

This Week of May 13, 2018

Sat/Sun HSU Graduation Weekend
 Sun Mothers' Day
 Sun 9:30 am No Religious Ed (5/13)
 Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (5/13)

Next Week of May 20, 2018

Sun Biscotti/Bake Sale after morning Masses (5/20)
 Sun 9:30 am Religious Ed (5/20)
 Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (5/20)
 Wed 5:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (5/23)
 Fri, Sat, Sun Arcata Holy Ghost Celebration (5/25-27)



Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the account we heard in today's Gospel: *Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.* We celebrate knowing that where Jesus has gone, he is enabling us to go as well.

Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, famously said, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Although that step out of the spaceship was just one small step for him, it had amazing significance for the human race. Neil Armstrong walking on the moon meant that it was possible for others to walk on the moon. As astonishing as Neil Armstrong's action was, Jesus' ascension into heaven is what *truly* has significance for all of humanity and creation. Through the fall of Adam and Eve, all of mankind was separated from God. But through Jesus' life, passion, death and resurrection, he paid the price for sin and enabled us to be in union with God through him. Through the Ascension, Jesus has made it possible for sinners like us to enter heaven and abide in God's presence. Just as Neil Armstrong overcame limits, which allowed man to walk on the moon, so has Jesus overcome death allowing us to reach heaven.

But this is no easy journey. Just as Neil Armstrong went through training, so do we need to be trained, as it were; formed as disciples of Jesus Christ. In doing so we become more like him and become more and more able to enter the glories of heaven. There is no chance we could ever accomplish this on our own – but we are not alone. Jesus has gone before us to show us the way, and sent us the Holy Spirit to be our Helper and Paraclete.

It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to follow the command Jesus gives us before he ascends in today's Gospel: *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.* We are his disciples, and he has shown us the way. Let us follow him with joy and thanksgiving. ~Fr. Francis

Latin Mass: Sundays, 1:30pm (first Sunday of month, 3:00pm)

Mass Intentions - Please contact the office, 822-7696, if you would like to schedule a Mass intention.

Sat, May 12: **Sts Nereus and Achilleus**

Readings: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Jn 16:23b-28
 4:00 pm – Joe & Maria Pereira+

Sun, May 13: **Our Lady of Fatima**

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20
 8:30 am – Jeremiah DalPorto+
 11:00 am – Jose & Laurinda Mendes+
 1:30 pm – Maria Rafael+

Mon, May 14: **St Matthias**

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17
 No Mass

Tues, May 15: **St Isidore the Farmer**

Readings: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
 8:30 am – Mary Avila+

Wed, May 16: **St Margaret of Cortona**

Reading: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19
 8:30 am – Maria Rafael+

Thu, May 17: **St Paschal Baylon**

Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26
 8:30 am – Judy Lourenco+

Fri, May 18: **St John I**

Readings: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19
 8:30 am – Earl Cooney+

Sat, May 19: **St Theophilus of Corte**

Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25
 4:00 pm – Joao & Avelina Mateus+

Sun, May 20: **St Bernardine of Siena**

Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23
 8:30 am – Donald Ellis+
 11:00 am – Luis Furtado+
 1:30 pm – Maria Rafael+

Emergency # and Outreach Ministry: To receive the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion in an emergency, please call **707-672-5859**. To arrange for a phone call, pastoral visit, &/or to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office, 707-822-7696.

Sunday, May 20– 8:30 Mass

Readers: Leeann Myers
 Alicia Uemura
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Mike Campbell
 Cindy Humphry
 Altar Servers: Raven & Aiden

Sunday, May 20 - 11:00 Mass

Readers: Sy Talty
 Judith Cardoza
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Pat Heavilin
 Maria Homem
 Altar Servers: Nora & Kephias

Coffee Hour: May Coffee Hour is hosted by the ICF. The Pastoral Council will host in June.

Thank you to our parishioners who contributed to the offerings.
 St. Mary's Plate Collection \$4210.20
 St. Joseph's Plate Collection \$ 397.00
 Total \$4607.20

Annual Ministry Appeal

Thank you for your contributions and pledges to the Annual Ministry Appeal. All amounts collected in excess of St. Mary's target will be given back directly to our parish. If the target is not met, the balance is paid through parish funds. **Your generosity & commitment is much appreciated. If you have not already pledged to the AMA, please consider doing so. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.**

During the month of May, we will be participating in two fund raisers for the **Pregnancy Care Center.**

One is the **Baby Bottle Drive** in which you are encouraged to take home a baby bottle to collect monetary donations.

The other is the **Cradle Drive** in which you are encouraged to donate baby items. You have been most generous in the past and your contributions are much appreciated.

A Prayer for Graduates

Heavenly Father, surround those who are graduating with your grace.

Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.

Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.

Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.

As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen. (Internet)

Get ready for some yummy treats! The ICF will hold a bake sale on Sunday, May 20th, after the morning masses.

Monthly Adoration & Exposition will be held on the first Friday of the month at 9:00am.

Scrip Please think about using scrip for your grocery purchases & other needs. Check out the list at the table and choose your favorite store, be it a pharmacy, grocery, hardware, restaurant or department store. Your help is needed so that we may meet the budgeted amount (\$1000.00 per month) for the maintenance care of our parish. The parish is depending on this money. Thank you for your help.

Pray for the Sick: Please let the parish staff know the status of your loved one's illness so we may keep our prayer list current.

Ben Mills, Josetta Matteri, Shar & Bill Evans, Maria A. Pimentel, Susan Twomey, Kate Clasby & family, Shannon Heavilin, Mary Tanferani, Krista Melendy, Olivia Lozano, Katherine Parker, Katy Trusnovec, Jim Hart, Michael Shaker, Emma Filipini, Erica Mills, Paul Hahn, Patricia Clarke, Nina DeVilbiss, and Kathleen Fancher.

Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Jose Freitas, Gary Cahill, Malachi Ennis, Joyce Schirmann, Mary Avila, Bill Deraita, Jose C. Silveira, and Maria Rafael



The next **Baptism prep class** will be May 26th at 3:00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room. Reservations are required. Please call the office at 707-822-7696 & leave your name & telephone number or email address.

The basic requirements for Baptism:

- Family must be registered in a parish & be regular Mass attendees.
- One or both parents need to be a confirmed, practicing Catholic.
- Child must have a reasonable chance to be brought up in the Catholic Faith.
- Parents & Godparents must attend a 'Baptism Preparation' class.
- At least one Godparent must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us, for their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are part of your story, for their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us, for their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.

For women who have lost children or struggle with fertility, for their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you. Amen. (Internet)

Latin Mass on the first Sunday of the month will now be celebrated at 3:00pm.

The Arcata Holy Ghost Festival will be held at the Arcata Portuguese Hall May 25th, 26th, & 27th. The festivities will begin Friday night, May 25th, with an 'all you can eat' Fish Fry Dinner & Dancing for \$25 with music by the *Undercovers*. The livestock auction has been moved to Saturday afternoon. A linguisa & beans dinner will be served from 6:00-7:30pm Saturday followed by dancing with music by the *Blue Ribbon Review*. On Sunday, May 27th, we will parade from the Portuguese Hall to Saint Mary's Church for Mass. After Mass, the parade will return to the hall for the traditional lunch of Sopas & Alcatra (roast beef). Following lunch there will be live music, dancing, silent auctions, & much more. The committee would like to invite the entire community to join us & have a great time! Questions?...Call Joe at 707-798-0933.

Please pick up copies of the May North Coast Newspaper available in the Narthex.

Additional Adoration and Mass Opportunities
Christ the King Church Parish, McKinleville

Weekdays:

Monday Mass 9:00am
Tuesday Communion Service 9:00am
Friday Adoration 3:00pm followed by Mass 4:00pm

Weekends:

Saturday Confessions 4:30-4:45pm followed by Mass 5:00pm
Sunday Mass 9:00am

Saturday Mass 6:30pm **Trinidad** (1st Sat. of month, Sept. - May)

Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, Hoopa

Sunday Mass 11:30am

HSU Newman Center, 700 Union St. Arcata

Sunday Mass 5:30pm

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S! Whether you are a long time parishioner, a returning Catholic, or a new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience. If you haven't registered, please complete this form and return it to the rectory office or place it in the offertory basket. Name: _____ New Parishioner yes / no

Address: _____ Phone: _____