

PARISH CALENDAR

Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Feast of the Ascension of the Lord)

May 8, 2016

Seek the face of the Lord, Our God!

Saturday, May 7	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, May 8	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
Monday, May 9	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, May 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Morning Prayer
Friday, May 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 11:30 a. m.	Funeral Mass - Kaulana Werner (+)
Saturday, May 14 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
 5:00 p.m.	Mass

I will come back
to you. I will not
leave you orphans.

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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts: 2:1-11: The Spirit enabled them to preach
1 Cor: 12:3b-7, 12-13: We are all baptized into one body and one Spirit.
John:20:19-23: Jesus breathes life into the disciple.

Living Catholic in the 808: A Spirituality of the Ascension

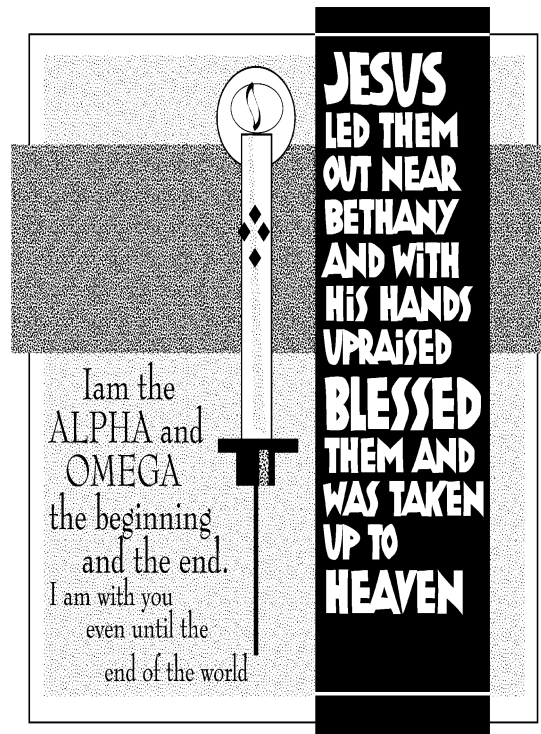
If we are honest with ourselves, I don't think many of us are actually happy that Jesus ascended into heaven – wouldn't we much rather walk and talk with him like those from 2000 years ago? Given this, I suppose it is not surprising that today's feast day is pretty "ho-hum" for most of us.

But, it should not be that way. We have cause for rejoicing.

As today's Gospel predicted, we are now "clothed with power from on high." Jesus told us he must leave to send the Holy Spirit. This means that wherever we walk, whoever we talk with, Jesus does so with us, thanks to him ascending into heaven and sending us the Holy Spirit.

*There's also a spirituality of Ascension that we experience at various points in our lives. Ascension marks the period of time after death, when we feel new life taking root, and yet, **YET**, we really can't see what that new life looks like. We are not yet experiencing the fullness of our changed, different life. This spirituality contains the conviction that things are going to turn out okay, even though we don't know exactly what life will look like.*

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*May God bless
all our Mothers*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015/2016 BISHOP'S CIRCLE APPEAL: For the Diocese of Honolulu and the Catholic Church in Hawaii: "The Bishop's Circle Appeal is a special invitation to join Bishop Larry Silva as a fellow Steward of the Gospel by honoring the Lord with your stewardship of treasure." Your generous gift to the annual Bishop's Circle helps support the Catholic Church in Hawaii as "Stewards of the Gospel" in our Faith communities, Faith Formation and Service Ministries. **Envelopes are at the back of church; please be generous Mahalo!**

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS AT REGINA PACIS CONVENT: Our parish and parishioners will be remembered expressly in the prayers and works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent **during the week of May 22 thru May 28, 2016.** If you have special intention that you would like the Sisters to pray for, please contact them at **737-5822, or email reginasc@cs.com or mail your prayer request to Regina Pacis Community; 1120 Fifth Avenue; Honolulu, HI 96816-5828.** As Sister of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Regina Pacis chapel is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p. m., They welcome anyone who wishes to spend some time in prayer.

SAINT RITA GRAD NIGHT CELEBRATION: Saturday, May 28, 2016 - 5 pm Baccalaureate Mass; Celebration to follow until 10:00 pm. All parishioners are invited. Please bring a **potluck to share.** For more info, see the flyer on wall, ask Brenda Levy or Nani Reyes.

WORD OF LIFE: "An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew was possible." "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities www.goo.gl/MkBfb9

WEEKLY READINGS

May 8 Sun: Ascension of the Lord

Acts:1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph:1:17-23; Lk: 24: 46-53

May 9 Mon: Easter Weekday

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

May 10 Tue: St. Damien deVeuster, Priest

Rom: 5:1-8; Ps 33:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, 20-21; Jn:10:11-18

May 11 Wed: Easter Weekday

Acts:20:28-38; Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn: 17:11b-19

May 12 Thur Easter Weekday

Acts:22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16: 1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn: 17:20-26

May 13 Fri: Easter Weekday

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

May 14 Sat: Feast of Matthias, apostle

Acts: 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence he placed in his close followers to continue his ministry. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds his followers of the purpose of his mission, and commissions them to continue his work by proclaiming his word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who he said would strengthen them for the task ahead. As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: *Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?* (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

It has only been forty days since the disciples stood open-mouthed, gazing at the empty tomb. Since then Jesus Christ has been with them in his glorified body, teaching and encouraging the disciples to hold fast to the message of salvation. But now they are gathered, and it seems that the disciples are still thinking about things of this world: "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" they ask (Acts 1:6). One can imagine Jesus silently shaking his head and saying, "Don't these folks get it yet?" But Jesus is patient once again, knowing that soon the disciples will understand. And just as at the tomb, two men appear to the disciples and ask them, "What are you looking at? Jesus is returning to heaven, and you have work to do, so go do it!"

WE WAIT IN JERUSALEM

In the Gospel reading from Luke, the disciples are told to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, the power of the Holy Spirit. What might this mean? Jesus has said that his message and his ministry were something new. He said that he was calling his followers to a new way of thinking, doing, and being. What does it mean that Jesus is in heaven with the Father, and yet with us always on earth? Soon the disciples would understand, as we understand, that it is through the work of the church, the fellowship of the baptized, that Christ walks among us every day, spreading the Good News of salvation. It is because of the power of the Christ in his church that we can pray with Paul in his letter to the Ephesians: "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" (Ephesians 1:17).

