

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 5

5:00 p.m. + **Theresa, John, and John Jr, Adamiak**

By The Wyker Family

Sunday, May 6

8:00 a.m. + **Theresa Rebinski**

By Henry Rebinski

10:30 a.m. **Carmela and Vincent Gallo on their**

61st Wedding Anniversary

By Family

12:30 p.m. **Blessings for our First Communion
Children**

Monday, May 7

8:45 a.m. **In Honor of the Madonna of Health**

By Angela Gross

Tuesday, May 8

8:45 a.m. + **Thomas and Beatrice Nappi**

By Angela Gross

Wednesday, May 9 Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

NO MORNING MASS

6:30 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

Thursday, 10 Ascension of the Lord

8:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m. + **Rose Malet**

By the Saska Family

Friday, May 11

8:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m. **Blessings for our Confirmandi**

Saturday, May 12

5:00 p.m. **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance**

Sunday, May 13

8:00 a.m. **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance**

10:30 a.m. **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance**

miss the being, the glimpse of *who* they were that the disciples received when they looked up into the sky. But this glimpsing takes a bit of explanation. A lot of people wear some sort of help for their vision—glasses, contact lenses, or even the long term correction of laser surgery. Try to recall your very first pair of glasses and what it was like to look around you. The entire world was new for you. The Ascension, for the disciples, was one of these moments of clarity and vision. They saw something that they had never seen before, and it wasn't just because it was their Lord riding on a cloud. They knew that Jesus had become a human being just like them, that he had skin that bled when it was cut, that he laughed, and ate, and drank, and loved. And they were all amazed when he had been raised from the dead, because no human had done that before. But in the Ascension he adds something new. He takes humanity with him to heaven. In Jesus' rising up to heaven on that cloud, he took not only his own, resurrected human body. He took what would be the disciples'; he what will be mine and yours. Human skin went up to heaven, not just as a soul but as a body too.

And for the first time in their lives, the disciples saw their own bodies—their own humanity—as they really are in God's eyes—worth eternity, beautiful, and groaning for resurrection. That is a spectacular moment of clarity. No wonder they were looking up at the sky. They had just seen Christ's **body** go to heaven; and they knew he would do the same for them on the last day.

It is only once the disciples had this perspective, and had the chance to keep looking up into the sky reveling in their new vision, that the two angels appear to them and tell them to get going. It was only their new vision in Christ that prepared them to receive the Holy Spirit and lead others to discover the glory of their persons in the eyes of God. They needed their own spiritual vision correction and Christ on a cloud had provided it.

This is the feast when we not only commit ourselves to going out and doing works in the name of our Ascended Lord, today is when we look up at the sky and realize that in watching our Lord rise up in human flesh, that our very vision of salvation is being changed. We can see more; we can see further; we can see visible signs of invisible grace. And with that

The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation May 10)

The disciples must have been so stunned when they looked up into the sky and watched Christ being carried away on a cloud. There they were, staring at this most

amazing sight and two angels in white appear to say "Why are you staring?" And we can be too quick to jump to the conclusion, because they had work to do, spreading the Good News to all of the nations. Yes, that's true. But if we are too quick to start in on the doing—even doing for the sake of Jesus—, then we can



vision, most importantly we can see ourselves as in God's eyes we are. We can see that Christ can take your earthly body and mine and not only raise them from the dead, but lift them up to him in glory. Why? Because his earthly body is already there. Jesus will send us out the church doors again this day to do His work in the world through the week, but before we go, let's not forget our time here at the divine eye doctor. Christ is ascending to glory before us; he's changing our vision, too.

This Friday, 22 of our young people of will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate them and pray that the Holy Spirit will lead them ever closer to the Lord!

Dominic Basile, Sabrina Beres, Shannon Byrnes, Thomas Codispoti, Juan Coello, Matthew Conroy, Nicole Conroy, Evan Cosme, Cameron Dunn, Ryan Galka, Michael Galka, Lauren Hardy, Ariana Hicks, Julianne Magistrado, Stephen Malia, Katherine McLaughlin, Cassidy Melendez-Ocasio, Olivia Mencia, Michael Mojares, Kevin Riedinger, Lana Tran, Max VanOrman

Our Sunday Offering

April 29: \$2,577; Last Year \$2,207.15



Church Fundraiser

By now you have received a book of raffle tickets for our annual 50/50 Raffle.

THE PRIZES: 40% first place
6% second place
4% goes third place

A book cost \$100 and individual ticket costs \$10. We are praying that this event will be very successful. Please consider buying tickets and/or selling them to friends and family. Proceeds will be used for parish operating expenses. Thank you and God bless you.—Fr. Damian



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds, Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars, Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael Dante, Joseph Boyle, Tony Santos, Tina Delrosso

***Saint Theodore Church First Communion
Twelve children from our Religious Formation Program prepared to celebrate their First Holy Communion on May 6th. Please pray for them on their blessed and beautiful day.***

Page Ansbach, Patrick Conroy, Adam Davis, Nora Dunlap-Carvino, Anthony Gullo, Cynthia Kovacs, Amber Locasto, Nicholas Mele, Vincent Merton, Caleigh Petty, Alexandria Schmitz, Garrett Schmitz



We have openings for Mass Intentions in May and June:

May 14,15,18, 21,22,23,25,28,29
June 11,12,25,26. There are openings for the rest of the year also but space here is too limited to post. If interested in booking an intention, please call or stop in the Parish office Monday thru Thursday 9a to 1p. 908-689-8318, ext. 1