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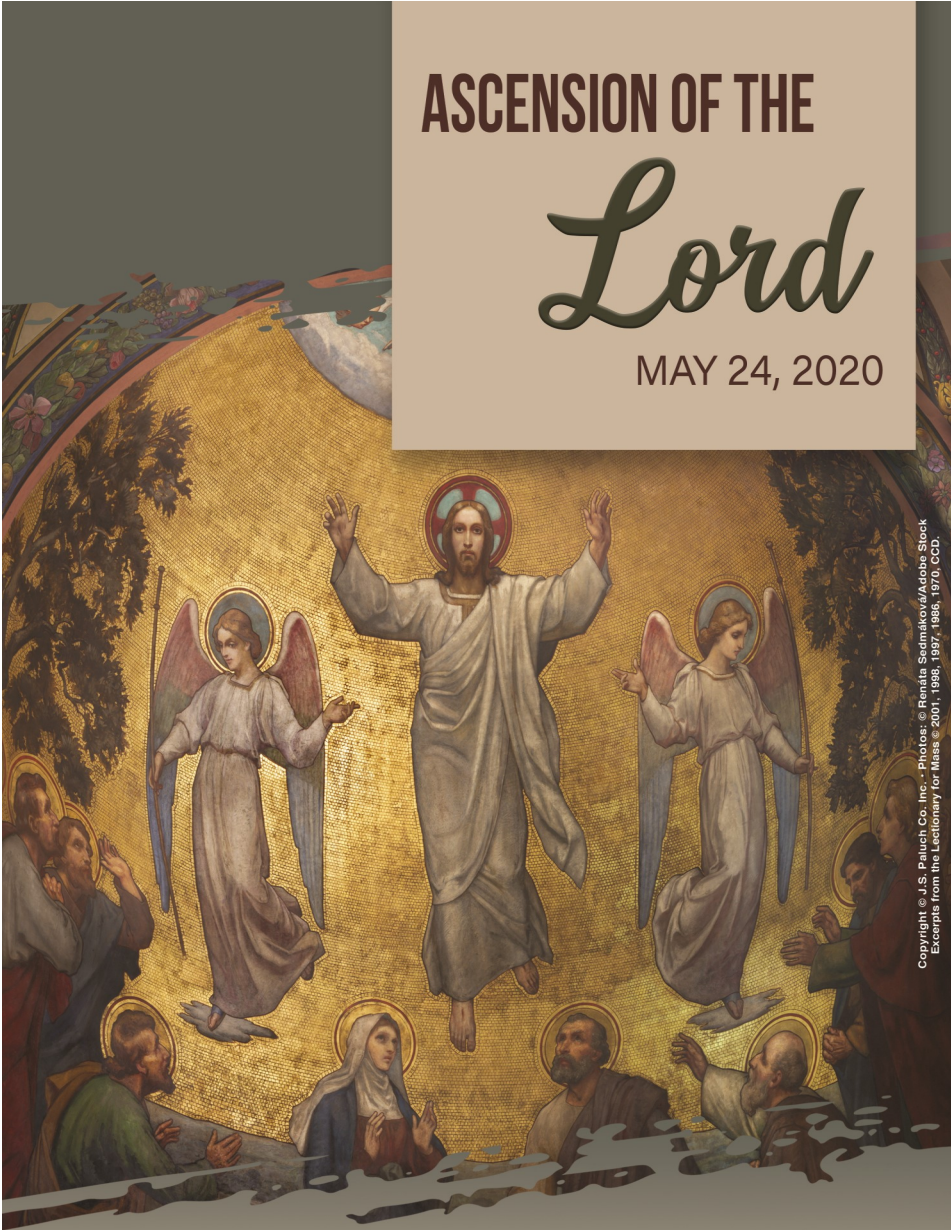


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ASCENSION OF THE *Lord* MAY 24, 2020



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baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

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Mass Schedule

Saturday
5 pm & 7 pm

Sunday
7am 9am
11am 5pm

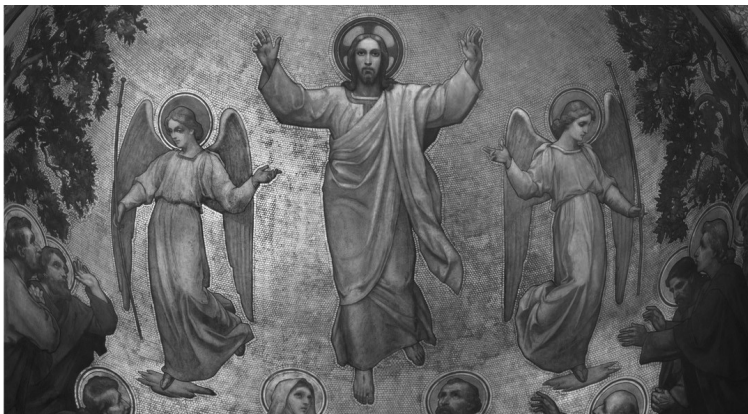
Facebook Online Mass
Sunday: 10:00AM
Tuesday-Friday: 6:00 PM
Communion Service
Sunday 4-4:30pm

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MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

Today we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven, his departure after the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and all the appearances to the disciples. Acts and Ephesians look back at the time just before Jesus leaves and then at its immediate aftermath, still trying to understand what has happened and what is expected of those who were left behind. The readings remind us that the disciples are still not certain what all this means to them. But one thing is certain: Jesus is gone and they are struggling with what to do next. Matthew tells us that even as they believed in Jesus, they doubted. Jesus responds to their doubt with a call to work. He tells them to “make disciples of all nations.”

UP, UP AND AWAY

The reading from Acts gives us a pretty complete description of the Ascension. Jesus was lifted up and taken from their sight but not before the disciples ask lots of questions about what will happen. The disciples are still thinking that the kingdom of Israel will be restored. Jesus answers them with a promise of power from the Holy Spirit and a commission that they be witnesses not just to Israel but to the ends of the earth. But the disciples are still thinking small. Jesus knows that the meaning of his death and resurrection is not small. Ephesians offers a glimpse of the great gifts of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. The disciples cannot even imagine what this means for them as they stand staring into the sky. Jesus tells them one more time that their work is to tell everyone about his life and work, to baptize them, and to teach them his commandments.

NEVER CAN SAY GOOD-BYE

The disciples still thought this was just about their life and their world. They are reminded by Jesus that what they have lived through with him, his life, death, and resurrection, is greater and more far-reaching than they can yet imagine. This is not just about the kingdom of Israel. This is about all nations. This is not just about witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. This work will take them to the ends of the earth. It is an enormous undertaking that we and the disciples have been given. It seemed impossible to the disciples then and it seems impossible to us now. But it is not. It is possible because we are not alone in this work. Jesus is with us not for a day or a week or even our lifetime. Jesus is with us always, until the end of the age.

TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 1:1–11
Psalm 47:2–3, 6–9
Ephesians 1:17–23
Matthew 28:16–20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

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

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

The world is only peopled to people heaven.

—St. Francis de Sales

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day

Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day

Tuesday: St. Philip Neri

Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: St. Paul VI

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 23

5:00 P.M. *Philip Javier*

By Joname & Kids

SUNDAY, May 24

9:00 A.M. *Barb Knauss*

By Rose Yeager

11:00 A.M. *The Parishioners of St John's*

TUESDAY, May 26

8:00 A.M. *Alfreda Simbajon*

By Dolores Sabourin

WEDNESDAY, May 27

8:00 AM † *Bob Dietrich*

By Ladies Guild

THURSDAY, May 28

8:00 AM † *Gregoria Javier*

By Suzie Reyes

FRIDAY, May 29

8:00 AM † *Dawn Reynolds*

By Joe March

SATURDAY, May 30

5:00 PM *Debbie Walko*

by Rose Yeager

SUNDAY, May 31

9:00 A.M. † *Bob Knauss*

By Barbara Knauss

11:00 A.M. *The Parishioners of St John's*



Please keep the Costa family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one Doreen Costa. Doreen was such a loving person who made everyone feel happy. she will be greatly missed here at St John's.

May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

John:25-26



Dear Padre,

I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?

Your answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1Corinthians 12:4-7).

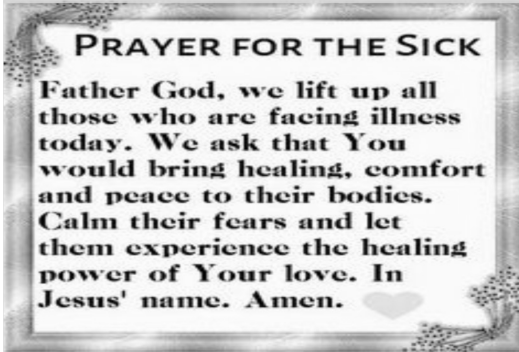
Financial Assistance available for Registered Parishioners of St John's. If you are in need of financial assistance please email Samantha Matthews to set up an appointment.
 SamMatthews.StJohn@outlook.com



If you are hiring or know of anyone that is, please let us know. We would like to help our St John Families in need of new jobs.
 Please email Sam, Kathy or Monica or you can call the church to give us information.

The St. Augustine Catholic Digital Magazine

The May/June issue of the St. Augustine Catholic magazine is hot off the (digital) press! Due to COVID-19 cutbacks, this issue of the magazine is only available in the digital format <http://faithdigital.org/staugustine/SA0520/>



Nicholas Black Elk, Servant of God

A documentary on Nicholas Black Elk's life and cause for sainthood will be airing this **Sunday, May 24, on WJXX in Jacksonville at 3:00 a.m.**

Walking the Red Road: Nicholas Black Elk's Journey to Sainthood, funded by the Catholic Communication Campaign of the USCCB, is a rare opportunity for Catholic programming in a mainstream media outlet. While not an ideal time, with advance notice people can set their DVR.

On May 21, the feast of the Ascension, a day which has great significance to us at Ascension as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our founding, we hope that all the Catholic parishes of the Diocese of St. Augustine will ring their steeple or tower bells at 12:00 p.m. It is our intent that this audible demonstration of solidarity and prayer will be a welcome reminder to all those who care for our brothers and sisters as we hold them in our hearts in a special way this day.



Jesus prays for us so that we may be with Him.

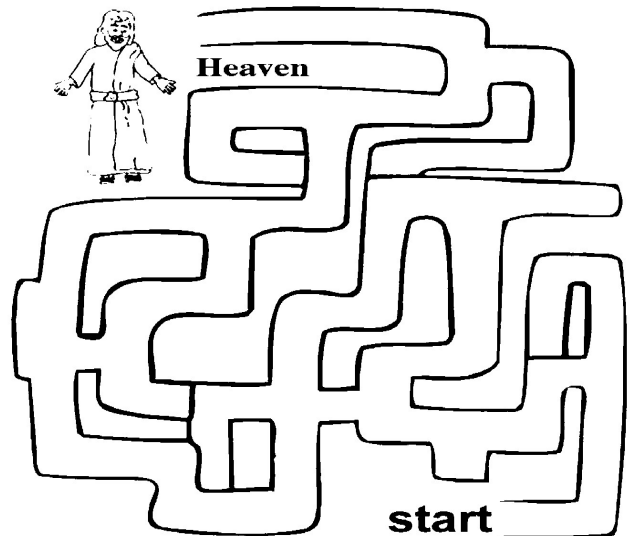
Jesus has done His Father's work here on earth. He has given God's message to the people.



Directions: Circle the words that will help you be with Jesus in heaven and put an X over the things that will not.

Directions: Help Jesus return to God in heaven.

- Fighting** **Washing the dishes**
- Love** **Set the table** **Feed pets**
- Helping with dinner** **Play outside**
- Cheating on a test** **Walk dog**
- Make fun of somebody** **Care**
- Cleaning your room** **Gossip**
- Make new friends** **Be mean**
- Ignore your parents** **Pray**
- Include all in games on playground**



ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School
Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

CHOIRS:

5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

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Youth Choir Practice

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

INFANTS and CHILDREN:

Parents, please help us to worship with attention and prayer by responsibly caring for your young one during Mass. A crying infant could be beseeching God for a walk outside. Please take your child to the gathering area if your child becomes disruptive during Mass and needs calming.

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

New members always welcome, You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Ellen at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to ewiley@outlook.com or fax to 246-1219. Prayer list changes and/or sympathy announcements have reserved space and are accepted up to transmission time.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Contact Dennis Stone (dennisjstone@comcast.net), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.