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Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	5/11/2024	4:00pm	Jill Jeffreys
Sunday	5/12/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	5/13/2024	_____	No Mass
Tuesday	5/14/2024	_____	No Mass
Wednesday	5/15/2024	_____	No Mass
Thursday	5/16/2024	_____	No Mass
Friday	5/17/2024	_____	No Mass
Saturday	5/18/2024	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	5/19/2024	9:00am	Zach & Lucy Maughn

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Office Hours · Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm





Congratulations to the students who will be receiving their Confirmation and First Communion this weekend.

Aubree Aceveda Cleo Leer
 Noah Pena Stella Leer
 Khloe Ohlson

Loving God,
 We thank you for the love of mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
 who patience seems to have no end.
 We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
 Amen
Happy Mothers Day!

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 8:45am in the church hall after morning Mass. Please join us!

 **The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters will meet in May on their regular scheduled meeting times.**
The Catholic Daughters will meet on May 13th in the church annex at 6:30pm.
The Knights will meet on May 14th in the church hall at 7:00pm. 

Prayer Requests 

Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the parish office at 758-6102 or email to dparis@dioceseofspokane.org if you would like someone to be added.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
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The Ascension

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

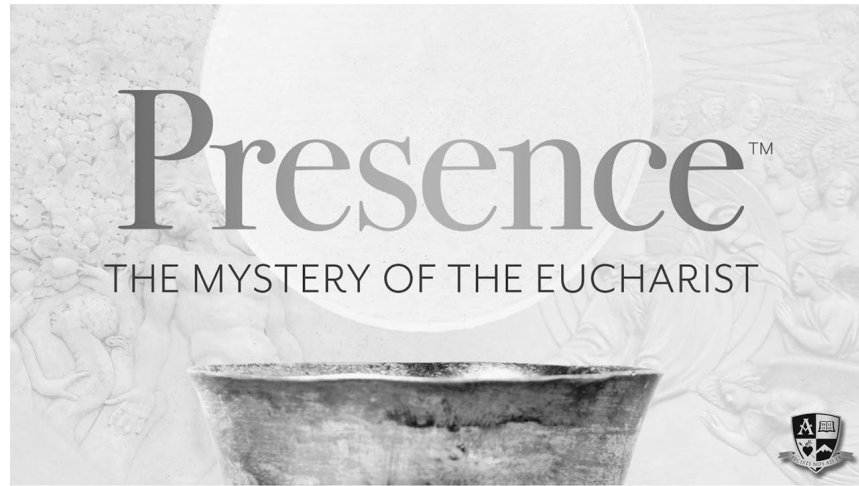
Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.
—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-05-12>

“That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother.
 Motherhood is the gift of God to women.
 How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!”
 St. Teresa of Calcutta:

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When is the last time you sat down to enjoy a meal with your family or close friends—not just to eat food in close proximity to each other, but to bask in each other's presence and grow in love for one another? For most of us, this doesn't happen at a typical meal. But this is the kind of meal God wants to share with us. This is the kind of meal he has prepared for us and invites us to participate in through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

<https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/god-is-with-us>

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Holy Week Ministries Schedule

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Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday May 18th 4:00pm	Marlene Driscoll	Sheri Gehring	Ella Miller Not Filled	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper
Sunday May 19th 9:00am	James Browitt Don Tuschoff	Bob Uptagrafft	Anna Eggleston Ashley Eggleston	Ernie Aguilar Mark Flerchinger Tim McConnell Greg Paris

May Ministry Schedules are out and in the south entrance. Make sure you pick yours up!

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Talent:

Thank you to Gretchen Nelson, Mrs. Walkup and Fr. Jeff for preparing our children for Confirmation/1st Communion.

Treasure:

The collection for the week of 05/5/2024
Actual: \$7,201
CRS Rice Bowl:
Total Collected: \$1,384.85

Special Monthly Collections

May - Parish Utilities, Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School.

If you have your weekly/monthly donations automatically taken out of your bank account, here is a list of the “special collections” you may not know of.

Thank you.

This week at Holy Family...

- Sunday, May 12th:**
 - Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee and Donuts & First Communion Reception
- Monday, May 13th:**
 - No Mass
 - Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am
- Tuesday, May 14th:**
 - No Mass
- Wednesday, May 15th:**
 - No Mass
 - Spring Music Program 6:00pm

Thursday, May 16th:

- No Mass
- Holy Family School Blood Drive in Church Hall 1:30-6:00pm
- Men’s Holy Hour 6:00pm

Friday, May 17th:

- No Mass

Saturday, May 18th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, May 19th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Prayer Group for grades 1st-4th. 11:00am to 12:30pm in south annex

Letter from Father

12 May 2024

Solemnity of the Ascension
Of Sacraments, Mysteries, and Mothers

Greetings,

There is so much going on this Sunday. Last night was the annual auction fundraiser at Holy Family School and this morning we observe the Solemnity of the Ascension, welcome some of our children into the full practice of our Faith, and honor our mothers.

I remember receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. I was a senior in high school. Sadly, at the time, catechesis for the Sacraments was at best wanting. I remember thinking for years afterward that receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation meant that, while my parents had chosen Baptism for me, I was “confirming” that decision by choosing to remain Catholic. In fact, Confirmation has much deeper and much more valuable effects for those who receive it.

Confirmation is as simple as the Holy Spirit, who is God, increasing our faith so that we have the certainty that He’s with us until we arrive in Heaven, for which He also gives us hope. During this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit strengthens our ability to love Him and others more deeply. Confirmation connects us more closely with God the Father as our Creator and with Jesus Christ as our Savior. Through Confirmation we are opened to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Confirmation renders our bond to Holy Mother Church more perfectly. Finally, Confirmation inspires us to defend the Faith as true witnesses of Christ. In short, we do not confirm anything but we are confirmed in the Faith.

It seems that the Eucharist is a misunderstood Sacrament as well. We believe that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It is so often referred to erroneously as a “symbol” of God’s Love for us. It is anything but a symbol; it is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ among us. Jesus instituted this Sacrament during the Last Supper with the twelve apostles. This sacrament has a bonus: it forgives venial sins and fortifies us against committing mortal ones in the future. It’s Jesus Himself who is within us. When we receive the Eucharist, we become living tabernacles as Christ Himself is within us.

Forty (or, in most of the United States, forty-three) days after Easter, we commemorate the day Jesus ascended or went up to Heaven. Why do we celebrate the day Jesus left us? There does not seem to be too much to celebrate. At the Ascension, Jesus and his disciples gathered together for the last time. While they were together, Jesus was taken up to Heaven and disappeared into the clouds.

When Jesus ascended into Heaven, two angels appeared to the apostles and told them that Jesus will come back the same way He went up. At the end of time, Jesus will return again! But in the meantime, are we alone? Of course not! It may seem we are, but He is closer to us than ever.

He himself promised: “Behold I will be with you always, to the end of the age”. Jesus did not leave us alone as He sent us the Holy Spirit. As he sits at the right hand of the Father, Jesus intercedes for us and is with us as He promised. When he ascended, He left the authority of the Church in Peter’s hands – this authority has been handed to Popes throughout history.

One of the central themes of the feast is the kingship of Christ, and the theological implication is that the Ascension was the final redemptive act conferring participation in the divine life on all who are members of Christ. In other words, Christ “was lifted up into heaven so that he might make us partakers of his Godhead.”

Mother’s Day became a national holiday one hundred-ten years ago. Not that it took an executive order to declare the value of mothers in the world, we have, ever since, set aside this Sunday to give thanks for the work of the women who are mothers and doing the work of the domestic Church in their homes. It is only fitting that we offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our own mothers as well as for the role of the mother in every family.

We offer a hearty welcome to Bishop Daly and our congratulations to the children who completed the Sacraments of Initiation today.

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core

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