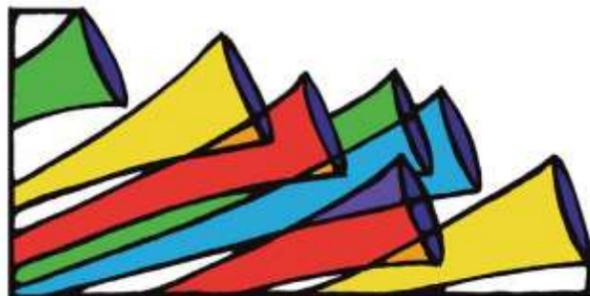


The Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 2019

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— Psalm 47:6



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FEET ON THE GROUND

“Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!” Not today’s scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem’s sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40’s* challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn’t quoting scripture, today’s Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for” heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

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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 — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday 8:00 am | June 3 † Ray Vassallo † Charles Vassallo |
| Tuesday 8:00 am | June 4 † Maria and † Giuseppe Moretto |
| Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm | June 5 Communal Service † Jovito I. Cruz |
| Thursday 8:00 am | June 6 † Pierina Benedetti |
| Friday 8:00 am | June 7 † Adolph Vannucchi |
| Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm | June 8 † John Buckley † Joe Maggiora |
| Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am | June 9 People of the Parish † Helen Guintu † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri |

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection May 26, 2019

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| Weekly Need: | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Sunday Collection | \$ 3,480.00 |
| Over/Under Catholic Communications | \$ 1,520.00 |
| Communications | \$ 1,021.00 |

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the “memo” section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

2020 Mass Intentions Now Available!

Please follow the guidelines below when sending in your Mass requests.

Due to the large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy as set by Father Charito Suan, Pastor:

Initially, each parishioner can request up to

12 Masses per year. Only 4 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability.

We are no longer accepting individual Mass Intentions for the following days : Ash Wednesday, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, All Souls, All Saints, Thanksgiving , Christmas Eve and Christmas. The intentions will be for the entire St. Elizabeth Community.

Due to the volume of requests, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.** Requests must be submitted in writing.

Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm are available for multiple intentions. If your requested date is not available an alternate date will be chosen for you.

Once you receive your confirmation letter with your schedule of Masses, please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Church. Please do not send payment with your request. Please allow time for processing. The monetary gift that has been suggested by our Archdiocese is \$10.00 per mass.

Thank you for your cooperation.

On June 8th and 9th Rod Linhares from the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be speaking at all the Masses about the Archdiocesan Appeal.

Lost and Found

Please do not use the lost and found receptacle in front of the church to discard your unwanted mail.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Religious Education students, their families and teachers, we would like to say “Thank You” for your generous donations to our Religious Education monthly second collection. We collected \$ 9,506.00 this school year.

Through your generosity, we were able to purchase school supplies, snacks, sacramental gifts, certificates and receptions.

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to the Easter Mission boxes for the Missionary Childhood Association. Through your generosity, St. Elizabeth’s Religious Education Program (CCD) helped raise \$869.00 for this worthy organization.

May God bless you and thank you for supporting the Missionary Childhood Association by giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.

The students are the future of St. Elizabeth Parish. Please continue with your generous donations and support to our Religious Education Program.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tessie Alano



Beating Back the Gates of Hell – How a Weak Church Strengthens Saints and Sinners Alike, with Aux Bishop Robert Christian, OP

Friday, July 26, 6:30 PM – Sunday, July 28 11am.

Are you discouraged and heartbroken about the scandals rocking our Church? Find out how a weak Church strengthens Saints and Sinner with a 3-day Retreat at the peaceful Vallombrosa Retreat Center. Bishop Robert Christian, rector of St. Patrick Seminary will confront the realities of sin in the Church and show how we can still live Jesus’s victory today.

Full Weekend rates, Commuter rates available on vallombrosa.org/calendar or call 650-325-5614. Register Soon as event will Sell-out.