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Pastor Reflects...

During this coronavirus pandemic, we may see the paschal mystery and ascension differently. When Jesus "ascends to the Father, the flesh of the crucified and risen Christ — the flesh we share — is seated at God's right hand forever."

Perhaps we would do well to pay special attention to that mystery of the ascended flesh of Christ in this moment of a global pandemic when we are daily (or even hourly) reminded of the fragility of our existence in the flesh. All we need to recall as Christians when we gaze upon the broken bodies of our COVID-ravaged brothers and sisters, and the resulting brokenness in society as a product of the pandemic, is the broken body of our brother Christ.

It is that broken and beaten flesh that not only rises transformed from the grave — still bearing the wounds, the signs of vulnerability — but ascends to be joined with the Father forever. It speaks the truth that our individual and collective brokenness (a condition of which we are ever so aware in these uncertain times) is not the end of the story, but, through Christ, a prelude to glory.

Jesus' work on earth is now complete, but the task of bearing witness to Him and making disciples is never done, not until He returns at the end of time. That is the task the Apostles began to do, starting with prayer in the upper room as they awaited the promised Holy Spirit. ... They began to do what the Lord Jesus asked them to do: bear witness and make disciples. That task is not just theirs; it belongs to all of us.

The ascension of Christ is not the last word, and thus physical absence does not have the last word, so physical and social distancing from each other ought not to be glorified. While there is some good to be found even in the pandemic, we must never glamorize this trial. While there is a real loss to be recognized, we must never succumb to resignation. We learn from Christ's ascension that this dichotomy is false, and we learn how to escape its clutches. Just as the lifting of Christ to heaven is simultaneously glorious and painful, so the pandemic invites responses of faith that embrace sorrow and strive for joy.

Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
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Requesting Sacraments
Call office for details

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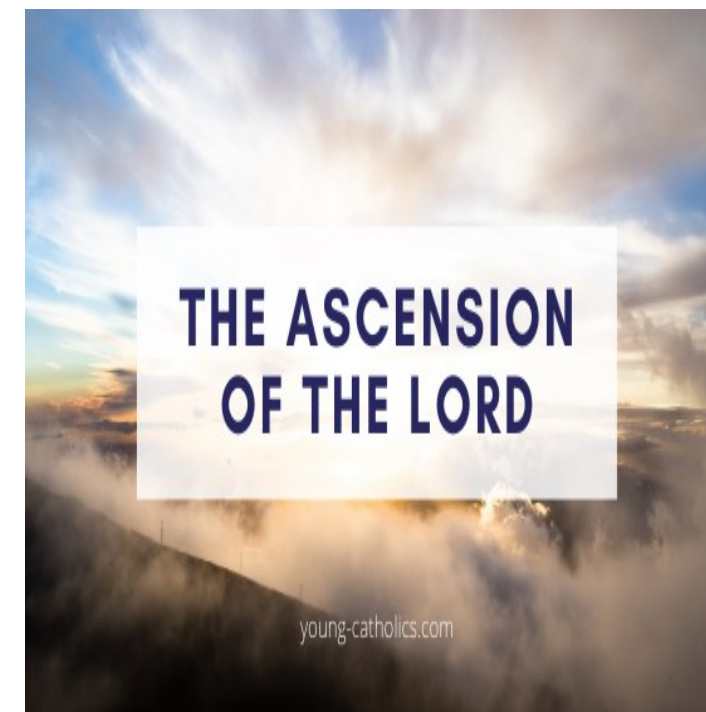
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	May 17	9:00 am +Darren Mayhew 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Zoom Meeting	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew Fr. Christopher
Tues	May 18	9:00 am Intention Available 12 Noon NEW! Communion Service. Readings of the Day, Our Father. Holy Communion.	
Wed	May 19	9:00 am +William Ross 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by the Chorley family Fr .Christopher
Thurs	May 20	9:00 am For the special intentions of Heather Belmont 6:30 pm NEW! Communion Service. Readings of the Day, Our Father. Holy Communion.	by Heather Belmont
Fri	May 21	9:00 am For the special intentions of Pierre Paradis on his 65th birthday 10:30 am - 12: Noon Home/Front Door Visitations - Call office to Register. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre (Virtual only)	by Mary Ann Paradis Fr Christopher
Sat	May 22	8:30 am - 10:00 am The Case for Jesus : Bible Study 8:30 am - 9:00 am Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus Virtual Rosary	Fr. Christopher
Pentecost Sunday			
Sat	May 22	5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 23	10:00 am +Paul Furtado & Antero Labao 11:30 am Communion Service (Registration Closed)	by Paula Melo

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website for viewing:

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"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY "

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos, lessons and the parish bulletin every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless! We appreciate your ministry immensely.

WORLDWIDE ROSARY

TO END THE PANDEMIC

This has been initiated by Pope Francis to the 30 Marian Shrines around the world to pray the Rosary to end the pandemic. LIVE each day at noon. Go to YouTube: Shalom-world.org

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS (May 16)

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as "Peter's Pence": donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Thank You!

A PRAYER FOR MARY'S MONTH

Mother Mary, during this the fairest month of all the year, may we always remember that you reveal to us the mother love of God and that the image of Madonna and child is also an image of God and us. Help us to see that God loves each of us with a mother's passion, even greater than the one you experienced when you held Jesus in your arms. And, should St. Peter lock us out of the front door of heaven, please be on guard at the back door so that we may be safe with you, as the Irish say, a half hour before the devil knows we're dead. Amen

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen

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PRE- REGISTRATION FOR MASS AND COMMUNION SERVICES

Please call or email the parish office before each Thursday at Noon to schedule for any Mass or Communion Service you wish to attend. We are only allowed to accommodate 10 people which includes the priest. We are booking now two weeks in advance. You need to be booking at least a week ahead for weekday Masses.