

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 2

The Ascension of the Lord

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Young Adult Meeting at 12:00n

Monday, June 3

Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, *Martyrs*

Tuesday, June 4

Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 5

Memorial of St. Boniface, *Bishop and Martyr*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, June 6

Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Friday, June 7 – **First Friday**

Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, June 8

Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, June 9

Pentecost Sunday

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Adult Faith Formation at 11:30am

Young Adult Ministry

This Sunday, June 2, 12:00-2:00pm, 5th floor of the Chancery: Lunch, and a presentation on Sacred Architecture from our very own Anthony Selvanathan, to help us learn more about what is so special and meaningful about our Cathedral Basilica. Anthony has recently returned from his theological studies on the mainland, so it will be great to get to know him a little and hear what he has to share with us.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation meets on Sunday, June 9th at 11:30am. Kevin Saito will give a talk on "God's Love Through Fathers." For more information, please contact Deacon Joe and Easter at Easter.Almuena@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,386.09
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,557.13
Coffers	\$ 374.00
Holy Day Collection	\$ 42.00
Total	\$ 10,362.22



Sharing Faith

- What is one time you were aware of being a witness for Christ?
- Jesus blessed the disciples before he left them. What is Jesus' blessing to you?
- Where are you called to be a witness?

Living the Liturgy

- Make a list of instructions for a disciple. Tailor your list for children of elementary age, young people of high school or college age, adults, or a family. Tell a group or a friend why you decided on the items on your list.
- Do something outdoors that invites you to look with new eyes at the world God has given you. Take a hike or a walk in a forest or desert. Visit a botanical garden. Tour your local farm. Go see a river, lake, or ocean and explore the shores around it. The list is endless. God has given us many good things. After the event, tell someone what you noticed and for what you are grateful.
- The Gospel reading ends with the disciples going to the temple to praise God. Where can you praise God? Is it in the church, a quiet place or a shrine? Between now and Pentecost, make time to find a good place for you to praise God.



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June 2, 2019 – The Ascension of the Lord

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 1:1-11 | Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 | Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 | Luke 24:46-53

How many times as a parent, have you given instructions to your children as you are going out the door, or made a list for them to follow while you are away at work or on a trip?

Today's Gospel reading is the end of Luke's account of the Gospel. What do we hear in these last verses? We hear that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. We hear repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations. We hear the disciples are witnesses and the promise of the Father will be sent to them, but they are to stay put until they are clothed with power from on high.

Jesus has left their midst; his physical presence is gone. However, he trusted his disciples to continue. He has instructed them to spread the Good News to all. In the beginning of the Gospel according to Luke, many are drawn by the Good News of the Messiah's birth as a sign of the presence of God. Now the disciples are called to be instruments of spreading the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth, to once again announce the presence of God.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Pentecost Sunday"

*Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17 |
Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus | John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26*

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Departures can be difficult. It is hard to let go of those we love and to see them leave us. But, often, the bitter sadness of their absence is offset but the sweetness of knowing that they are going on to greater things and will continue to be in contact with us. The Ascension of the Lord may have been such an experience for the disciples. At first, they seemed set in sadness and shock as they stood "there looking at the sky". But, they later "returned to Jerusalem with great joy". Even as we experience the seeming absence of God in our lives, the Ascension event invites us to a renewed hope.

First, "absence makes the heart grow fonder". Only when someone leaves us, do we realize how much they mean to us. We no longer take their love for granted and desire to renew our relationship with them. The disciples more deeply professed their love for Christ, even to the point of dying for him, after he left them. When Christ feels absent in our lives, we are challenged to realize that he is still very much there. We must deepen our love for him.

Secondly, when the disciples could no longer see Christ in the way that they had seen him, they were forced to see him in new ways and in new places. He was no longer limited to the places where he had walked and talked with them. But, they knew that he will still very much with them. They could now see him in each other and in all of creation. God wants to give us the same kind of vision. When we find it difficult to see Christ, God is challenging us to renew our sight.

Finally, it was only after the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit that the disciples discovered that God had empowered them to do the very things that Jesus had done. The teacher had left them, but the students now realized that they could put into action the lessons they had learned. They were beginning to grow up in Christ. God wants all of us to grow up in Christ; to take responsibility for using the talents and skills that Jesus, the teacher, has given us.

In Christ's love,

Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.

Rector