

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	May 8
4:00 PM	Jolyon Rodrigues
Sunday	May 9, Mother's Day
9:00 AM	Mary Moscaritolo
11:30 AM	Pedra Santana
5:00PM	Parishioners
Monday	May 10
12:10 PM	Florence Faucher
	Open Hearts Memorial Guild
Tuesday	May 11
12:10 PM	Vincent Raso
Wednesday	May 12
12:10 PM	Elizabeth Casale
5:15 PM	Vigil Mass
Thursday	May 13, Ascension Thursday
12:10 PM	Holy Day Mass
Friday	May 14
12:10 PM	Rev. Gerard Barry
	60th Anniversary of Ordination
Saturday	May 15
4:00 PM	The Marron Family
Sunday	May 16
9:00 AM	
11:30 AM	Swithen Rodrigues
5:00PM	Parishioners

ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 13, is the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** and a Holy Day. We will have a 5:15 PM Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 12, and on the Holy Day, May 13, Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 PM.

Parish Support

May 1-2

Offertory

\$2,805



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Vincent Raso

MEETINGS

The Parish Finance Council will meet on Monday, May 10, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



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SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Next week's second collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC), which develops media programming, projects and resources that support Gospel values. Half of the collection supports local communication efforts, such as televised Mass and diocesan newspapers. The other half supports the development and production of a wide range of national media programming. Please visit www.USCCB.org/cc for more information.



Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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6th Sunday of Easter

The old spiritual, "Twelve Gates to the City," takes the image of today's second reading from the Book of Revelation and celebrates it in song. The symbolism of a new Jerusalem, in which everyone is welcome, was first proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah. The author of the Book of Revelation reiterates this at the end of his apocalyptic vision. The spiritual builds on this theme, emphasizing, "Oh, what a beautiful city, hallelujah."

As the author of Revelation makes clear in today's selection, there is no temple or sun or moon in this new Jerusalem. The Lord is the temple and the glory of God is the city's light. This is God's dwelling among his people.

The Gospel of John for today makes the presence of the Lord even clearer. Jesus tells his disciples, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (Jn 14:23). Through baptism God dwells in us—an amazing truth that may escape us in the midst of daily life.

We want to be with God. We try to live our lives in such a way that we will come at last to the heavenly city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. And that end-of-life focus is good. We need to be prepared for our final day. But God already dwells among us, as Jesus told his disciples as they were gathered in the upper room for the Last Supper. The Lord is here in our midst, now. We are no longer only hoping for a final dwelling with God in heaven. If God is already dwelling in our midst, then every baptized person that stands before us is Christ. If that is the case, then we are no longer just being nice to someone because that is the polite thing to do. Instead, we are giving honor and glory to God by the respect we show.

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