

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 13, 2018

*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.
— John 15:16*

MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

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

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,758.00	\$1,868.00
Number of Families contributing	103	77
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (18 Weeks)	\$58,295.00	\$56,810.00
Received to Date	\$52,549.00	\$42,206.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,746.00	\$14,604.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$222.00	\$3,405.00

Twenty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$4,112.00
Amount Outstanding	\$21,593.00

Twenty-one people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$690.00	\$3,362.00

POOR BOX totaled \$37.00.

28 **CHILDREN** contributed \$87.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 120, and 7:00p.m. 100; Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 105.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

My mom is a liar! I was born into a poor family. Most of the time we didn't have enough food to eat. At mealtimes, my mother would give me a portion of her rice to eat and say, "I'm not hungry."

When I was growing up, my mother spent her spare time fishing in a river to get something for us to eat. Often, while I ate a delicious fish soup, she would eat the remaining meat off the bones. I used my fork to search for some fish to offer her. She would say, "Eat the fish son! I don't like fish."

Then when I was a Junior in High School, my mother took two extra jobs. One winter night, I woke up from my sleep and saw that my mother was still awake working to cover her extra work load. "Mother, go to sleep! It's late and tomorrow you have to go to work again," I said. She just smiled and said, "Go to sleep dear, I'm not tired."

After, the death of my father our financial situation became worse, but we were blessed with a kind uncle who helped us out every now and then. He advised my mother to marry again, but she said, "I don't need love."

After I finished school and got a good job, I told her to live with me and take rest. But she refused, "I have enough money. I'm not used to that kind of life son."

In her old age, she got stomach cancer and had to be hospitalized. She looked so old and tired. Now, it was evident that the disease had ravaged her body. But my mother, with what little strength she had remaining, said: "Don't cry my dear. I'm not in any pain."

After telling me this last lie, my dearest mother closed her eyes, this time forever.

Our mothers are a blessing here on earth. For those of us lucky enough to still have our mother, we must take every opportunity to thank them for their love, appreciate them for every sacrifice and help them through every hardship. You never know when might be our last chance.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
2. the Apple's in loving memory of Betty Apple on Mother's Day;
3. the Family of Pat L.'s Ann Marie in loving memory of her on Mother's Day and in loving memory of Rosie Girl Carroll on the 8th Anniversary of her death and Mother's Day;
4. the Family of Mary "O'Malley" Carroll in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
5. the Family of Jr.'s Bridget Ann in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
6. Tommy Newman in loving memory of Babe on Mother's Day;
7. the Family of Nora Francis in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
8. the Family of Jay Carroll in loving memory of him in the 1st Anniversary of his death and Kate Francis on Mother's Day;
9. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

WHAT IS A MOTHER

Mothers are the sweetest gift from God to us. There is no way we can ever really thank our mother for all she does for us, nevertheless we must make it a habit to keep reminding ourselves of the various sacrifices she made while raising us. Mother's Day is the **best time to say in words how much you love and care for your Mom.**

Rev. Cherian Thalakulam, C.M.I.

Wishes A Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of St. Edward Family.

CONGRATULATIONS FR. DAVID ARNOLDT St. Edward Parish Family will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. David Arnoldt on Thursday, May 17th at 10:00 A.M. Mass. All are welcome to attend this joyous event.

7:00 P.M. SATURDAY MASS Saturday, May 26th will be the last 7:00 P.M. Saturday Mass until further notice.

CONGRATULATIONS to Richlie Carroll and Royalty Riley and their soccer team the Rapids for winning the 2018 Championship and to Raquel Riley and Onasis Sherlock and their soccer team the Mutiny for winning their season.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jamie Jude Mayson and Josie Mulholland.

THANKS to a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Jude and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

MOTHERS DAY JOKES

- A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says.
"How do you know?" The boy asks.
The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"
- Matthew: What did the mother rope say to her child?
Jim: What?
Matthew: Don't be knotty.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day;
Monday: St. Matthias
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. John I

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the souls of A's Margaret and Bush's Bridget on Mother's Day.
Tuesday: In thanks to St. Expedite.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: For the suffering souls.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

MOTHER

*God took the fragrance of a flower, the majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew, the calm of a quiet sea.*

*The beauty of the twilight hour, the soul of a starry night,
The laughter of a rippling brook, the grace of a bird in flight.*

*Then God fashioned from these things, a creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through, he simply called it -
MOTHER.*

READERS

Sat. May 12th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Christie	Sat. May 12th, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Miranda
Sun. May 13th, 10:00 A.M.	Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph
Sat. May 19th, 4:00 P.M. Rita Riley & Grace	Sat. May 19th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Miranda
Sun. May 20th, 10:00 A.M.	Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	Reed
Tuesday	Melissa Gallon
Wednesday	Ann Rita
Thursday	Celia
Friday	Rachel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND

Saturday 8:30 P.M. Front Left Cup	May 12th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
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Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 13th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	May 20th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Bridget Ann

POSITIVE

If your *EYES* are *POSITIVE*,
You will *LOVE* the *WORLD*.
But if your *TONGUE* is *POSITIVE*,
The *WORLD* will *LOVE* you.

RELATIONSHIP

Relationship with a nice person
is like a sugar cane;
You break it; crush it; squeeze it;
even beat or grind it;
still you will only get sweetness.

PRAYER CORNER

A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOU

To all my amazing friends...I pray that happiness be at your door. May it knock early, stay late, and leave the gift of God's peace, love, joy, and good health with you. Wishing you a beautiful and blessed day in the Lord. Amen.