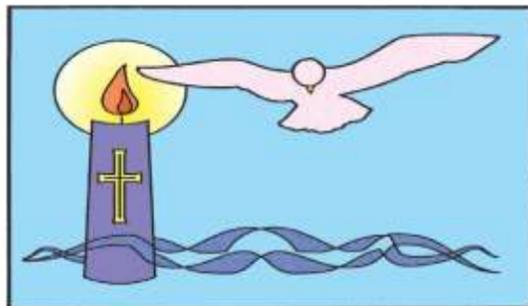


## The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

— Mark 16:16



### MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

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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 *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

**Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 14</b>
8:00 am	† Faye and † Vince Kushner
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 15</b>
8:00 am	† Francis Williams
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
8:00 am	Communal Service
7:00 pm	† Ines B. Martin † Saturnina Cadelina † Juliana Ramil † Monico Ramil † Maria Ramil
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 17</b>
8:00 am	† Ronald Vannucchi
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 18</b>
8:00 am	† Joseph I. Bosso
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 19</b>
8:00 am	† Mary O'Sullivan
4:30 pm	† Victor Alioto
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 20</b>
7:30 am	† Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
9:30 am	People of the Parish † Leo Lazo
11:30 am	Maltese Society † Tessy Spiteri Lencioni

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### Sunday Collection May 6, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,031.00
Over/Under	\$ 969.00
Religious Education	\$ 935.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your 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.)**



**TODAY IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY.** This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even their most basic needs. Every dollar you give goes directly to Catholic Charities to help families and individuals in need. **Give today and your donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to a \$25,000 Matching Fund created by a generous Catholic Charities donor and parishioner.**

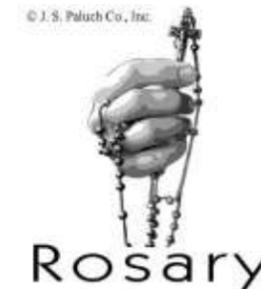
Please place your donation in the second collection basket today; you can also give through our website at [CatholicCharitiesSF.org/donate](http://CatholicCharitiesSF.org/donate). Another way to support Catholic Charities is to attend our annual Loaves & Fishes Gala on Thursday May 24 at The Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Tickets are on sale now. Thank you for your support!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Presentation of Newly Confirmed at St. Elizabeth

The 11:30am mass, Sunday, May 20th will be the Presentation of Newly Confirmed Mass of our 8th grade Religious (CCD) students. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please pray for our Comfirmandi as they received the gift of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, May 12th at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Devotion to the Two Hearts -1000 Hail Mary's and Divine Mercy will be recited after the 8:00 am Mass until 3:30 pm in the Rectory Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend. (Your attendance for any length of time will be welcome.)

*A friendly reminder:* If you have not sent in your payment for your 2018 masses please send your payment to the parish office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office. Thank You!

### Flores De Mayo

Please join us in celebrating the Flores De Mayo on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Celebration starts with the Holy Rosary at the Grotto site of St. Elizabeth Church at 11:00 am followed by Holy Mass in the Church at 11:30 am.

