

May 24, 2020 Ascension Sunday

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OUR MISSION

Devoted to Jesus Christ as disciples, we help others become disciples, and work to renew our culture.

May 24, 2020 The Ascension of the Lord FORMED.ORG; sjvparish.formed.formed.org

Video Overview: The Apostles didn't get it that Jesus was going to die and eventually ascend to the Father, they were still confused. Even in the very last moments before Jesus was to leave them, they thought he was going to restore the kingdom of Israel and become a political ruler who would reestablish the throne of David. It wasn't until after the Ascension, when the Holy Spirit came and enlightened them. Sometimes we wonder why the Son had to ascend and what it means to be seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus returned to the right hand of the Father, not to leave us but to lead us all the way to heaven. The great paradox is because he has ascended, he is able to remain with us in a profound new way. If Jesus had remained on earth in his physical body, he would have been present and visible in only one place. Now he is present in his Mystical Body, the Church. He is truly present in the Scriptures, in Baptism, in Confession, and in every sacramental action of the Church. Also he is really present in his Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Featured Study: Magisterium. Symbolon – Knowing the Faith, session 2: Divine Revelation. 5 Stars!

Topics of Interest: Matthew's Gospel is not traditionally considered to be a description of the Ascension. In Acts, it is believed to have happened, not in Galilee, but on Mount Olivet, not far from Jerusalem where Jesus had asked the Apostles to stay until Pentecost. In Matthew's and Mark's accounts, the first witnesses at the tomb are told that Jesus would meet the disciples in Galilee, but they appear not to go, because of their unbelief. So Jesus appears in Jerusalem to them. But later they did go to Galilee. In John's Gospel we see a clear description of one of these later meetings with Jesus in Galilee, where Jesus's ministry had begun. Why does the Church give us a Gospel Reading that precedes the Ascension, instead of a report of the Ascension as we see at the end of Luke's Gospel? Perhaps the Church wants to emphasize the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in this episode from Galilee. In the same place that Jesus had started his own ministry, he brings his followers into that same ministry of discipling all nations. When Jesus ascends to the right hand of the Father, he assigns to us the work he had begun. First, we must receive the Holy Spirit, whom the Son will send from the Father, to make this work possible.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SERVICE AT HOME

"StandSitKneel" has a number of helpful resources, including a printable prayer service called "Prayers in the Pew - Spiritual Communion Service at Home".

This home service offers an opportunity for parents to be prayer leaders in their own families. Other family members are encouraged to participate through readings, common responses and devotions. It is not meant to be a substitute for participation in a traditional Sunday liturgy and Mass, but is provided as a temporary means of renewing our commitment to the Lord and His table each week until such time as regular Masses resume.

Many have found it to be a perfect devotional aid to televised and livestream masses.

If you sign up for a *free* subscription, they will send new installments of the *Spiritual Communion Service at Home* straight to your email for the coming Sunday. For those who are looking for spiritual aids during this time of exile, this service may be helpful. For this and other devotional resources from Prayers in the Pew, visit:

https://sitstandkneel.com/spiritual-communion/

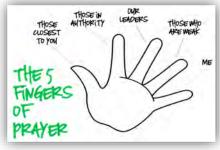
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St. John Vianney School www.sjvschool.org

If you ask me, "when" should be added to the naughty word list! It can go right there next to the other naughty four letter words that would get your mouth washed out with soap if you said them within earshot of your mother. 'When' is a word that has likely spilled over your lips a few times since the Stay at Home Orders have been put into place. When will this all be over? When will things go back to normal? When can the kids go back to school? As a school administrator, I do not have the answer to when.

What I do know is that when the world around us appears to be out of our control, peace is only a prayer away. One of the four student learning expectations that we focus on with students is prayer. It is every bit as important to their development as a Catholic school student as learning about the sciences, technology, English language arts, the arts, and math. Here is an easy way to start teaching your children to pray that Pope Francis shared with the faithful:





Spirituality

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23;

Mt 28:16-20 (58A)

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 & 7; Jn 21:20-25



COMING BACK TO THE TABLE

Diocesan Guide to the Public Celebration of the Mass

"Our desire for the Bread of Life awakens in all the faithful a longing to be more a part of the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection, the essence of our Lord's gift to us on the night before He died for us." ~ BISHOP JAIME SOTO

From the Bishop to the Faithful ...

- Letter to the Faithful English
- Letter to the Faithful Spanish
- Coming Back to the Table Power Point Presentation Eng.
- Coming Back to the Table Power Point Presentation Spa.

Note:

Read letter and download presentation from Parish/Diocesan websites.



SUNDAY OFFERTORY *May 17, 2020:* \$12,690.00

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

This weekend, the 2nd Collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the CCC helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally.

Half of all donations to the CCC collected in our diocese *stay* in our diocese to support our local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



STV PARISH BUILDING FUND

Roof Replacement (Total Cost = \$171,667.00)

plan pray give build \$46,710.00 (27.21%)

As at 05.17.2020

Parish Building Fund \$28,804.10

Mass Intentions: May 23 – 30, 2020

(All Masses will be offered up privately by Fr. Giovanni & Fr. Joseph)

Saturday 5:30pm Elena Gonzalez †

Soo Ah Loke †

Sunday 8:00am St. Jude In Thanksgiving

Alfonse Cervantes †

9:45am SJV Parish Community

11:30am Grace Leong In Thanksgiving

Augusto & Teresita Solano †

1:15pm Bruno Vargas †

6:30pm Healthcare Workers Sp. Intention

Monday 8:00am Cesar Luna †

Rosita Ogot Healing

Tuesday 8:00am Mrs. Rita Frassetto †

Eduardo Buno †

Wednesday 8:00am Al Cervantes †

Maria & Leon Manzanillo †

6:00pm All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 8:00am Flor Manela †

All Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8:00am Flor Manela †

Barbara Parkinson †

Saturday 5:30pm Joe & Dora Corella †

Flor Manela †





OFFICE HOURS: 8AM-4:30PM CLOSED AT 12:30-1:30PM

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PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.
PARISH STAFF ARE ON CALL
MONDAY—FRIDAY, 8AM—4:30PM



SPOTLIGHT: SJV PARISH MINISTRIES

PARISH VOCATION COMMITTEE

St. John Vianney Vocation Committee exists to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our purpose is to guide and encourage our parish community in prayer. We also assist in giving information about vocations, support and encourage promising candidates and re-direct them to our pastor or our Diocesan Office of Vocation.

If you are considering the religious life, or know anyone who is thinking about religious life, please contact *Gina Gonzalez*, voc-comm@sjvparish.com

FILIPINO-AMERICAN APOSTOLATE (FAA)

The FAA of St. John Vianney is a parish ethnic ministry that educates our young Filipinos about cultural awareness of our Catholic tradition, and Filipino heritage.

Our goal is to motivate our young ones to develop an active and dedicated community of Catholics, united in prayer and with Christ. As SJV community team members, we jointly walk the path with the Parish Vocation Committee through prayer, support and stewardship.

If you would like to join our ministry and get involved in our various events, please contact:

Linda Magadia faa@sjvparish.com

NEW PARISH APP COMING SOON!

In the coming weeks **St. John Vianney** will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates.

The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers, convenient prayers, Confession reminders, our bulletins and more.

We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. John Vianney and better engaging the New Evangelization.

BUILT ON THE ROCK

Spring issue is now available. You can pick up a hard copy inside the church entrance or send an email to Rich Alden for home delivery, richsjvrock@gmail.com. The issue is also available on the parish and ranchoknights websites. Over 30 parish families tell us what they are up to.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS Donate ON-LINE, MAIL-IN or DROP OFF

Thank you to all who are able to send in their weekly donations during this pandemic. You are making a difference!



- Check out Bill Pay at your favorite Bank or Credit Union or go to <u>www.sjvparish.com</u> and click on "Give" on top of the webpage.
- Mail-in to the Parish Office.
- Drop off at the new Mailbox of the Parish Office anytime.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: CHECK SCHEDULE ON PARISH WEBSITE UNDER "SERVE"

PARISH MINISTRIES

LEARN

Adult Bible Study: Jean Pergande 916-857-1695.

English Faith Formation: Classes every Monday 6:30pm-8:00pm. Veronica Zeller 916-369-8669, faithformation@sjyparish.com

RCIA: Tom Beigel rcia-english@sjvparish.com

SACRAMENTS

English Baptism and Preparation classes: Marilou Manela,

baptism-infants@sjvparish.com

SERVE

Caring Connections: Parish outreach to new parishioners. Linda Morales caringconnections@sjyparish.com.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Diane McDonald 916-316-5625.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sunday, 9:45am Mass, Children ages 5-10 yrs. are welcome. Contact: Lea Hernandez <u>clow@sjyparish.com</u>

Cordova Community Food Locker: Gregg Huestis 916-364-8973.

Divine Mercy Apostolate: Consuelo Cardwell divinemercy@sjvparish.com

Eucharistic/Homebound Ministry: Jean Pergande 916-857-1695.

Filipino-American Apostolate (FAA): Linda Magadia faa@siyparish.com

Gabriel Project: Outreach program to pregnant mothers and their families. Claudia Beigel 916-342-7758.

Indonesian Catholic Community: Laura Lumenta or Surya Ginting icc@sjyparish.com

Kairos Prison Ministry: Tom Beigel 916-212-4694.

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight Derrick Andrade. For more info go to www.ranchoknights.com.

Loaves and Fishes: Feeds the hungry & shelters the homeless. Joanne LeCompte 916-307-7907.

Martha and Mary Ministry: Church cleaning. Connie Lagerstrom Martha-mary@sjvparish.com

Mr. & Mrs. Club: Lloyd & Connie Lagerstrom 916-635-3865.

Music Ministry: English Rouselle Ekwall <u>music2@sjvparish.com</u>, Bill Githens <u>music@sjvparish.com</u>; Spanish <u>musica@sjvparish.com</u>

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St. Vincent de Paul: Tom Beigel 916-469-1975.

Vocation Committee: Gina Garcia-Gonzalez <u>voc-comm@sjvparish.com</u> For discernment and vocations questions go to: <u>sjvparish.com/vocation.</u>

Young Adults: Mark Sohl youngadults@sjvparish.com

Youth Ministry: Samantha Ruiz youthministry@sjvparish.com



PREGNANT? WORRIED? NEED HELP? You are not alone. We can help. The Gabriel Project Call: 1-800-910-0191





DAILY FAITH FORMATION & FAMILY FELLOWSHIP IDEAS

Office of Family and Faith Formation will be providing you with both faith formation and family fellowship ideas to incorporate into your day! We encourage you to pass this along to families. These ideas will be posted on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, making it easier for you to share it with your community and friends. You can receive these awesome ideas by:

- "Like" the Diocese of Sacramento Faith Formation Facebook Page
- "Follow" @SCDFormedFaith on the Diocese of Sacramento Faith Formation Twitter and Instagram
 These posts will be in English & Spanish. You can also access these and many other at home resources by visiting: www.scd.org/family-and-faith-formation



English Faith Formation REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ALL!

Please print registration form from our website: https://sivparish.com/learn and submit along with payment to the Parish Office (Attn: English Faith Formation – Veronica Zeller).

All NEW students must also submit copies of their Birth certificate together with Baptism/First Eucharist certificates for sacraments received.

<u>Note:</u> Due to possible Covid-19 restrictions, no more than <u>15 students</u> will be registered per class. All other students will be placed on waiting list. We will know more when we get closer to September.

Have a blessed Summer!

Veronica Zeller, Faith Formation Coordinator 916-369-8669 • faithformation@sjvparish.com



Announcements

NOTICE

Donations made by check to the Parish or the Diocese (Annual Catholic Appeal) are being recorded and deposited at a slower rate than usual.

Due to COVID-19, safety measures to protect our processing staff/volunteers have slowed the handling of gifts received by check. Please be assured that the checks should be deposited soon.

CHECK FOR PARISH/DIOCESAN UPDATES

SJV website: www.sjvparish.com

- ♦ From the Pastor
- From the Bishop

Facebook@sjvparishranchocordova

- ◆ Click on **Facebook** icon **f** on our parish website.
- When prompted to "Create New Account", click "Not Now".
- LED Signboard

OASIS: Virtual Easter Retreat May 21–28, 2020, 9:00pm

We invite Youth Ministry Leaders and Young Adults to a live, weekly, Easter devotional experience. Join in every Thursday night on FB LIVE www.facebook.com/scdoyya. Our presenters include Cecilia Flores, Rhyan Ramirez, David Bisono, Joe Melendrez, Steve Angrisano, Ansel Augustine and Steve Do.

Holy Mary, Mother of Mercy and of the Church, pray with us and for us. \sim Bishop Soto

UPDATES ON VIGILS, FUNERAL MASSES & BURIALS DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

In order to better serve our families during this pandemic, CFCS is now offering private family viewings for up to 10 family members at St. Mary Funeral Center.

CFCS allows up to 8 persons to attend the graveside committal in addition to the Priest/Deacon and the Funeral Director. We will continue to follow the Physical Distancing guidelines.

Currently, all vigils and funeral masses remain suspended. Please keep updated on our website for when these restrictions will be lifted.

If a death occurs, CFCS recommends that families follow the Christian Burial Rites and recommends that the services be held at a later date when the restrictions have been lifted. CFCS can care for the decedent from the time we take them in to our care until the committal.

If you have any questions, call 916-452-4831 or email: lnfo@cfcssacramento.org.

"Prayer and quiet service: These are our victorious weapons." ~ Pope Francis

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OYYA

Check out www.scd.org/oyya for a list of all weekly events that Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry has to offer.



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