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May 8, 2016

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location in 1919*

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## Pastor's Corner:

Dear brothers and sisters,  
Peace!

We find Jesus spending time with the disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to grasp the full meaning and impact of his very person as the Christ and his message of the kingdom of God. He opened their minds to what the scriptures said about the Messiah.

Jesus promises them the Holy Spirit who will remind them of everything that he had told them. The Holy Spirit will instruct them about all things.

Now that Jesus has fulfilled his mission he now returns to the Father in full glory. There he is seated at the right hand of the Father, enjoying all authority in heaven and on earth. This heavenly power is shared with the disciples and us.

Jesus ascends to heaven so he can empower us to give witness to him. Jesus ascends to heaven to empower us to continue his mission here on earth and to bring his presence to the world.

God bless you.

In Jesus, our fullness of Life,

*Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS*



## The Ascension of the Lord

### A Prayer of thanksgiving

As a mother protects her children, watching over them day by day,  
alert to danger, and ready if necessary to sacrifice herself for their sakes,  
so you Lord protects, your arms constantly encircling us,  
your hands delivering us from harm.

For the intensity of your love, Lord Jesus we thank you.  
Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for all they mean  
or have meant, for the love they have shown  
and the care they have given.

We thank you for the qualities of mothers –  
their patience, their kindness,  
concern and understanding.

We thank you for the part they play in our lives,  
and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you'  
this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say  
but so rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood,

### Parish Mission Statement:

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a Parish and School community. Together as disciples of Jesus Christ we seek fullness of life. Blessed with diversity of cultures and gifted with the spirit of Aloha, we pledge to become stewards of our time, talent and treasure by sharing our heritage and our faith and commit ourselves to the full development of all people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

\*\*\*Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will\*\*\*

## Scripture Readings



### **Sunday, May 08**

Acts 1:11  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9  
Eph 1:17-23  
Lk 24:46-53

### **Monday, May 09**

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b  
Jn 16:29-33

### **Tuesday, May 10**

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
Jn 17:1-11a

### **Wednesday, May 11**

Acts 20:28-38  
Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b  
Jn 17:11b-19

### **Thursday, May 12**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11  
Jn 17:20-26

### **Friday, May 13**

Acts 25:13b-21  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b  
Jn 21:15-19

### **Saturday, May 14**

Gn 11:1-9  
Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30  
Rom 8:22-27  
Jn 7:37-39

### **Sunday, May 15**

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23



## **PLEASE NOTE:**

Our priests will be away for convocation May 9th to the 14th. In their absence Fr. Clyde Phillips will be celebrating Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 am & 12:15 pm.

On Thursday and Friday, Dcn. Jim will preside at Communion Services at 6 am & 12:15 pm.



May is Mental Health Awareness month, and what better way for us to reveal God's compassion during this Year of Mercy than to become more aware of and embrace the people we encounter who suffer from mental illness.

People with mental illness sometimes behave in ways we can't comprehend. Those with severe depression sometimes stay in bed all day, unable to manage the most basic motivation to move. People with anxiety disorders can be gripped by irrational or even unidentifiable fears that don't incapacitate others. Those affected by psychotic disorders may see things that aren't real, hear voices that don't exist, and sometimes lose the ability to discern reality at all. Sometimes people with mental illness mistreat or hurt the people they love—or themselves. Some who need medication stop taking it or won't start. Some who seem to be doing well suddenly start showing symptoms again. Whatever the mental health crisis, members of our family of faith are called to be good stewards and embrace these vulnerable brothers and sisters, as Jesus did.

When people see symptoms of mental illness in others there is a tendency to distance themselves, ignore them and hope someone else will help, even in our parish communities. One weary mom lamented: "When a family member suffers from cancer or other diseases, people send cards, visit and bring a casserole. If your family member suffers from a mental illness, there is no contact or support." This mother's feeling of abandonment is regrettable and suggests that our family of faith has no tolerance or empathy for this kind of suffering. But the parish community is the Body of Christ. It cannot leave the impression that Christ himself is ready to walk away from those who carry these burdens.

As stewards of Christ's love and mercy, we are called to follow his example, to reach out to those who suffer, even those who suffer mentally and emotionally; to embrace them rather than shrink away. No one is beyond hope, past the point where God's grace touches them. We are not called to have all the answers or understand all the mysteries of mental illness. But we are called to love. That is the disciple's response.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **MONDAY, May 09**

- 9:00 am •Viewing (+Sylvia Young)/Church
- 10:30 am •Memorial Mass (+Sylvia Young)/Church
- 5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •RCIA Class/Library

### **TUESDAY, May 10 "St. Damien" feast day**

- 5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

### **WEDNESDAY, May 11**

- 6:00 pm •Stewardship Committee/Mtg. Room
- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

### **THURSDAY, May 12**

- 6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

### **FRIDAY, May 13**

- 4:30 pm •Teen Council Meeting/Conf. Room

### **SATURDAY, May 14**

- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#7-M. Aizawa)/Church
- 10:00 am •Bible Sharing (Mary Ann Leite)/Library
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library
- 7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

### **SUNDAY, May 15 "Pentecost"**

- 10:15 am •R E Classes/SJHS

Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date information at  
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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Weekdays:**

Mon.-Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

**Vigil Mass:** 5:00 pm

#### **Sunday:**

St. Joseph Church

7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:45 am & 6:00pm



### **CONFESSION**

Saturday:

10:00 am-11:00 am

St. Joseph Church

or by appointment

\*Please note: confession schedule does not apply during some liturgical seasons.

### **PRAYER TIMES**

#### **Adoration:**

M-F 4-5:00 pm

Sat 3-3:30 pm

Sun 4-4:30 pm

#### **Evening Prayer & Benediction**

M-F 5:00 pm

Sat 3:30 pm

Sun 4:30 pm

### **Youth & Young**

### **Adult Mass**

June 5th

@

11:45 am



### **A Stewardship Moment** <http://catholicstewardship.com/>

In today's first reading we hear the story of Saint Stephen, proclaiming God's word in the "public square" and suffering martyrdom by being stoned to death. At the scene were those who supported Stephen, those who became jealous and angry, and those who simply stood by and did nothing. Sometimes it seems like those who exercise good stewardship of the Gospel embark on a terribly lonely journey, with a destination that looks rather ominous. It certainly was for Stephen. But he lived and died with an incredible faith. Do we mock those who proclaim God's word? Do we turn a blind eye to those suffering persecution today? Or do we have the courage to preach the Gospel with our lives?

### **Stewardship Report of Treasury for:**

	<b>April 11, 2016</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>Collections</b>	8,653.22	433,950.33	442,441.81
<b>Other</b>	5,605.56	218,214.80	216,006.19
<b>Deposit</b>	14,258.78	652,165.13	658,448.00
<b>Parish Hall</b>	136.25	<b>Parish Savings</b>	
		Designated	490,519.66
		Restricted	390,915.40
			881,435.06

## **HOT MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The next Hot Meal is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th, from 11:30 to 12:30 pm. We have the cooks and food, but are in need of volunteers to help with setting up, serving, and cleaning up. If you can help in any of these areas, please call the rectory office at (935-1465) and leave you name and phone number so we can contact you with further instructions.



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