to spread Your story to
the world, and especially in the pocket
of the world we find ourselves to-
day.

Go before us and guide our way.

Walk beside us and be our compan-
ion.

Help us to bring others to You.

Amen.

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Fr. Peter will be attending the required annual retreat at the Spiritual Life Center, Wichita from June 1 to 7. There will be no weekday Mass. For Sacramental Emergency Call/Text 620-408-5538.



Father's Day Breakfast

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join us in honoring Father's Day

Served by Altar Society Ladies

JUNE 15—RIGHT AFTER SUNDAY MASS

HELP NEEDED—Any ladies that can help with a breakfast casserole ,muffins ,fruit, rolls etc. in honoring Father's Day, please call Nanette Rice 620 651 1327 or 620 355 7676. All help is most appreciated. Thanks so much.

BUDGET SHOP

We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, May 25, and Tuesday, June 3. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us.

KANSAS FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our parish will collect Kansas for life baby bottle on Father's Day. We ask that you use them to collect your change or any other monetary donation that you would like to make to our Pro Life Causes. Thank you.

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ASCENSION



1 de junio de 2025 - La Ascensión del Señor

Durante la Pascua, Jesús va preparando a sus discípulos para la ausencia definitiva, esa ausencia los prepara a ver que Jesús ya no estará con ellos físicamente. Ahora serán movidos por el Espíritu Santo para proclamar que el Reino de Dios ya estaba presente entre ellos. El Evangelio nos narra que “Jesús los llevó hasta cerca de Betania, levantando las manos, los bendijo. Y mientras los bendecía, se separó de ellos (y fue llevado al cielo). Ellos se postraron ante él. Después volvieron llenos de gozo a Jerusalén, y continuamente estaban en el Templo alabando a Dios” (Lucas 24:50-53).

Desapareció entre las nubes, subió a los cielos y está sentado a la derecha del Padre (nos dice el Credo que recitamos cada domingo en misa). Con su Ascensión al cielo, Jesús nos invita a mirar a lo alto, indicándonos que la meta no es aquí en la tierra, sino allá arriba con el Padre. San León Magno en su homilía sobre la ascensión nos dice que “De esta manera, los apóstoles y todos los discípulos, que habían quedado angustiados por la muerte en cruz de Jesús y vacilantes en su fe sobre la resurrección, fueron fortalecidos por la evidencia de la verdad. Por lo cual, cuando el Señor subió a lo alto de los cielos, no solo no se dejaron llevar por la tristeza, sino todo lo contrario, se sintieron llenos de alegría”. ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo, Ven! ©LPi

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& Nanette Rice	355-7676
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Youth Director: Hannah Schauf	316-765-4131

Question: Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer: This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth! ©LPi



MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, June 2	No Mass	Terry Cahoj & Family
Tue, June 3	No Mass	+ Maria Nhiem
Wed, June 4	No Mass	Rebecca Burden
Thurs, June 5	No Mass	+ Maria Nhiem
Fri, June 6	No Mass	+ Ann Sack
Sat, June 7	4:00 pm	+ Rice Grandparents
Sun, June 8	9:00 am	Shnae Budd & Family

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5/31/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

Reader: Cecilia Harris

Extra Ordinary of HC: Bill & Janet Rooney

6/1/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

Extra Ordinary of HC: Maria Enriquez, Rosa Cardenas

PENTECOST

6/7/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Debbie Frederick

Extra Ordinary of HC: Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

6/8/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Jace Berning, Haley Berning

Reader: Steve Sullivan

Extra Ordinary of HC: Teresa Beltran, Karen Burden

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00. Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism:

Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime