

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 8, 2016

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— Psalm 47:6

CONTINUALLY PRAISING GOD

In both the first reading and the Gospel we are told about Christ's glorious ascension into heaven. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ has been seated at God's right hand in heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today's readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message is urgent. We are to be his witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: "With great joy . . . they were continually in the temple praising God" How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" in order to know Christ clearly. We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered. © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 *Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,575.42	\$2,178.42
Number of Families contributing	96	64
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (17 Weeks)	\$59,720.00	\$65,044.00
Received to Date	\$50,986.32	\$46,201.32
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,733.68	\$18,842.68

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$126.00	\$3,383.00

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$2,371.00
Amount Outstanding	\$20,959.00

Fifteen people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$1,398.00	\$5,103.00

Twelve people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

POOR BOX \$

24 **CHILDREN** contributed \$97.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 195, 7:00 P.M Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 130.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A little boy came up to his mother and handed her a piece of paper that he had written on. It said:

For cutting the grass: \$5.00

For cleaning up my room this week: \$1.00

For going to the store for you: \$0.50

Baby-sitting my brother while you went shopping: \$5.25

Taking out the garbage: \$1.00

For cleaning up and raking the yard: \$2.00

Totaled owed \$14.75

His mother looked at him. Then she wrote on the other side of the paper. This is what she wrote:

For the nine months I nurtured you here while you were growing inside me: No Charge

For all the nights that I've sat up with you, doctored and nursed and prayed for you: No Charge

For all the trying times, and all the tears that you've caused through the years: No Charge

For the toys, food, clothes, and even wiping your runny nose: No Charge

When you add it up, the cost of my love is: No Charge

When the boy finished reading what his mother had written, there were big tears in his eyes, and he looked straight at his mother and said, "Mom, I sure do love you." And then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote: "PAID IN FULL"

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.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Rosie Girl Carroll in loving memory of her on the 6th Anniversary of her death and on Mother's Day;
2. the Apple's in loving memory of Betty Apple on Mother's Day;
3. Faro and Family in loving memory of Mary O'Malley Carroll on Mother's Day;
4. Patricia, Huey David, Mary Theresa, Tommy McGuire and John Gage in loving memory of Birdie Sherlock, Blonde Mary Sherlock and Red Betty McGuire on Mother's Day and in loving memory of Blonde Mary on her 79th Birthday;
5. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

MOTHER'S LOVE

**There is only one pretty child in the world,
and every mother has it.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for Catholic Charities. Please be generous.

MAY PROCESSION will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy and St. Jude; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Paul, St. George, St. Expedite, St. Anthony and St. Michael; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Child of Atocha and Holy Mother of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Benedict; and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Jim grabbed his plate and walked up to the party buffet for the fourth time. "Aren't you embarrassed to go back for so many helpings?" asked his wife.

"Not a bit," Jim replied. "I keep telling them it's for you."

HAVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE!!!!!!

The best advertisement line against Pizza, Pasta, Burgers, French Fries and all junk food: **"A few moments on the Lips, Forever on the Hips!"**

A Good medical Quote: Obesity is not because it runs in the family!!!
It is because, NO ONE runs in the family!!!

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In loving memory of Pat "Raid" Riley on the 14th Anniversary of his death and in honor of the Holy Face of Jesus.
- Tuesday:** In loving memory of Blonde Mary on her 79th Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** For the suffering souls in Purgatory.
- Friday:** In loving memory of Floyd Morrison and James Curry.

BEST AND WISEST MOM

Mom, I wish I had words to tell
How much you mean to me.
I am the person I am today,
Because you let me be.

Your unconditional love
Made me happy, strong, secure.
Your teaching and example
Made me confident, mature.

In all the world, there is no Mother
Better than my own.
You're the best and wisest person, Mom,
I have ever known.

Joanna Fuchs

READERS

Sat. May 7th, 4:00 P.M. Kathy Boo & Ann T. **Sat. May 7th, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. May 8th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

Sat. May 14th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Mary Theresa **Sat. May 14th, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. May 15th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** Taneil
- Tuesday** Allison
- Wednesday** Rose Marie
- Thursday** Rachel
- Friday** Annette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	May 7th
Front	Bridget Ann
Front Left	Mary Regina
Left Cup	Catherine Ann
Front Right	Rose Melissa
Right Cup	Ann T.
Sick	Rita Weaver

Saturday 7:00 P.M.	May 7th
Front	Sharon
Cup	Jay

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 8th	May 15th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Mary Cat
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Ann T.
- Thursday** Betty Jo
- Friday** Bridget Ann

THINKERS

**Positive thinkers have a solution for every problem.
Negative thinkers have a problem for every solution.
Stay positive.**

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, help me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give without counting the cost, to fight heedless of wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to sacrifice myself without trying thought of any reward, and save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.