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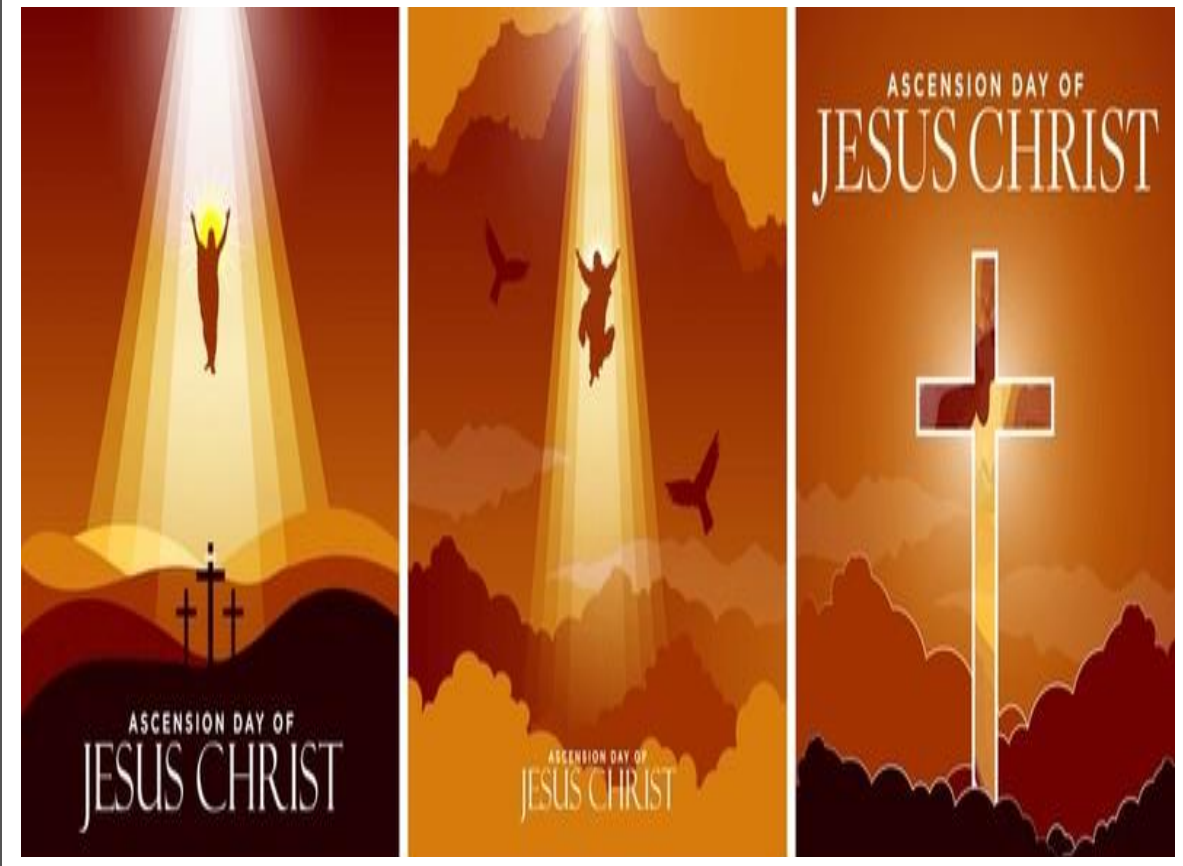


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We are called to praise and reverence God, to support one another on our journey of faith, to work for the salvation of our souls, and to labor for peace and justice. By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we do this by, communal liturgical worship, faith sharing, ongoing faith formation, stewardship, outreach ministries, and by selflessly giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

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Ascension of the Lord – A (5-17-26) Deacon Jerome Bettencourt

Today we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven. The ascension of our Lord has traditionally been celebrated on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter. In many Roman Catholic dioceses, including ours, the feast is celebrated on the seventh Sunday of Easter. Our readings today illustrate the beginning of a new era in the Church. As Jesus' earthly ministry ends and He is taken up to the Father, room is made for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. As we reflect on this transformation in the history of the early Church, it is important for us to remember the changes we have undergone in our walk with the Lord, and how, since the ascension of Christ, we live our lives in between two worlds.

The first passage is taken from the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke once again addresses Theophilus and explains the purpose of this new writing. The evangelist begins this story with an account of the ascension of Jesus. The apostles ask the resurrected Jesus if he is now going to restore the Kingdom of Israel and fulfill the hopes of many Jews who believed this to be the task of the Messiah. Jesus explains to them that the restoration will come in God's time. In the meantime, He promises that they will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. As He says this, Christ is taken up into heaven before their eyes. They stand there dumbfounded until mysterious strangers in white garments, probably angels, snap them out of their trance and send them on their way. There is much to consider in this introduction. The account shows us the end of Christ's physical ministry and points to a new beginning for the disciples in their evolving relationship with God. We too must make transitions in our relationship with God throughout our lives.

In Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, the apostle prays for the community to receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Paul explains that Jesus has transcended the world. He lives above all the temporal kingdoms of this world and affords to his followers a power and a glory that surpasses anything that can be found in this world. The apostle wants the eyes of our hearts to see this and appreciate it as the gift it is. Jesus has risen above this existence to dwell at the Father's side, and in a very real way, he makes a place for us to be with him. Jesus' ascension is more than his departure from this earth; it is the beginning of a new existence for humanity. We are no longer tied only to the material and temporal world -- there is a piece of us in Heaven. Jesus has put his foot through the door and has left room for us to follow him into Paradise. This marks a change for us since we perpetually live in between these two places. It changes our perspective and helps us see things in a different light.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, Christ gathers his disciples on the mountain, the same place where He delivered his famous Sermon on the Mount. He has brought them there to teach them something important. The apostles approach Jesus with love but also with doubt. Perhaps they were wondering what would happen next. Perhaps they expected Jesus to reveal himself in glory and bring about the kingdom; we are not told. Jesus explains that He has been given great power, and He now sends that power forth into the world with these disciples. Jesus promises that He will be with them to the ends of the earth. This is the end of Matthew's Gospel. It lacks an explicit ascension account, but all the elements are there. Jesus gathers his followers for one last time and Jesus sends them forth and commissions them to be His witnesses in the world.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

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

**Monday, May 18, 2026  
Saint John, Pope and Martyr**

Acts 19:1-8  
Psalm 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b  
John 16:29-33

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Acts 20:17-27  
Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21  
John 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
Saint Bernadine of Sienna, Priest**

Acts 20:28-38  
Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36b  
John 17:11b-19

**Thursday, May 21, 2026  
Saints Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Psalm 16:1-2a, 5a, 7-11  
John 17:20-26

**Friday, May 22, 2026  
Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**

Acts 25:13b-21  
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b  
John 21:15-19

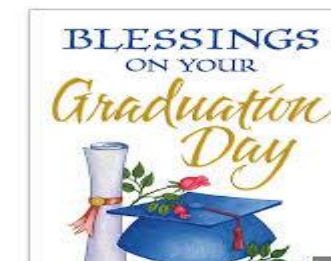
**Saturday, May 23, 2026**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Psalm 11:4-5, 7  
John 21:20-25

**Financials  
May 11, 2026**

Offertory	\$2,971.75
Candles	59.00
Latin Mass	270.00
Mother's Day	353.00
Catholic Communication Foundation	235.00
CMAA	250.00
Marriage	300.00
Baptism	50.00
Mass Intention	160.00
Donation	88.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,736.75</b>

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***Mass Schedule***

***MAY 2026***

***May 16/17: ASCENSION OF THE LORD***

***Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm***

***Saturday: 7:30 am – 10:00 am***

**May 18 to May 23**

***DIOCESE PRIESTS' HOLY RETREAT***

**May 23: Saturday: No 8:30am Latin Mass**

***May 23/24: PENTECOST SUNDAY***

***Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm (VIGIL)***

***Sunday: 7:30 am – 10:00 am***

**May 25 & 27: 11:00 am – May 28 – 29: 8:00 am -**

**May 30: 8:30 am (TLM)**

***May 30/31: SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY***

***Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm***

***Sunday: 7:30 am – 10:00 am***

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**Meet our new Bishop Elect Jesuit Father Michael Castori, S. J.**

The official appointment took place on Wednesday, May 6, at 12 p.m. Rome time (midnight Hawaii time). Father Castori was introduced to the media, the College of Consultors, the Presbyteral Council members and diocesan staff members at a press conference on May 6 in St. Stephen Diocesan Center's Lualaba Auditorium.

Father Castori comes to the Diocese of Honolulu from the Arrupe Jesuit Community at Seattle University, where he had served as rector. Prior to his time in Washington, he served in numerous roles in the Diocese of Oakland, Calif., and held pastoral and teaching roles across California.

Father Castori has extensive experience in the South Pacific, serving in pastoral ministry and education in Tonga, Guam, Fiji and the Marshall Islands. His middle name, "Tupou," was given to him by a Tongan family of which he became a member during his time in the region.

To formally become Bishop of Honolulu, Father Castori first will be ordained a bishop (an "episcopal ordination"), then installed in his new seat in the Diocese of Honolulu.

His episcopal ordination and installation will take place Tuesday, July 28, at 10 a.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 N. School Street, Honolulu.

Beginning May 6, Bishop Larry Silva will serve as the diocese's apostolic administrator; he is still "in charge" until Father Castori is officially installed as bishop, though he will discuss any major decisions that might affect the future of the diocese with Father Castori.

After July 28, Bishop Silva's title will become the Bishop Emeritus of Honolulu, while Father Castori will become Bishop Castori, the Bishop of Honolulu.

Generally, laypeople in the Diocese of Honolulu will see little change in their day-to-day faith life, other than learning more about Father Castori and showing their appreciation for Bishop Silva's leadership over the past 21 years.

### Pray for Healing

Charla Irvine \* Alfred Micallef  
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 Sarah Marie \* June Kropfelder  
 Brandon Correa \* Felicia Hanohano  
 Patrick Eastman \* Wenny Davis  
 Tim Weimer \* Jim Handy  
 Leslie DeRego \* Melinda La Caille  
 Debe Brandenburger \* Roseanne Leiner  
 Cynthia Maguire \* Emily Souza

### Pope Leos' Monthly Intention

May

That everyone might have food  
 Let us pray that everyone, from large  
 producers to small consumers, be  
 committed to avoid wasting food,  
 and to ensure that everyone has  
 access to quality food.

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel, Jesus prays "I have  
 given You glory on earth by finished  
 the work You gave Me to do."  
 Good stewards follow His example by  
 using their time and talents for the  
 glory of God.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS #4

General Instructions

Chapter I-I. The Prayer of Christ  
 Christ The Intercessor With The Father  
 3. When the Word, proceeding from the  
 Father as the splendor of his glory, came  
 to give us all a share in God's life,  
 "Christ Jesus, High Priest of the  
 new and eternal covenant, taking human  
 nature, introduced into this earthly exile  
 the hymn of praise that is sung  
 throughout all ages in the halls of  
 heaven."

[3] From then on in Christ's heart  
 the praise of God assumes a human  
 sound in words of adoration, expiation,  
 and intercession, presented to the Father  
 by the Head of the new humanity, the  
 Mediator between God and his people, in  
 the name of all and for the good of all.  
 4. In his goodness the Son of God, who is  
 one with his Father (see Jn 10:30)  
 and who on entering the world said:  
 "Here I am! I come, God, to do  
 your will" (Heb 10:9; see Jn 6:38),  
 has left us the lesson of his own prayer.  
 The Gospels many times show us Christ  
 at prayer: when his mission is revealed  
 by the Father; [4] before he calls the  
 apostles; [5] when he blesses God at the  
 multiplication of the loaves; [6] when he  
 is transfigured on the mountain; [7] when  
 he heals the deaf-mute; [8] when he  
 raises Lazarus; [9] before he asks for  
 Peter's confession of faith; [10]  
 when he teaches the disciples how to  
 pray; [11] when the disciples return from  
 their mission; [12] when he blesses the  
 little children; [13] when he prays for  
 Peter. [14]

### The Ascension of Our Lord

is the Christian belief in the bodily departure of Jesus Christ from Earth into Heaven, occurring 40 days after his Resurrection. It marks the culmination of his earthly mission and his exaltation to the "right hand of God," where he reigns as King and intercedes for humanity. [1, 2, 3, 4]



#### Significance and Observance

- **The Liturgical Feast:** Also known as **Ascension Day** or **Ascension Thursday**, it is a "Solemnity" and one of the Twelve Great Feasts in the church calendar. In 2026, the traditional date is **Thursday, May 14**.
- **Calendar Variations:** While traditionally celebrated on a Thursday to mark the exact 40th day, many Catholic dioceses and other denominations transfer the celebration to the following Sunday—in 2026, this is **Sunday, May 17**.
- **The Mission:** Before ascending from the **Mount of Olives**, Jesus gave his disciples the "Great Commission," instructing them to go out and make disciples of all nations.
- **Holy Day of Obligation:** For Catholics, when celebrated on Thursday, it is typically a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning faithful are expected to attend Mass. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]

#### Biblical Foundation

The event is most detailed in the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11) and the Gospel of Luke (24:50-53). It is described as Jesus being lifted up in a cloud while his disciples watched, followed by a promise from angels that he will return in the same way. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

#### Key Theological Themes

- **Glory and Reign:** It signifies that Christ's human nature has been lifted into the heart of heaven, showing that he is sovereign over all creation.
- **Preparation for the Spirit:** Jesus stated he had to leave so that the **Holy Spirit** could come to empower the Church. This leads into the 10-day period of prayer ending at Pentecost.
- **Ongoing Presence:** Though physically gone, believers maintain that through the Ascension, Christ is no longer restricted by time or space and remains present with them "always, until the end of the age". [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]

Would you like to find **local Mass times** for Ascension services or see specific **devotional prayers** for this feast?