



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Anniston, Alabama

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

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Pastor

## May 24, 2020 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**THE ASCENSION by Rembrandt, 1636**  
Oil on canvas at the Alte Pinakothek  
art museum in Munich, Germany

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate Ascension Day. Traditionally, Ascension Day is celebrated on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter because that day marks forty days since the Resurrection of Our Lord. In our diocese, we celebrate Ascension Day on Sunday to help people not miss the Mass that celebrates this mystery.

The Forty Days between Easter and Ascension are deeply significant for our spiritual lives in Christ. (Acts 1:3) It is during these forty days that Jesus appears to His disciples and continues to lead and guide them in the formation of the Holy Church. In the Bible, the number forty is often used to indicate the time period required for a big project to come to completion. We know that forty days of rain began the great flood which erased sin and made a new way for goodness, and forty years were required of the Israelites as they wandered in the desert before they were prepared to enter the promised land. We also know that Our Lord began his ministry on earth by fasting for forty days in the wilderness, and so the number forty is a signal that an important project has been initiated. What is our project?

In our case, the project is the most wonderful project ever - to proclaim the Truth of the Kingdom that we find in the person of Jesus Christ, and to build up His Holy Church which will lead us to heaven. Jesus ascended to the Father and is seated at His right hand. He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. He will judge us based on how we have responded to the project he has begun. These forty days of Easter have given us a time to reflect on how we are going to respond to His call, how we are going to respond to His presence in our midst.

Each one of us has to decide what we are going to do in response to the graces and blessings we receive from the Lord Jesus. In Acts 1:11, the followers of Jesus are looking up into the sky at His Ascension, but the angel of God asks them: "Why are you gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus who has been taken up into heaven will come back in the same way that you have seen him go into heaven." And indeed He does this in every Eucharist we celebrate, the Lord Jesus comes down from heaven to be with us to strengthen us for our mission. Our Church doesn't have a mission, the MISSION has a Church, and we are it...ready to serve in his great project of salvation.



In His Most Sacred Heart, Risen from the Dead

Fr. John

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# WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering -----	\$7,604.00
Online Giving -----	\$2,432.50
St. John Vianney -----	\$1,331.00
Building Fund -----	\$71.00

## UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

for May 31, 2020

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11  
 Psalms 104: 1, 24, 2930, 31, 34  
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
 John 20: 19-23



## SOUP BOWL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of 10 volunteers to serve lunch at the Anniston Soup Bowl on Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 11. Please email or call Laura at the church office to sign up.

If you've been a volunteer in the past, but don't feel comfortable serving during this time of Covid19, please wait until you feel better about things. This is especially important for those at higher risk.

## Grass Cutting Schedule



May 17 - 30

John Deno  
 Val Herrera  
 Morris Jackson  
 Robert & Piper Moreau  
 Robbie Morrison  
 Chuck Sibley  
 Rodrigo Vera  
 Andrew Wackerle, Coordinator

## ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers this week are in memory of Deacon Bill Taffee, given by his daughters Kathy Chandler and Beth Brouillette.

## Daily Mass INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 23

5:00 pm -----+Gene Snyder

### Sunday, May 24

9:00 am ----- For the Parish  
 11:00 am -----+Noel Harvey  
 1:00 pm -----+Yvonne Belanger  
 4:00 pm -----+Leonard Belanger

### Tuesday, May 26

7:00 am -----+Leonard Belanger

### Wednesday, May 27

7:00 am -----+Gene Snyder

### Thursday, May 28

7:00 am ---- +Allen Chenard, Jr.

### Friday, May 29

7:00 am -----Freddie Guzman

### Saturday, May 30

5:00 pm ----- +Sharon Rauch

### Sunday, May 31

9 am-- +Daryl Alexander Murray  
 11 am -----+Larry Jose Oblena  
 1 pm-----+Thomas Canning  
 4 pm ----- For the Parish

## SCOUTING UPDATE

Sacred Heart's scouting program will resume weekly meetings beginning May 26th at 5:30 pm at the school, to be followed by another on June 1 and then June 8.

Pack 6 is for boys & girls ages 5-10; Troop 6 for boys ages 11-18 and Troop 6 for girls ages 11-18.

For more information, contact Ted Heathcock (334) 319-0433 or Ricardo Amaral [en Espanol] (256) 200-9694 — or come to the next meeting.



# WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

## ENTRANCE HYMN - Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!  
To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits: Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!  
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

**I CONFESS** to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. (Striking breast) Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison. Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison

## GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen

## First Reading

### ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy

Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

## Responsorial Psalm PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.  
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

## Second Reading

### Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you  
always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

## HYMN of PREPARATION - SPIRIT SONG

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

### SANCTUS

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus sabbaoth  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua — Hosanna in excelsis  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini  
Hosanna in excelsis

### WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection until you come again.

### AGNUS DEI

Agnus dei Qui tollis peccata mundi — Miserere nobis  
Agnus dei Qui tollis peccata mundi — Miserere nobis  
Agnus dei Qui tollis peccata mundi  
Dona nobis pacem

### THE GREAT AMEN

## COMMUNION HYMN - WORTHY IS THE LAMB

REFRAIN: Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory. Worthy are the ones who believe to receive the goodness of God.

Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb. Wisdom and strength belong now to you. You lay down your life and died upon the cross: we've become a people of hope. REFRAIN

Worthy are you, O Bread of Life. Salvation and joy belong now to us. By conquering death and rising to new life, we become a people of praise. REFRAIN

Worthy are you, O Risen Christ. Wonders and signs, revealing your might. Your power and glory shine upon our lives: we've become your light for the world. REFRAIN

## Thanksgiving Prayer to Our Sacramental Lord

Dear Jesus, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, be forever thanked and praised. Love, worthy of all celestial and terrestrial love, Who, out of infinite love for me, ungrateful sinner, assumed our human nature and shed Your Most Precious Blood in the cruel scourging, and expired on the shameful Cross for our well-being! Now, enlightened by lively faith, with the outpouring of my whole soul, and the fervor of my heart, I humbly beseech You, through the infinite merits of Your sufferings, give me the strength and courage to destroy every evil passion which sways my heart, to bless You in my greatest trials, and to glorify You by the faithful fulfillment of all my duties, and above all, to hate all, sin, and in that way, become the saint you want me to be. Through the same Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. AMEN.

## CLOSING HYMN — Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, The lamb upon his throne;  
All kingdoms of the earth resound. In praise of him alone.  
Awake my soul, and sing. Of him who died for thee, And  
hail him as thy risen King For all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who on the third day did arise And hope to sinners gave.  
His glory now we sing, Who dies and rose on high, Who  
came eternal life to bring, Who lives, no more to die.