

**"IN MY NAME"**

by Fr. Jeremy Myers

Mark 16:15-20

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Our attention is directed towards Jesus' taking his place at the right hand of the Father. He walked upon the earth, telling all he met of a Father's love for his children. After his death and resurrection he returned to that same Father. But the ascension has another equally important message. The ascension reminds us who remain behind that the words of the Lord Jesus must be spoken now by us. His marvelous works to all peoples must be done now by his disciples. "In my name," he says to his followers, "they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." In these almost apocalyptic images, the Lord Jesus changed the face of the earth, so the disciples will change the world. Having said this, the Lord Jesus "was taken up into heaven." The gospel completes the story by adding, "They [the apostles] went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs." So the ascension of the Lord Jesus marks the handing on of his mission. The work of one person, the Lord Jesus, is now to be accomplished by the work of many others. No longer onlookers—as the Scripture makes clear by the words of the angels who say to the apostles after the Lord's ascension, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"—the disciples are entrusted with the ministry and mission of the ascended Lord. Those who wish to be known as disciples become the means by which the good news of the Father's love continues to be spread throughout the whole world. Some years back People magazine carried the story of a first-year student at St. Thomas University in Minneapolis who had received a mysterious letter. The letter contained a \$10 bill. "Do something fun," the note read. It was signed, "Barnabas." Apparently "Barnabas" (the name of the traveling companion of St. Paul) has been sending out these types of letters since 1997. Barnabas sends out small amounts of money to Minnesota college students during their first two years. He always includes a note of encouragement. When the students finish their sophomore year Barnabas offers to reveal who he is, provided the student keeps his identity secret so that he can carry on the tradition. The staff at People magazine successfully tracked down Barnabas and he agreed to talk to the magazine if they also would honor his condition of anonymity. It turns out that Barnabas is an ordinary 39-year-old father of two who remembers the monthly cards he received from a family friend back when he was in college. "These kids are venturing off for the first time," he said, "and I want to help them maintain a connection." The story reminds us that we are called to be the Lord's disciples here and now. There are many ways for us to offer kindness, encouragement and comfort. In whatever way we do it, we continue the mission of the Lord Jesus in this world.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

May 14 - 20, 2018

**Monday, May 14—Saint Matthias, Apostle**

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
Noon Mother's Day Novena  
(Bilingual) Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

**Tuesday, May 15—Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
Noon Mother's Day Novena  
(Bilingual) Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11

**Wednesday, May 16—Easter Weekday**

9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19

**Thursday, May 17—Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

**Friday, May 18—Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
(Bilingual) Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 19—Vigil of Pentecost**

4:30 p.m. †Albert Kloser by Alec & Mary Anderson  
Genesis 11:1-9; John 7:37-39

**Sunday, May 20—Pentecost**

8:00 a.m. †Jose & †Elena Marquez by Lupe Soltero  
10:30 a.m. †Jeff and †Brian Reichelt by Frank & Kathi Moore  
12:30 p.m. Parishioners by Pastor  
Acts 2:1-11; John 20:19-23

**The flowers in church this weekend were donated in honor of all mothers, living and deceased, by Ed Szafranski and in honor of the Blessed Mother.**



**STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY 6, 2018**

NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	\$14,500.00
RECEIVED	\$16,710.44
DIFFERENCE	\$ 2,210.44
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE	\$13,322.79

**Thank you for your generosity.**

*"Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and suffering, especially Petar Jajcevic (son of Darijan & Sonja Jajcevic) and Mark Kloser (brother of Mary Anderson). May they feel the power of Jesus' healing embrace.

Please remember in your prayers all the faithful departed, especially Richard McClintic, brother of Katie Engle, who died recently and was buried in Boulder City, Nevada. May he rest and rejoice in the fullness of life eternal.

We welcome into our community of faith the following children who were baptized recently at St. Anne's Church:

Yulianna Adaly Alvarenga, Mateo Cruz, Jose Anibal Garcia, Ruth Leon, Luis Carlos Menjivar, Mateo Alexander Orellana, Amanda Naomi Perez, Alonzo Jesus Ramirez, Edgar Noel Ramirez, Matias Ramirez, Josue Valdez and Natalie Guadalupe Velazquez. May the example of our faith inspire them to live good and holy lives.



Blessings to Luis Perez and Elena Sias who were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at St. Mary's Church. May they find strength in their union through the love of God.

**Mother's Day Prayer**

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Today is the last CCD class for this school year. Thank you to all who answered the call to teach our faith to our youth. The CCD staff appreciation dinner will be on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all college students who have completed the spring semester, especially those who are graduating. May you follow the Lord's guidance throughout all your days.

We want to wish a happy anniversary to all couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this week, especially Bobby & Nancy Dobbs, David & LeeAnn Lowe, John & Cindy McCullough and Phil & Alisa Peters. May their love for each other grow with each year.

St. Mary's Women's Guild will meet this Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. in the Parish Center. We will attend Mass at noon and then return to the Parish Center to enjoy a potluck luncheon. This will be our last meeting until September.

Senior Citizens Potluck Luncheon is this Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the Parish Center.

Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class is this Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Fr. Toni has decided to retire from active ministry and plans to return to his native country, the Philippines. His last day as Assistant Pastor will be May 31<sup>st</sup>. Fr. Toni came to us in January of 2000 and has been with us the last 18 years. As a sign of our appreciation for his many years of service to us, we will have farewell receptions for him on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, after all Masses at St. Anne's Place. These receptions will provide you with an opportunity to express your appreciation to him and to wish him well as he returns to the Philippines. A basket will be available for cards if you would like to give him one. It is difficult to see Fr. Toni go, but we want to let him know how grateful we are for his years of service at St. Mary's Parish. Thank you.

Fr. Jeremy

Youth groups will next meet at 5 p.m. on May 20<sup>th</sup> for a movie night! Please email [hscheibmeir@stmarych.org](mailto:hscheibmeir@stmarych.org) for more information.

**CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC**

Dr. J. J. Wright, D.M.A., Director  
Karen Schneider-Kirner, Assistant Director

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018 8:00 P.M.**

St. Anne's Church  
728 S Travis St, Sherman, TX 75090

Free-will offering: a portion of the proceeds will support the Archdiocese of Houston and Hurricane Harvey relief.



All graduating high school seniors are asked to please call the church office at 903-893-5148 to let us know if you will be attending the Senior Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

St. Mary's VBS will be the week of June 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We are looking for adult and youth volunteers. VBS will be for children in Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Email [hscheibmeir@stmarych.org](mailto:hscheibmeir@stmarych.org) to volunteer for our "Shipwrecked Catholic VBS!"

St. Mary's Catholic School is seeking qualified applicants for 6 - 8 grade Science and Social Studies teaching position for the 2018 - 19 school year. Please submit a resume and letter of intent to Principal Scheibmeir at [pscheibmeir@stmarys-sch.org](mailto:pscheibmeir@stmarys-sch.org). Additional information can be found at <https://stmarys-sch.org/employment-opportunities/>.



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