

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**5th Sunday after Easter
May 17, A.D. 2020**

Special Epidemic Schedule

Mass Schedule

Due to the epidemic, these Masses are live-streamed only
Sundays: 8am & 11am
Monday through Friday: 12 Noon
Saturday: 8am

Confession Schedule

Due to the epidemic, confessions are heard behind the rectory.
Sundays: 9:30-10:30am & 4-5pm
Monday-Saturday: 11-11:30am & 5-5:30pm

*Please consult weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule
(eg. Holy Days, Civil Holidays...).*
*For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or
Registration as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

Clergy & Staff

Canon William Avis, *Pastor*
Canon John O'Connor, *Parochial Vicar*
Gail Buchman, *Administrative Assistant*
Gerry Redic, *Business Manager*
John Rokosz, *Music Director*
Jeannine Goelz, *Office Coordinator*

Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
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Contact Information

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Mass Intentions

Due to current events, these Masses will be live-streamed at the given times. Go to <https://www.institute-christ-king.org/pittsburgh-home>

Sunday, May 17, 2020

5th Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM *Pro Populo*
11AM 50th Wedding Anniversary Kay & Thomas Byrne
(Kay & Thomas Byrne)

Monday, May 18, 2020

St. Venantius, 3rd Class—Red

Commemoration of the Rogation Day
12noon + Agnes Matesic (Family)

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

St. Peter Celestine, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of the Rogation Day & St. Pudentiana
12noon Billie Ruth Suray (Friend Family)

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Vigil of the Ascension, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of the Rogation Day & St. Bernardine
12noon + Elizabeth Schultz (Goelz Family)

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Ascension of the Lord, 1st Class—White

12noon *Pro Populo*
7PM + Alberta Boylan (Ken & Darlene Boylan)

Friday, May 22, 2020

Feria of the Ascension, 4th Class—White

12noon + Kurt Linn (Dave & Mandy Capan)

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

8AM + Raymond A. Jurewicz (N. Jurewicz)

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Sunday after the Ascension, 2nd Class—White

8AM + Roseanna Henchar (AMS)
11AM *Pro Populo*

Our Weekly Offerings

Thank you to all who have mailed their envelopes to the parish office, or who have found another way to make continued contributions for our parish expenses, either by placing envelopes through the Priory's mail slot, or utilizing Faith Direct. The parish continues to pay its bills, and, if you are able, you may make up contributions once everything returns to normal. Your generosity is most appreciated during this difficult time and may God bless you for your sacrifice.

Faith Direct

You can register for donations to be made directly from your bank account or charged to your personal credit card by visiting www.faithdirect.net or by calling 866-507-8757. The parish code for Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is PA678.

Bulletin Publication Deadline

All announcements for publication in the parish bulletin must be received in printed form by Monday at Noon.

Please Patronize the Advertisers in our Bulletin. Their support allows us to provide this service. Interested in Advertising in our Bulletin?

Call 1-800-945-6629.

Food Assistance

Our parishioners have been very generous with donations towards the Food Pantry since we became a parish last July, and we typically use donations to purchase gift cards for the food bank operated by Christ Our Savior at St. Cyril's Church. This was the practice in place while we were still attached to Holy Wisdom Parish. Since Christ Our Savior is not opened during the pandemic, our parish has decided to keep a limited number of gift cards in the administrative office for use to purchase groceries. If you need some financial assistance getting groceries at this point in time, or you are unable to leave your home due to the 'stay at home' directives for elderly/immune deficient people, please contact our office (412-761-1508) and we will attempt to provide help.

Live Streaming options

Assisting at Holy Mass and other liturgical functions through Live Streaming does not replace the physical presence in the Sacred Liturgy, it does permit us to unite ourselves with the Mass being celebrated somewhere in the world. Here below are some possibilities:
<https://www.institute-christ-king.org/pittsburgh-home>
<https://www.institute-christ-king.org/videostream>
<https://www.institute-christ-king.org/stlouis-home>

Donation Envelopes

Thank you for your continued contributions during this time while the church and office are closed. Even though there are no public Masses being offered, the parish continues to have monthly bills and through your generosity we have been able to meet all of the parish's obligations. Please keep in mind that it is extremely helpful if you utilize your envelopes when mailing checks to the parish, so the office can easily record your donations into the computer data base we must maintain for tax records. You do not need to send a separate check for each envelope (one check for several offerings is okay), but please indicate on each envelope the amount you intended for that particular offering, so the donation is utilized as you intended. This is especially important for second collections that involve particular needs (e.g., the seminary; the food bank). When you do not use your envelopes, diocesan regulations require that the office staff take several extra steps to ensure your donations are properly recorded—so please use your envelopes to make the process a little easier for us! Also, please bear in mind that Mass Stipends cannot be included in your checks for Offertory donations, since those funds are deposited and maintained in a separate account. The parish appreciates your support and we look forward to once again seeing all of you!

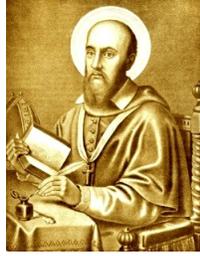
Summer Mass Schedule

When public Masses are finally resumed, we will have a special summer Sunday Mass schedule, which will be the following:

Sunday
Low Mass 8am
High Mass 10am

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

Our Lord dedicated His divine life to instructing us how to be saved and how to be acceptable to Him. Not only did He suffer for us even unto death on the cross, but He also sustained countless persecutions from those very people for who He suffered. He wants us to imitate Him in this: by carrying our cross, by suffering for one another, even by giving our life for those who want to take ours. He wants us to be always ready to put up with our neighbor, not only in pleasurable circumstances but even when the going is rough. Like Him, we must resist all that can weaken the ardor of our love for our neighbor. Persecution must not daunt us.



The Ascension of Our Lord

Excerpts from The Roman Catechism

First Part of this Article: "He Ascended into Heaven"

With regard, then, to the exposition of this sixth Article, which has reference principally to this divine mystery, we shall begin with its first part, and point out its force and meaning.

"Into Heaven"—This, then, the faithful must believe without hesitation, that Jesus Christ, having fully accomplished the work of Redemption, ascended as man, body and soul, into heaven; for as God He never forsook heaven, filling as He does all places with His Divinity.

"He Ascended"—He ascended by His own power, not being taken up by the power of another, as was Elias, who was carried to heaven in a fiery chariot [4 Kings 2:11]; or, as the Prophet Habacuc [Dan. 14:35], or Philip, the deacon [Acts 8:39], who were borne through the air by the divine power, and traversed great distances.

Neither did He ascend into heaven solely by the exercise of His supreme power as God, but also by virtue of the power which He possessed as man. Although human power alone was insufficient to accomplish this, yet the virtue with which the blessed soul of Christ was endowed was capable of moving the body as it pleased, and His body, now glorified, readily obeyed the behest of the soul that moved it. Hence, we believe that Christ ascended into heaven as God and man by His own power.

Second Part of this Article: "Sitteth at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty"

The words *He sitteth at the right hand of the Father* form the second part of this Article. In these words we observe a figure of speech; that is, a use of words in other than their literal sense, as frequently happens in Scripture, when, accommodating its language to human ideas, it attributes human affections and human members to God, who, spirit as He is, admits of nothing corporeal.

"At the Right Hand"—As among men he who sits at the right hand is considered to occupy the most honorable place, so, transferring the same idea to celestial things, to express the glory which Christ as man has obtained above

all others, we confess that He sits at the right hand of the Father.

"Sitteth"—To sit does not imply here position and posture of body, but expresses the firm and permanent possession of royal and supreme power and glory which He received from the Father, and of which the Apostle says: *Raising Him up from the dead, and setting Him on His right hand in the heavenly places, above all principality, and power, and virtue, and domination, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and He hath subjected all things under His feet.* [Eph. 1:20-22] These words manifestly imply that this glory belongs to our Lord in so special and exclusive a manner that it cannot apply to any other created being. Hence in another place the Apostle testifies: *To which of the angels said He at any time: Sit on my right hand.* [Heb. 1:13]

Reflections on the Ascension:

Its History

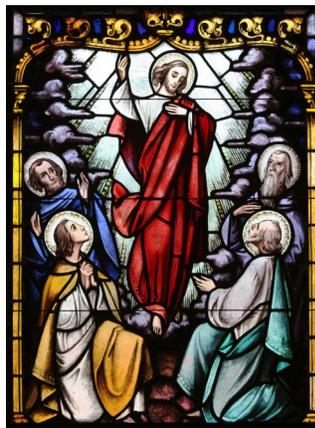
The sense of the Article can be explained more at length by detailing the history of the Ascension, of which the Evangelist St. Luke has left us an orderly description in the Acts of the Apostles. [Acts 1]

Greatness Of This Mystery

In this exposition one should observe, in the first place, that all other mysteries refer to the Ascension as to their end and find in it their perfection and completion; for as all the mysteries of religion commence with the Incarnation of our Lord, so His sojourn on earth terminates with His Ascension.

Moreover the other Articles of the Creed which regard Christ the Lord show His great humility and lowliness. Nothing can be conceived more humble, nothing more lowly, than that the Son of God assumed our weak human nature, and suffered and died for us. But nothing more magnificently, nothing more admirably, proclaims His sovereign glory and divine majesty than what is contained in the present and in the preceding Article, in which we declare that He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father.

Collect from the Feast of the Ascension



Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thine Only-Begotten Son our Savior to have this day ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

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