

The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday.....4:00 and 6:30 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:30 a.m. and
6:00 p.m. Life Teen

Weekdays.....7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday.....9:00 a.m.

Confession Schedule:

In Church Reconciliation Rooms

Saturday.....3:00– 3:45 p.m.
and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass

Chapel Open for Prayer:

Monday through Friday...7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Rev. Chuck Dornquist at 345-3338

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Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass until 10:15 a.m.

First Friday of the Month 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Taking on the snakes and poisons of the world

These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

In some of the rural communities of our countries, ministers and their congregations take this passage literally. As a test of faith some will plunge their hands into a box of rattlesnakes, pull one out and hold it in front of the congregation. Others will drink strychnine poison. Some will survive. Some will be bitten by the rattlers. Some will die from the poison. Now these simple rural communities view the survivors as positive examples of the faith of the entire community. They view those who are bit by the snakes or who die from the poison as examples of the weakness of the community's faith.

They are incorrect in interpreting Jesus' words literally. He doesn't want us to challenge Him to heal us, nor does He want us to put ourselves in unnecessary peril. But they are correct in recognizing that faith in Jesus gives them the ability to conquer the evils of the world. And their communities are right when they credit success to the Lord and see failure as a result of their lack of faith.

But, first, let me say a word about literal interpretations of the Bible. This form of fundamentalism demands that every word, every statement be believed exactly as it is written and read. For example the fundamentalists would say that the world was created some 40,000 years ago because that is the date they best determine from Genesis. If you show them a fossil they would say that it is fake. They get so bogged down in the details that they miss the point of the message: God is the Creator. Here is a little story that I think would help you understand better what is wrong with the fundamental approach to the Bible. A young mom takes her five year old son to the beach. The mom keeps an eye on the little one playing in the water, when suddenly the child calls out, "Shark, Shark!" The mom runs into the water to protect the child, and the child just starts laughing. "This is not funny," the mom says, "I need to impress upon you that it is wrong to call for help when you don't need it." So she tells the child the story of the boy who called wolf. You remember, the boy was a shepherd and became bored. He called wolf to get the attention of the townsfolk. Then he laughed when they came running, all concerned. He did this twice. The people came both times, but were furious that he was playing a bad joke. Then the boy really did see a wolf. He called for help again, only this time no one responded, and he and the flock were attacked. Now, the mom tells this story to the five year old to impress upon him the importance of only calling for help when it is needed. That is the point of the story. Anything particular about the shepherd, or whether he was tending sheep or goat, or where he lived or when he lived or even if it was a boy or girl, none of this is important. All that is important is the message of the story: Don't call for help when you don't need it. To get bogged down in the incidentals is to miss the purpose of the message.

What was the message that Jesus was giving when He mentioned the signs of those who believed? The message was that they could fight and conquer evil in its worst forms. Jesus used snakes to represent the devil. His followers, those who believe in Him, can take on and beat off the devil. He used poison to represent the evil of the world, not just a poisonous potion, but the poison that is hatred, the poison that is materialism, prejudice, the drug culture, the sex culture, polarization, seeing all who disagree with us as enemies, and on and on. Jesus said that His followers would be able to take on the poison of the world and defeat it.

Then He ascended into heaven. Peter and the boys didn't grieve that He was gone. Mary Magdalene and the girls didn't resume their crying. No, they were too busy. Instead they got to work and proclaimed the wonders and the beauties of Jesus's life. The devil went after them and all who followed them in full battle array. He convinced others to torture them and expel them from their communities and friends. He talked some into killing them, but the devil didn't win.

"I am the wheat of God. I must become the pure bread of Christ." St. Ignatius of Antioch

The Ascension of the Lord

He couldn't stop the work of the Kingdom of God. They beat off the snake. All the evil of the world went to war against Jesus' followers. The poisons that destroy the soul, that destroy life attacked them. The Christians didn't go into hiding. They took on the poison of the world and found a life free of evil, a life of meaning, the Christian life.

Jesus ascends to heaven and then says to us: "Get to work. Fight off the snake, the devil. Fight off poisons of the world. You can win these victories. You can win them because I really haven't left you. I am with you. My spirit, the Holy Spirit, strengthens you.

We all have poisons that we have to fight off in our lives. We all have our own demons. Some are of our own making. Some are imposed upon us by others or by situations beyond our control. One person wages a continual battle against alcohol. Another against drugs. One is fighting to be in Christian relationships with others. One must deal with the fact that her family is not what it should be. Another is suffering the terror of abuse. One has physical challenges another has psychological challenges. All of us are fighting selfishness. These and so many other demons and poisons of the world attack us, but they can't beat us down. We will win against the evil of the world because we have the greatest weapon there ever was. We possess Jesus Christ.

Jesus ascends into heaven and assumes His place as Lord of heaven and earth. What does that mean, "Lord". It means that He has the power to win, to beat off evil. It means that He is in control. He is our Lord. He is the one who fights for us and with us.

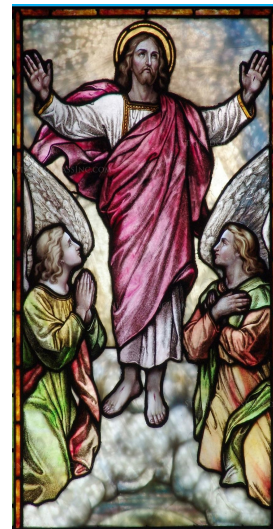
When Jesus ascended into heaven, His followers went on offense. They didn't cower in a room, afraid of what the enemies of God's kingdom would do to them. Instead, they took the battle to the devil. The Gospel puts this so simply: ***"They went forth and preached everywhere."*** People who would seldom leave their villages, traveled the world to wage the battle of the Kingdom. They preached everywhere. That's what we are all called to do. We are called to take the battle to the enemy. We are called to combat moral evil wherever it exists, within us and around us. We are called to give people the Gospel, the Good News. The Good News is this: there is a much better life than the one the world paints as ideal. There is a life where every action has meaning. There is a life of fulfillment. This life is the life of the Lord. That's the Good News. Life is infinitely better when it is lived united to Jesus Christ.

Snakes will attack. Poison will be forced down our throats. But we, the people of the Ascended Lord will beat it all off. How? Well, the gospel explains how in its last words: ***the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word.***

We don't wage this war alone. We fight with the might of the Lord Jesus Christ. And with Him on our side, how can we possibly lose?

Yours in Christ,

Mayr. Joe



All Masses: Weekday (7 a.m. & 9 a.m.) Weekend (Saturday & Sunday) are now LIVE STREAMED!



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Those who are ill, elderly, have underlying health conditions,
or are leery to come to Church are urged to stay home.
Please read Bishop Parkes letter below:

Excerpts from a Letter from Bishop Gregory Parkes regarding the expiration date of General Dispensation.

Dear Faithful in Christ,

Greetings and Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ. **I hereby announce that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days for Catholics in the Diocese of St. Petersburg will expire on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22, 2021.**

Instead, I will issue some particular dispensations for the faithful who may find themselves in specific circumstances. Details about these particular dispensations can be found at www.dosp.org/coronavirus.

Many have been or will be vaccinated; and since June 2020, Floridians have safely gone about other activities. Therefore, it seems reasonable to strive for the faithful's full and active participation once again in the Sacred Liturgy. **Parishes will make individual decisions about safely accommodating an increased number of attendees at Mass. The use of face coverings should be continued until public health guidance suggests otherwise.**

I encourage the faithful to continue to cooperate with parish guidelines during this time of transition.

Let us "welcome one another, then as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7). We must never forget that the spiritual fruits of regular and devout participation in the Sacred Mysteries are infinite. The graces received at the Holy Eucharist sustain Catholics as we courageously live the Gospel.

While the general dispensation is removed, there are specific instances where the dispensation will continue. Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass in the following circumstances:

1. You are ill, or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to contract an infectious illness (e.g., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category).
2. You exhibit flu-like symptoms.
3. You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or the flu).
4. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.
5. You are pregnant.
6. Those 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).
7. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g., no Mass is offered, you are infirmed, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control such as, your ride did not show up, the church was at capacity).
8. If you have significant and reasonable fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.

These categories will be reviewed in due course and revised as needed.

Those who do not attend Mass must still observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection; an excellent way to do this is through participating in a broadcast/live stream of the Sunday Mass.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory Parkes Bishop of St. Petersburg



For the safety of everyone in our faith family, all need to wear masks that cover both their mouth & nose, plus practice social distancing while inside the Church, Chapel & all buildings.

The Bloodmobile

this Sunday,
May 16th
from
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Please come Share



Come & Pray
in the Chapel...

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Saturday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Stay informed!

Online... www.st.ignatius.net

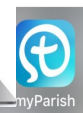
FlockNote: text IgnatiusUpdates to 84576 and register

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YouTube: [St Ignatius Tarpon Springs](https://www.youtube.com/StIgnatiusTarponSprings)



HELP OUR KNIGHTS HELP WOUNDED VETERANS

There are a great number of wounded veterans recuperating at the James A. Haley Medical Center in Tampa.

These wounded heroes are in need of some basic supplies.

Please leave donations, May 29th & 30th
in the front-inside of the Church before the Masses.

Thank you and God Bless You!

Some suggested needed items include:



Underwear T-Shirts Socks Shampoo Conditioner
Lotion After Shave Razor Blades Nail Clippers Combs
Hair Brushes Flip-Flops (shower shoes)
Make-up Perfume Lipstick Eyeliner Canned meat
Pens & Pencils Note Paper CDs DVDs
Video Games Stereo/TV Headsets.
Books: Word Search Sudoku Seek-n-Find Crosswords

Events Notice...

Social mandates- masks that cover both nose & mouth worn at all times, plus social distancing- are still in effect.

Life Teen

Bart Kovacic—Life Teen Director
727-251-2476 or ignatiuslifeteen@tampabay.rr.com

Life Teen Nights:



Every Sunday our Life Teen group meets for a night filled with food & friends. We explore our Faith, Life, and being the Sons and Daughters of God.

Come to our 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass and join us afterwards outside the Youth House!

Rosary Makers



All are welcome to join us Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall.

Abide in Me

This Monday in Classroom 6 at 2 p.m.



Brothers in Christ



All men of the parish are invited on Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the hall.

For more info contact Geoff at 813-728-2082.

Women's Council



The Women's Council invites all women of the parish to join them on Thursday, May 20th at 11:30 a.m. for a recitation of the Rosary, Crowning of the Blessed Mother, Installation of Officers, and a catered luncheon. \$10 per person. RSVP with Jean at (727)543-5106 by May 11th. Please make checks payable to the Women's Council & mail to Kathleen Mauk, 2423 Triggerfish Court, Holiday, FL 34691 or drop off at Parish Office. Please bring a small easy open & carry item for our Food Pantry.

Life Teen Bible Café

Wednesday, May 19th at the Youth House from 6-8 p.m.



Knights of Columbus

All Members are encouraged to attend the next General Meeting on Thursday, May 20th at 7 p.m. in the hall.



Edge

Samantha Trapp—Edge Director
727-251-2476 or strapp@ignatius.net



Our grades 6-8 ministry, known as **EDGE**, is a dynamic middle school youth ministry. Edge provides an opportunity to grow in faith by developing a relationship with Jesus through social activities.

It is all about making a difference in their hearts & empowering them to seek Christ.

All Middle School Youth are invited to join us Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Youth House!!

Scouts

Girl Scouts...6:30 p.m. Friday, in rooms 6
Cub Scouts...6:30 p.m. Friday in rooms 8-12
Boy Scouts...7:00 p.m. Friday in rooms 2-4



Polish School



Polish School meets this Saturday at 9 a.m. in rooms 7-12.



Our Upper Pinellas Pregnancy Center wishes to Thank Everyone for their generous donations to last week's Mother's Day Collection!

This week's Altar Flowers were donated in loving memory of Mariann Wescott by her family.



Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of our dearly departed, especially for



ALL WHO HAVE DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS
plus
DOROTHY CAVALIERE,
MERCEDES JAMES,
RICHARD MASI

and for all those we hold in our hearts who have died, may they rest in the arms of God.

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Favorite Recipe?

Do you have a favorite recipe to share?
St. Ignatius Women's Council is gathering recipes for a fundraiser cookbook and is reaching out to our St. Ignatius family.



If you would like to share your recipes, email them to pbhamilton2@yahoo.com
Please include your name for recognition in the book and a phone number for verification.
Your number will not be published.

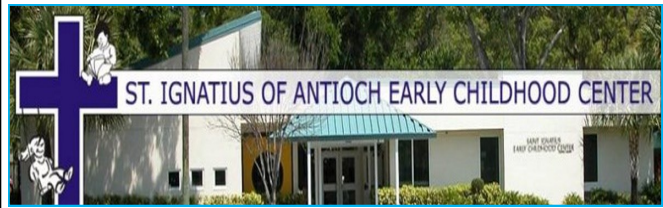
You are invited to make a gift towards our Altar Flowers in memory of, in thanksgiving for, in celebration of or in honor of a person or event.



The donation is \$50 for the week.

This dedication will be printed in the bulletin for the requested week. If interested, please come by the Parish Office between 9 - 4 on the weekdays.

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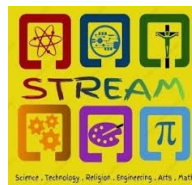
St. Ignatius is a Catholic school for two, three and four year olds.

We are dedicated to the goal of providing developmentally appropriate programs aimed at the total child.

Contact Sharon Nease at (727) 937-5427 or snease@ignatius.net to schedule a tour.

Stop by the school and see what makes our early childhood center outstanding!

Guardian Angels



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Enrolling K-Grade 8

Contact Mary Stalzer to schedule your tour today!

Phone: 727-799-6724 or email: mstalzer@gacsfl.com

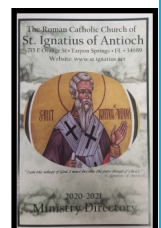
Located at 2270 Evans Road Clearwater, Florida

Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Ministry Book for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, etc.

This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise.

If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.



<i>DATE</i>	<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
Saturday, May 15	4:00 p.m. + William & Anna Slater 6:30 p.m. + Elizabeth McHugh	Confessions inside the Church 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass Food Drive this Weekend
Sunday, May 16 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Acts 1:1-11</i> <i>Ephesians 4:1-13</i> <i>Mark 16:15-20</i>	7:00 a.m. + Andrew & Ann Flanagan 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Rita Payson 6:00 p.m. Special Intentions of Mike Obermeyer	BLOODMOBILE 8 a.m.—12 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night following Mass at the Youth House
Monday, May 17 <i>Acts 19:1-8</i> <i>John 16:29-33</i>	7:00 a.m. + Janet David 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Rev. Joseph Paek	Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers in the hall 2:00 p.m. Abide in Me in room 6
Tuesday, May 18 <i>St. John I</i> <i>Acts 20:17-27</i> <i>John 17:1-11</i>	7:00 a.m. + Joseph Capanna 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Rev. Anthony Astrab 10:30 a.m. + Thomas Shields	Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19 <i>Acts 20:28-38</i> <i>John 17:11-19</i>	7:00 a.m. + Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Charley Rimel	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in hall Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Life Teen Bible Cafe-Youth House
Thursday, May 20 <i>St. Bernadine of Siena</i> <i>Acts 22:30-23:11</i> <i>John 17:20-26</i>	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Rev. Kyle Bell 9:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Magas Family	Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Women's Council Luncheon in hall 6:30 p.m. Edge at the Youth House 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus in hall 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir in Church
Friday, May 21 <i>St. Christopher Magallanes</i> <i>& Companions</i> <i>Acts 25:13-21</i> <i>John 21:15-19</i>	7:00 a.m. + Maryanne Kennedy 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Chris Pergola	Pray in the Chapel 7:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts in rooms 9-12 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts in room 6 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in rooms 2-4 7:00 p.m. Life Teen Senior Prom in the hall
Saturday, May 22 <i>St. Rita of Cascia</i> <i>Acts 28:16-31</i> <i>John 21:20-25</i>	9:00 a.m. + Dodi Grchan	Pray in the Chapel 9 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Polish School in rooms 7-12 Confessions inside the Church 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass
Saturday, May 22	4:00 p.m. + Albert & Rose Chouinard 6:30 p.m. + Ashlie Bartholomew	
Sunday, May 23 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Acts 2:1-11</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:3-13</i> <i>John 20:19-23</i>	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Bishop William Murphy 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Anna Jean D'Ippolito 6:00 p.m. For all Life, Conception through Natural Death	7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night following Mass at the Youth House

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