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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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Dear Friends,

It is one of those weeks where the good news is that no news is good news! All is quiet here on the western front, or indeed any front for that matter. I imagine most people are now getting down to enjoying their summertime minus all the school schedules and other related mind-boggling activities, and some of you may be enjoying a well-earned vacation away from the madding crowd.

The kitchen renovations are moving along nicely, which is a surprise to many of you, considering the usual pace of previous work done here. I always tell myself that Rome wasn't built in a day, to which a witty old person told me that is because she wasn't the project manager, ha ha! Anyway, it is slated to be up and ready for use by the end of August, and then we will have our usual coffee and cookies back as the norm for Sundays before and after Mass.

Enjoy your summertime! Make the best of it as it too will fly by, and we will all be wondering where it went. God bless,

Fr. Niall

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
10:00 AM-4:00 PM



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In Between

In between: we all find ourselves there from time to time -sometimes uncomfortably. Like in between money coming in and money going out, earning income and paying bills. In between customer and manager, diner and chef: any honest server trying to serve both. In between theory and practice, ideal and reality: everyone from parents to pastors. Ask the kids—or parishioners! This Sunday, in between Ascension and Pentecost, reminds us we're in between Jesus' departure and glorious return -sometimes uncomfortably. Though Jesus promises in Revelation, "I am coming soon," Acts shows Stephen tragically called home first. But Pope Francis urges us not to become "sourpusses," as if living Gospel love is impossible in

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Treasures from Our Tradition

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor.

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In Between (continued)

between. Today's Gospel shows Jesus praying for those about to betray, deny, and desert him, but also praying "for those who will believe in me through their word." Us! "So that they" - we - "may all be one."

PARISH CALENDAR

For full calendar, visit stcatherine-houston.org

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- SAT 1** **5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass**
 † **Hugo Versalovic**
 Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
- Catholic Communications
 Collection (Second Collection)
- SUN 2** **8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
 Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
- Catholic Communications
 Collection (Second Collection)
- MON 3** OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- TUES 4** **12:15 Weekday Mass**
 OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- WED 5** **12:15 Weekday Mass**
 OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- THURS 6** **12:15 Weekday Mass**
 OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- FRI 7** **12:15 Weekday Mass**
 OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Pentecost Sunday

- SAT 8** **5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass**
 † **Edwin De Souza**
- SUN 9** **8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
First Communion -
James Weldon Bielamowicz
11:15 AM Sunday Mass

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