

Offertory 2017

| | Needed | Wkly Offering |
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| May 7 th | \$3,500.00 | \$3,070.16 |
| May 14 th | \$3,500.00 | \$3,167.76 |
| May 21 st | \$3,500.00 | \$2,585.90 |
| May 28 th | \$3,500.00 | |
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| Total | | |

“Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will then pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.” (Lk. 6:38)

Daily Readings May 22nd – May 28th

Mon – Acts 16:11-15; Joh.15:26-16:4a
 Tues – Acts 16:22-34; Joh.16:5-11
 Wed – Acts 17:15-22-18:1; Joh.16:12-15
 Thurs – Acts. 1:11; Eph.1:17-23; Mat.28:16-20
 Fri – Acts.18:9-18; Joh.16:20-23
 Sat – Acts. 18:23-28; Joh.16:23b-28
 Sun. – Acts.1:12-14; 1Pet.4:13-16; Joh.17:1-11a

Please Remember the Following:

Linda Arian; Lorin; Jack Thompson; Dan Browning, Patricia Carroll; Savanna King; Rita Witchman; David & Carol Leonard; Billie Lanier; Born Family; Dan Christ; Linda Christ; Sammi Pedersen; Bob & Lola Godat; Fred Vandehey; Gal Kessel; Debbie Enneberg, Carmen Orsi; Katie Jordon; Mindy Hopfer; Joanne Besio; Mike Mulvihill; Jennifer Christy; Chuck & Dee Wettstein; Paul Paquin; Carlos Coit; Jeff Born; Peggy Kasberger; Glen Johnston; Jessie and Gilbert Sharp; Hazel Engstrom; Ann Pedersen; Jan Sletager; Richard Moore; Hans Kaumanns; Jim Lanning; Cal and Bernice Dubisar; Dolores Myers; Heather Messick; Family of Ralph and Mary Lee; Jeanne Enos; Kim Rempel; Deborah Horrell; Hernan, Enrique Caceres; Veronica Natalia Chavez; Maria Sol Montel; Veronica Rodriguez; Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez; Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena; Gustavo Caceres, Susan Markie, Anne Pimentel Hehr; Nettie Irene Downing, Harley Mayfield, Julie Nolte, Clifford Schell, Sam Lane, Kyle Salgado, Fr. Fabian, Ron Edgerly, for the special intentions of our parishioners and others.

~ *This week's altar flowers are in loving memory of Amelia Peszyk* ~

St. Joseph Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord

May 28, 2017



Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday Mass 9:00 am English
12:00 Noon Spanish
Holy Days 8:00am and 6:00pm
Monday- Tuesday –Thursday 8:00am
Wednesday and Friday 12:15pm

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Sacraments

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday: 3:30- 4:30pm * Other times by appointment*
 Contact Fr. Joseph for preparation of the Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage
 and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Rosary Schedule

Sun. Rosary: half hour before Mass

Every Sunday after the Rosary the Prayer for Vocations (by Bishop Cary) will be said together.

Date: May 28th - Choir

Date: June 4th – Divine Mercy

Date: June 11th – Eucharist Ministers

Every committee is responsible for the rosary being said each Sat. & Sunday

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Living Bread come down from heaven, in Your Name we ask the Father to bless the Diocese for Baker with vocations to the priesthood. By the prompting of the Holy Spirit call forth from among us men who are able to sympathize with our weakness and deal gently with the wayward, men who will give us confidence to draw near to the font of Mercy and find grace in the time of need. Send us priests to bring comfort to the afflicted, pardon to the sinner, and peace to the dying; priests to hand You over to us in the Breaking of the Bread. High Priest, of the New and Eternal Covenant, we place our trust in You. To You be glory and praise forever. Amen

~Composed by Bishop Liam Cary~

2017 June Weekend Ministry Assignments

Saturday June 3rd 5pm:

Lectors – Mitch Viescas
Kirk Giovanini

Euch. Min. – Barb Dalton
Mary Norton

Altar Serv. – Roman Stenbeck
Blaine Viescas

Sunday June 4th 9am:

Lectors – Ron Wortman
Holly LeFevre

Euch. Min. - Nancy Redfern
Cathy Baxter
Ralph Lee

Altar Servers – Sam LeFevre
Avery LeFerve

Sunday June 4th 12pm:

Lectors – Melissa Lopez
Martha Villagomez

Euch. Min – Alfredo Villagomez
Artemio Tapia

Altar Serv. – Diocelina Sotelo
Julissa Hernandez

If you cannot be available please find a substitute.

Fr. Joseph's Corner...

Lunch with God

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally! People touch our lives in many different ways. I will explain this with a story.

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few

steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

We have experienced love, concern and care from our parents, grandparents, children, siblings and friends and near and dear ones. We take their love for granted. We forget to appreciate them till they leave this world. When they are alive let them know how important they are. How much we love them and appreciate them. Why should we wait till they depart from this world to tell them how much we love and appreciate them?
NOW IS THE TIME.

~Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



The Knights of Columbus Offer breakfast every first Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass. **Next breakfast - June 4th 2017.**

Social Time

Please join us for coffee after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass Sunday Coffee Hour Schedule:
 May 28th – **No Coffee Hour**
 June 4th - Carol Smith
 June 11th – Betty Viescas

Mass Intentions May 27th– June 2nd

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul.
 (L) =Living (D) = Death
 Sat. 8am –Steve & Bonne Wert (L) / Betty Viescas
 Sat. 5pm –For the People
 Sun. 9am – Steve & Bonne Wert (L) / Betty Viescas
 Sun 12pm – For the People
 Mon. 8am – Veterans and those who have died serving in the military / The Parish
 Tues. 8am – Steve & Bonne Wert (L) / Betty Viescas
 Wed. 12:15pm – Steve & Bonne Wert (L) / Betty Viescas
 Thurs. 8am – John Alkielski (D) / Anne Greenwood
 Fri. – 12:15pm - Emily Rosebaum (L) / Joan Whittley

The Cross

**Whatever your cross,
 whatever your pain,
 there will always be sunshine,
 after the rain**

**Perhaps you may stumble,
 perhaps even fall,
 But God's always ready,
 To answer your call ...**

**He knows every heartache,
 sees every tear,
 A word from His lips,
 can calm every fear ...**

**Your sorrows may linger,
 throughout the night,
 But suddenly vanish,
 in dawn's early light ...**

**The Savior is waiting,
 somewhere above,
 To give you His grace,
 and send you His love ..**

**Whatever your cross,
 whatever your pain,
 "God always sends rainbows
 after the rain ... "**

Parish News

Welcome Visitors

If you are coming for the first time or visiting us, you are welcome. We are happy to have you in our midst. Please fill out the registration form with the ushers. Those who have not registered in the parish should please do so. Ask the ushers for the registration form.

Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day,

Veterans and their families, are welcome to come to Mass 8am honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military and those Veterans still with us. Please come in your uniform if you can.

Tuesday, May 30 the Pastoral

Council will meet at 6 pm in the Parish Hall conference room. The agenda will include all ministry and committee activity reports, an update on Parish Finances and a discussion of maintenance projects planned for 2017-18.

If you have information for any of the members of the Council, please offer your ideas or questions to one of the following members: Tom MacDonald Breet Edgerly, Barb Dalton, Apolonia Villagomez, Ruby Ruiz, Gary Thompson, Stan Rodgers, Nancy Redfern, Cathy Baxter, Mike Carroll, Maureen Fagan Bristow, Jim Rodosevich, Charles Kurtz, and Anne Greenwood.

Fifth Annual Evangelization and Catechesis Symposium "Abiding in Faith"

FORMED Diocesan Evangelization Training Seminar: Friday, August 11, 8:00 AM -4:00 PM. This training is especially

suitable for clergy and parish catechetical and faith formation leaders to learn how to make the most of FORMED as a resource for evangelization outreach and faith formation in your parish. Flyers are in the vestibule or parish office if interested.

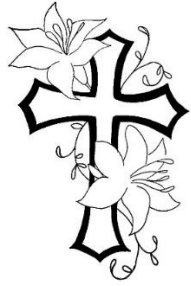
Ladies please come together for the first ever **Northwest Catholic Women's Conference** on June 23rd and 24th at the Diocesan Retreat Center at Powell Butte. This event is gathering women from all over the northwest region to celebrate our faith and sisterhood in Christ. Ticket price is \$50, and includes three meals. Tickets must be purchased by June 12th. Visit our website at www.nwcwomen.com to learn more and register. There are flyers in our vestibule if you are interested in coming to this event.

Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm (closed 12pm-1pm). If you can't make it to the Parish Office, we have envelopes in t

May 29th Fri. -Memorial Day – Office Closed



The Ascension of the Lord



1st R. Acts 1:1-11

Res. Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

2nd R. Eph. 1:17-23

Gospel Accl Mat. 28:19a, 20b

Gospel Mat. 28:16-20

Feast of Ascension

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising the Holy Spirit as the source of Heavenly power for his disciples and after commanding them to bear witness to him by their lives and preaching throughout the world. What is celebrated is Jesus' exaltation and the end of his earthly existence as a prelude to the gift of the Spirit. Matthew's Gospel begins with the promise of *Emmanuel – God is with us*; it concludes with the promise of the Risen Christ, "*I am with you always, even to*

the end of time." The ascended Jesus is still with us because of his promise, "*I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.*" He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit to preach his Good News of salvation by bearing witness to him. Hence, today's feast is the celebration of Jesus' glory after his suffering and death – the glory in which we also hope to share.

The Ascension and Pentecost, taken together, mark the beginning of the Church. The feast of the Ascension tells us that the Church must be a community in mission, guided by the Holy Spirit and confident of God's protection even amid suffering and death. Jesus' Ascension is both an ending and a beginning. The physical appearances of Jesus are at an end; his revelation of the "Good News" is complete; the promise of the Messiah is fulfilled. Now begins the work of the disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, describes the scene of Jesus' Ascension, his promise of the Holy Spirit, and his missionary command to bear witness to him throughout the world.

In the second reading, St. Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation. He amplifies this message by saying, "*May God enlighten the eyes of our heart so that we may know the great hope to which we have been called.*" Although risen and ascended, Jesus is still with us through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Bible, in the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, and in the praying community. He remains accessible to us now with every prayer and every breath, if we so choose.

Today's Gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus has completed his mission on earth. In the descriptions of Christ after his Resurrection, we are given a hint of what life will be like in Heaven. But it is in his Ascension that we see him entering fully into the life and glory of God. The prospect of sharing that glory should be the driving force of our lives.

We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation by his life and preaching and gave us the mission to teach these to others. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings by our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience him in personal prayer, reception of the Sacraments and works of charity, and, with the help of his Holy Spirit, convey to others Jesus whom we have experienced.

The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith and baseless fears, anxieties and worries by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches that we, too, are called to share Jesus' glory in Heaven.

