

<p>The Ascension of the Lord May 24, 2020 He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. — <i>Acts 1:9</i></p>	<p>TODAY'S READINGS First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11). Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47). Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23). Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).</p>
<p>READINGS FOR THE WEEK Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; John 16:29-33 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11a Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; John 17:11b-19 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; John 17:20-26 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5, 7; John 21:20-25 Sunday: Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezra 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23</p>	<p>Mass Intention Saturday: May 23rd 9:00AM Carson B, Healing 4:00PM Pro Populo Sunday: May 24th 9:00 AM Daniel & Richard Coleman, Deceased 11:00 AM TJ & Mandy B, Healing Monday: May 25th 8:00 AM Catherine B, Healing Tuesday: May 26th 8:00 AM Communion Service Wednesday: May 27th 8:00 AM Harry Van Hecke, Deceased Thursday: May 28th 8:00AM Bill B, Healing Friday: May 29th 8:00AM OB & Bernadette Summers, Deceased Saturday: May 30th 9:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory 4:00PM Pro Populo Sunday: May 31st 9:00AM Ross Grandchildren 11:00AM Mass</p>

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<p>2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Living Our Faith Through Acts of Charity Our Parish goal this year is \$41,340.00. To date 41,340.00 have been received, 137 families have made a pledge to participate, which is 100% of our goal. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.</p>	<p>SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595) May 26 In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, "They're a very somber order who've left the Church. I recognize them." "By their long robes?" an American asked. "Many in Rome wear robes," replied the shopkeeper. "It's their long faces!" When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter's steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an "apostle of joy," drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His "Oratory," a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unfailing joy. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</p>
<p>"PUSHED" OUT ON MISSION There is a delightful character in the original <i>Dr. Dolittle Tales</i> called the "Pushmi-Pullyu." It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the "push me" and the other is the "pull you." Today's feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or "pushes" the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew's Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that "pulls" us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</p>	
<p>Parish Offertory \$5,835.00 Last Weekend Thank you for your generosity—Fr. Ricky</p>	
<p>SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Tuesday: St. Philip Neri Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury; Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension Friday: St. Paul VI</p>	