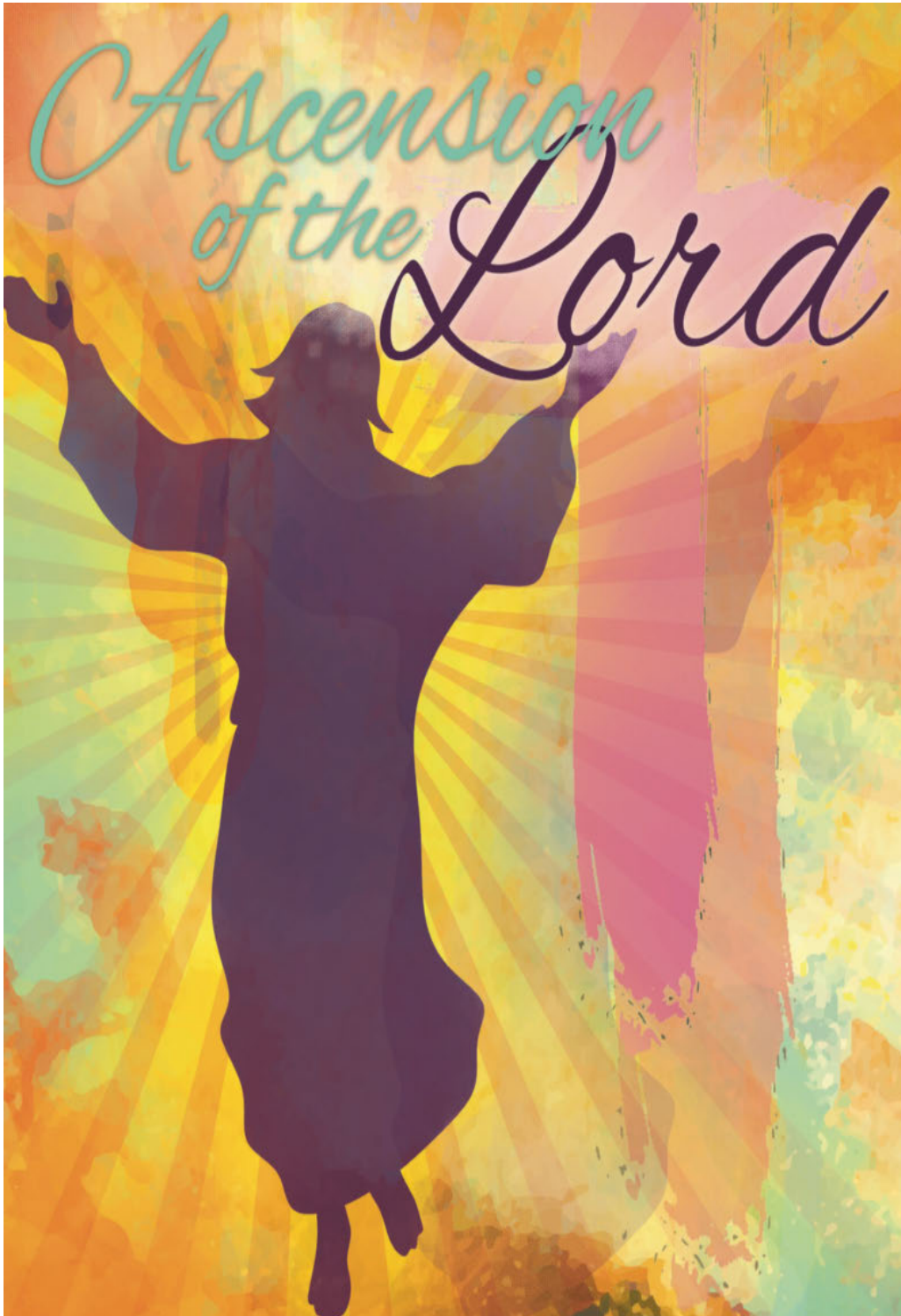


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MAY 12, 2024



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:  
8:30 am

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

This great Feast also marks the end of an era and the beginning of another, the governance of the Church by human beings under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because the Diocese of Cleveland (and most of the dioceses in the United States) has transferred the Feast of the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Readings will be from the Feast rather than for the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ marks the end of Jesus' human life on earth, but not His involvement in the lives of mankind which He guides through the Church and through His Holy Spirit. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father *"from where he shall come to judge the living and the dead."*

**In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11)**, the writer, St. Luke, describes the last forty days of the risen Christ on earth, teaching and preparing the apostles for His departure. In addition to the event of the Ascension itself, the promise of the Holy Spirit is something we should focus on because the Holy spirit will now be given to all the baptized. It is through the Holy Spirit that God's Plan of Salvation will continue until the end of time.

**The Responsorial Psalm, (47:2-9)**, is a song that the angels and saints in heaven might have sung upon welcoming the risen and glorified Christ back into heaven after fulfilling His mission on earth. We also will be welcomed in the same way if we complete our mission — our role in God's Plan of Salvation.

**In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (1:17-23)**, Paul lists the spiritual accomplishments and the honors and glory that Jesus so richly deserved by fulfilling His mission for the salvation of mankind and the Glory of the Father. We also can partake of these honors and glory if we remain in Christ and fulfill our mission on earth.

**The Gospel Reading is from Mark (16:15-20)**. This passage is the original ending of Mark's gospel wherein he describes Jesus' farewell instructions to His disciples of that time. It signals the transferring of Jesus' mission to the apostles and disciples and to all mankind as part of our baptismal commitment and our mission, for we are the disciples of today.

We should spend some time in meditating on the Ascension of Christ. It is not a time to be sad. I have had people ask me, *"Because He was God, why couldn't He stay with us forever?"* Two or three reasons come immediately to mind: (a) Jesus, God, wants to be accepted on faith, not on visual appearance, (b) as He tells the apostles in the Gospel of John (16:7ff) *"It is better for you that I go [back to the Father in heaven]. If I fail to go, the Holy Spirit will not come to you."* Lastly, while He was here on earth, His humanity was subject to all the limitations that the human body is subjected to, even death. Therefore, Jesus' Ascension was necessary. **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~ Rev. Edward J. Smith **2**

MAY 12, 2024

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

### BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

*Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.*

### MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

*Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance*

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (*Acts 1:9*)

**PSALM:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (*Pss 47*)

**SECOND READING:** But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. (*Eph 4:7*)

**GOSPEL:** So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (*Mk 16:19*)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY 12, 2024

**Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

**Next 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 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



### Sunday - May 12th - The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am - †For the Living & Deceased Mother's of the Parish

### Monday - May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 am - †For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday - May 14th - St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30 am - †Mary Ann Szabo

*Requested by: John Caruso*

### Saturday - May 18th - St. John I, Pope and Martyr

4:00 pm - †Domingo, Romana & Gilbert Amador

*Requested by: Raquel Stein*

### Sunday - May 19th - Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am - †Robert Salkowitz, Sr. & Robert Salkowitz, II

*Requested by: Jeannette Salkowitz*



“I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.” — Jn 17:15-17

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD*

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, May 18th at 4:00 pm

*Lectors:* Laura V.

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Jerry D., Carol B.

### Sunday, May 19th at 10:00 am

*Lectors:* Celia F.

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Lisa S., David L., Joann T.

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

# OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00  
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (4/21/2024) ..... \$4,268.26  
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/-) BUDGET..... -(\$11,539.43)

## MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

*If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.*



## BLESSING OF MOTHERS

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

*God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores
Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace	Dan George
Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez
Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson
Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter
Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer
Ellen Morgan	Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Bob Parker	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell
Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo	Amy Schmidt	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres
Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler
Richard Yurovich	Doris Zgola-Whitka				

*Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.*

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

**Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm**

# ADORATION CHAPEL

*“First begotten from the dead . . . Jesus, true and living Bread . . . Worship thee, the Lamb who died . . . Risen, ascended, glorified.”*

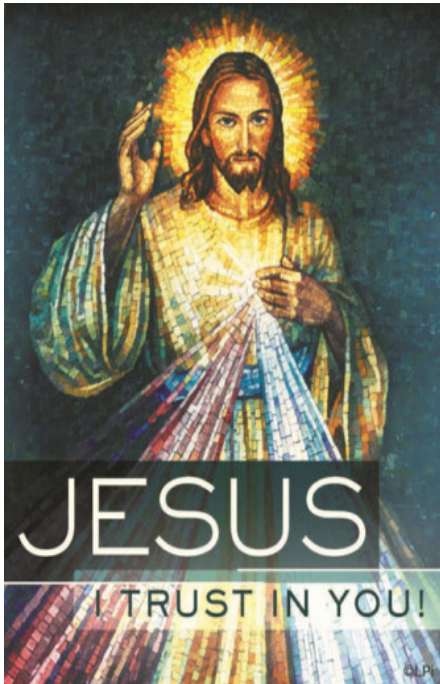
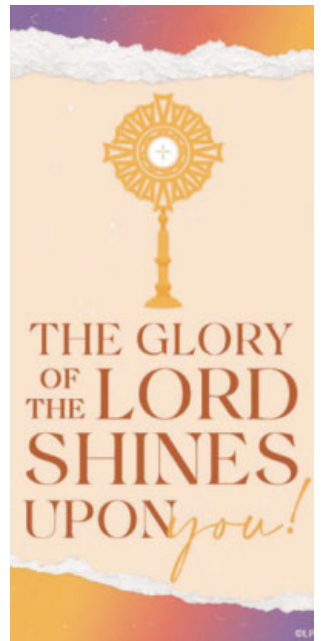
~Excerpts from a hymn in honor of our Lord’s Ascension, May 9

At Fatima, Our Lady taught the children to pray: *“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore you. My God, my God, I love you in the most Blessed Sacrament.”* Our Blessed Mother calls the whole world to receive and adore her Son in the Holy Eucharist (Feast Day - May 13). The Eucharist *“is the great school in which we learn to see the face of God. We enter into an intimate relationship with Him, and we learn at the same time to turn our gaze towards the final moment of history when He will satisfy us with the light of His face.”*

~Pope Benedict XVI, January 16, 2013, General Audience

*“Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him. His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of His creatures as to the greatest of them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations to tell Him of your miseries, your fears, and your worries of those who are dear to you, of your projects and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart.”*

~St. Damien Joseph of MoloKai, Apostle to the Lepers, Belgium, 1840-1889



## DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - A SHARE IN MY JOY AND GLORY

The Resurrection. Today, during the [Mass of the] Resurrection, I saw the Lord Jesus in the midst of a great light. He approached me and said, **Peace be to you, My children**, and He lifted up His hand and gave His blessing. The wounds in His hands, feet, and side were indelible and shining. When He looked at me with such kindness and love, my whole soul drowned itself in Him. And He said to me, **You have taken a great part in My Passion; therefore I now give you a great share in My joy and glory.** The whole time of the Resurrection [Mass] seemed like only a minute to me. A wondrous recollection filled my soul and lasted throughout the whole festal season. The kindness of Jesus is so great that I cannot express it (*Diary*, 205).

### My Prayer Response:

*Lord Jesus, I gaze upon You as the Risen Lord through the eyes of St. Faustina — and I contemplate the victory of Your Passion, Death, and Resurrection over sin, death, and Satan. May I live in that victory! Amen.*

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Many of the people who are opposed to abortion have been led to believe they should not “impose” their morality on others.

### Think about this:

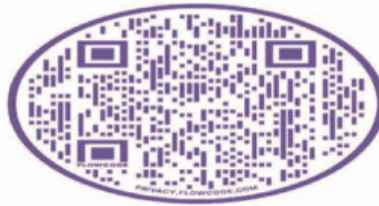
*“The most important person on earth is a mother . . . She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral -a dwelling place for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body.”*

~Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty

*Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!*



**CAMPAIGN  
BEGINS ON  
MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 12TH**



**CAMPAIGN  
ENDS ON  
FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 16TH**

## BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS CAMPAIGN - 5/12 TO 6/16

Cornerstone Pregnancy Services in Elyria is proud to kick off their annual Baby Bottle Blessings campaign! Their mission is "Caring for women by providing life-affirming services" and they have been doing so for 38 years. This annual FUNdraising initiative encourages people to donate spare change, cash or checks in baby bottles to help continue to build up Cornerstone Pregnancy Services in and around our Lorain County communities. They provide medical, spiritual and educational support to women and men during pregnancy and beyond. **The campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, and participants can donate by filling up any number of baby bottles or giving online.** By participating in the campaign, individuals can make a meaningful impact and support families in their local community. Cornerstone hopes you will join them and take a bottle or two home to fill. Please take a baby bottle located in the vestibules of the church and return filled by Sunday, June 16th. Questions? Call 440-284-1010 Ext. 370. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## SENIOR SOCIABLES MEETING - 5/16

St. Anthony Senior Sociables will meet on **Thursday, May 16th at 12:30 pm** at **Martino's International Café in Vermilion**. The restaurant's address is 4415 Liberty Avenue. Call Karen Less at 440-949-2934 with your reservation. Hope to see you there!



## MARIAN GUILD ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON - 5/19

On Sunday, May 19th the Marian Guild will have their annual May luncheon at 11:30 am at the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Boulevard.

*All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!*

We will have the crowning of the Blessed Mother, officers will be installed and new members will be honored.

In addition to a very tasty lunch, we will be entertained with several games of Bingo! All winners will receive a little prize. Very nice door prizes will also be given to a lucky few!

Please join us as we close out another prayerful and inspiring season.

For reservations, please call Terri George, 440-320-3272, or mail your reservation with \$15 to Terri George, 2220 E. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052 by May 13th.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 5/19

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free, monthly grief support groups both In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. **The May Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th with the closest location at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd.** The Topic will be "Father's Day & Grief" and "Mental Health Awareness". Your RSVP is appreciated but not required to attend. Please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more information or sign up for the virtual group at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

Visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for the most updated schedule of events with the CCA.

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS - 5/27

Join us on **Monday, May 27th** to honor those who gave their lives serving God and country. Mass will be celebrated at **10 am** at **St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum in Avon**.

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If you would like to submit an article for an upcoming Bulletin, please send requests to [obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com) by Monday at 10 am.

*Bulletins are sent to print every Tuesday!*

## PARISH RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. TERESA - 5/31 & 6/1

The St. Teresa of Avila Altar & Rosary Society will have a Parish Rummage Sale on  
**Friday, May 31st**  
from 9 am to 4 pm  
&  
**Saturday, June 1st**  
from 9 am to Noon.



*Selling clothing only at \$5 per bag.*

## DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

They can be dropped off on  
**May 20th-24th & May 27th-30th**  
from 9 am to Noon & 4 pm to 7pm in the church hall.

*Items that will be accepted are:  
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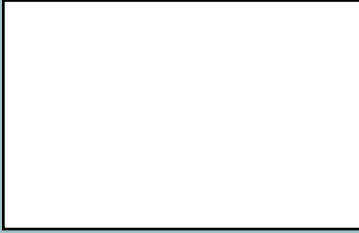
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