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# ASCENSION OF THE *Lord*

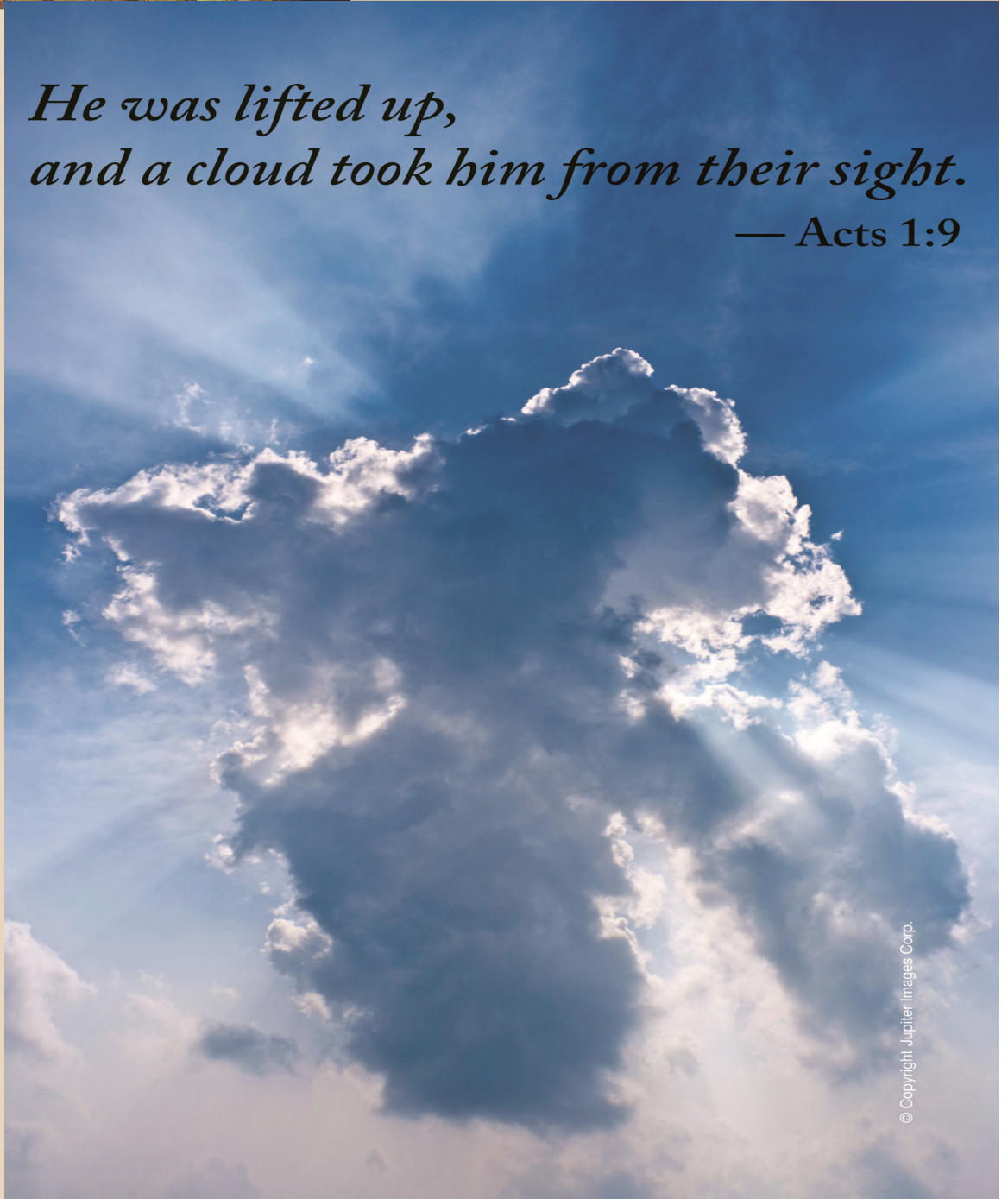
MAY 24, 2020

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

*He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him from their sight.*

— Acts 1:9



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## This Week

### **Monday, May 25**

No On-site Activities scheduled

### **Tuesday, May 26**

No On-site Activities scheduled

### **Wednesday, May 27**

No On-site Activities scheduled

### **Thursday, May 28**

No On-site Activities scheduled

### **Friday, May 29**

No One-site Activities scheduled

### **Saturday, May 30**

Men's Group online Zoom meeting

### **Sunday, May 31 - PENTECOST**

10:30AM Mass - *On Facebook* (live-stream)

No On-site Activities

### **Monday, June 1**

No On-site Activities scheduled

PARISH BUILDINGS AND PARKING LOTS ARE STILL CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. WATCH FOR EMAILED INFORMATION AND UPDATES, INCLUDING LIVE-STREAMING OF MASS INSTRUCTIONS!

Helpful website:

[www.dioceseofraleigh.org/news/online-spiritual-resources](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/news/online-spiritual-resources)

*Please contact the office if you have questions; schedule is subject to change.*

### **Interested in joining St. Therese?**

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 24, 2020

*"AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."*

— MT 28:16-20

### **This Week's Saints/Special Observances**

**Sunday:** 7th Sunday of Easter - Ascension of the Lord

**Monday:** St. Bede; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

**Tuesday:** St. Philip Neri

**Wednesday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury

**Thursday:** Shavuot begins

**Friday:** St. Paul VI

**Saturday:** Shavuot ends

## Stewardship

Offertory	Needed	Received
May 10	\$11,533.20	\$10,285.00
May 17	\$11,533.20	\$7,937.00
May 2020	\$57,666.00	\$30,607.00

***Please remember: church expenses continue, despite COVID-19 restrictions.....***

### **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).

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### **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

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## “PUSHED” OUT ON A MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original Dr. Dolittle Tales 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.

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### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES:**

***Catholic Charities supports corona-virus mitigation & response efforts in a variety of ways. Need more information?  
Contact: [Emilie.Hart@ccharitiesdor.org](mailto:Emilie.Hart@ccharitiesdor.org)***

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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Click on: ONLINE GIVING (upper right)  
Read the online data, then hit [click here](#).  
Follow the instructions to set up an account and password. Use the email address on file with your Parish enrollment..... You can set up a recurring scheme, or do a one-time gift each weekend.....!

### **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers this weekend are sponsored by:  
***Patrice Walsh***  
in Memory of Charles Welch

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in Memory of someone special or in Honor of a certain event, please contact the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Confessions are usually heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, or at other times by appointment. Communal Services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Usually 12:30 to 4pm on Thursdays. (Temporarily suspended. Watch bulletins and emails for re-start date.)

**Baptisms:** Important information can be found on our website at [www.catholicwb.org/sacraments](http://www.catholicwb.org/sacraments) as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

**Anointing:** Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

**Marriage:** Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their proposed wedding date.

**Confirmation:** Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office. Young people are usually confirmed in the 10th grade after two years of preparation.

**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish, united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community, outreach and service.**

## PARISH STAFF

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Reverend Trent Watts

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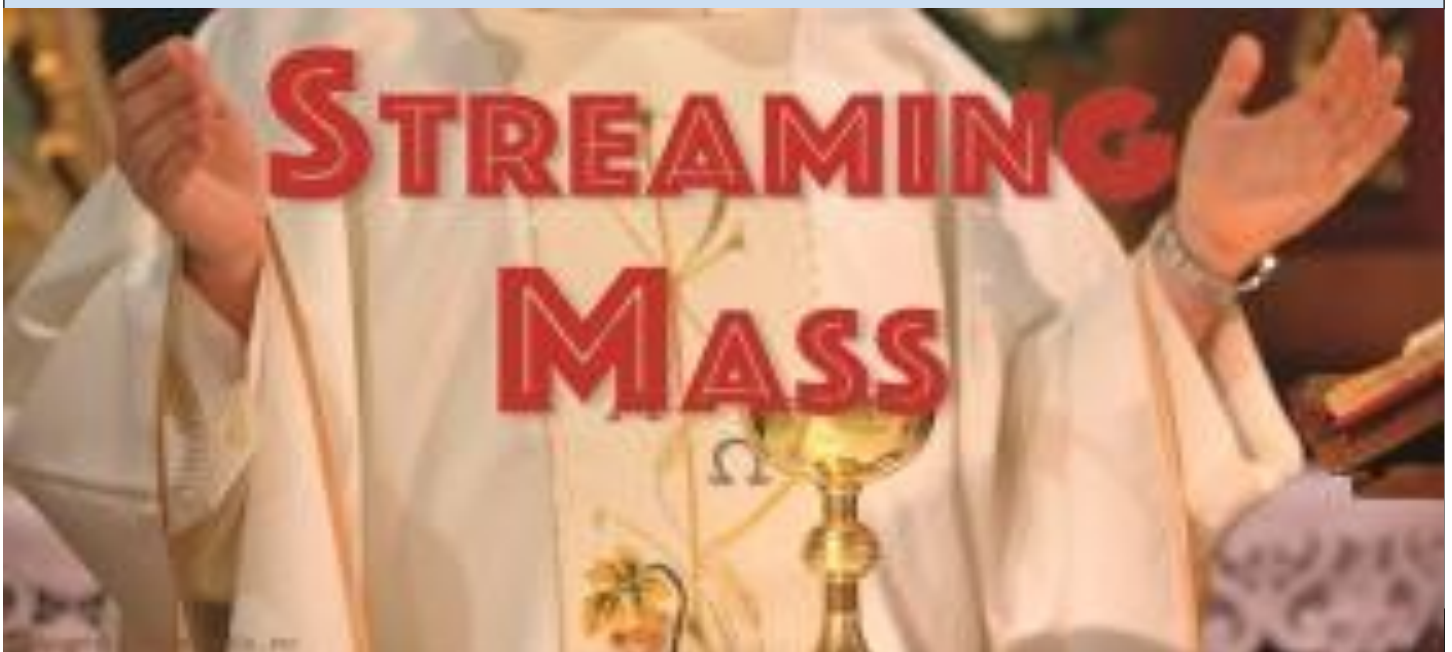
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Ask our parish volunteer,  
Mary Ares. Email her: [arescorp@att.net](mailto:arescorp@att.net)  
(Envelopes to contribute to B.A.A. can be  
mailed to you if you've mis-placed yours.)

**SUNDAYS , 10:30AM ON FACEBOOK...**



## SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595)

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 unflinching joy.

- Peter Scagnelli, J.S. Paluch Co.

### **Wilmington Catholic Radio**

Wilmington Catholic Radio can be heard on stations **91.7 FM**, **93.1 FM**, and **103.1 FM** in Wilmington and **100.7 FM** in Southport. Shows can also be heard online on their website at:

[www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com](http://www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com)

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Volunteer opportunities are available in the mobile or curbside food pantries.

Contact: [Emilie.Hart@ccharitiesdor.org](mailto:Emilie.Hart@ccharitiesdor.org)

### **HELPFUL LINK:**

#### **WAYS TO KEEP AN ACTIVE FAITH DURING COVID -19:**

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/coronavirus>

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen**

### **Men - start your weekend off right!**

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

*On-site meetings are temporarily postponed; for online meeting inquiries, email: [jim@gibson-consultants.com](mailto:jim@gibson-consultants.com)*

## **Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...**

Bill Allen, Sylvia Allen, Jeanne Ashey, Todd Baumgartner, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Ann Bowes, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Shari Clements, Jeanne Davis, Maureen Donnelly, Bob DuVernois, Ashley Eason, Caleb Emmons, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Andy Fisher, Gerry Geist, Angela Gittings, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Velma Herbulock, Debby Hester, Craig Hoffman, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Thomas Kreamer, Ray Kress, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Ray Liddy, Aubrey Lueck, Cecilia Mahoney, Dawn Mak, Sandra Malfa, Chip McGuire, Paul McLaughlin, Melissa Medina, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Myers, Rosie Norris, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Suzanne Palmer, Sharon Parmenter, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruium, Marissa Rhyne, Nancy Ronne, Rich Ronne, Garry Rust, Heather Cunningham Rynne, Bill Sackley, Charlie Sarracino, David Scullin, Denise Shannon, Diane Sheedy, Lou Sheedy, Melanie Smith, Eugene Spagnoli, Bob & Doris Sparrow, Baby Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Cynthia Sullivan, Kitsy Tennant, Joanne Tineille, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Ben Van Pilsun, Nancy Weicht, Lyne Welch, Keith West, Bill Wilson, Alyce Wolfe

(Please contact the Parish Office if names should be added or removed from this list.)

## **Knights of Columbus**

**Interested in finding out more, or joining this Catholic men's organization that focuses on charity and faith?**

**Email: [esullivan6@icloud.com](mailto:esullivan6@icloud.com) or call, Ed Sullivan - 910-599-1595**

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Altar flower sponsorship has resumed.

If you are interested in sponsoring in Memory of or In Honor of someone (or of an important event, such as an anniversary) please contact the Parish Office -

910.256.2471

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**It additionally funds salary, benefits, and living expenses for priests who are ill, infirm or otherwise able to serve.**

**(The late Fr. Joe Vetter, the late Msgr. Matthew Hendrick and Fr. Gene Grabowski have all benefitted from this fund.)**

**Need more information?**

**Visit:**

[dioceseofraleigh.org/parish-stewardship/special-collections](http://dioceseofraleigh.org/parish-stewardship/special-collections)

***Please be generous!***

## Food Pantry News

**"Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me...."**

**YOU** can help the poor and working-poor in our area who use the Food Pantry. You can make a monetary donation - write your check and mail directly to:

**St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425**

Volunteers from St. Therese are instrumental in helping the pantry in a variety of ways:

those donating food or money, ushers helping to make sure the food ends up in the Parish Hall, drivers taking the food to Burgaw each week on Tuesdays, and those distributing food Thursday afternoons.

**(On-site drop-off of food is available at St. Joseph's Thursdays, 10AM to noon, via a drive-thru system.)**

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's at times other than Thursday? Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887

**Want to help here once food collection resumes at St. Therese? Contact: Jane Yemma, jry1950@yahoo.com**

## Ascension Day:

**Was transferred in this ecclesiastical province to today:  
Sunday, May 24.....**

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