

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 16, 2010
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid trumpet blasts
—Psalm 47:6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: igil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 May 16-23, 2010



Monday
 8:00 am Mothers' Day Novena

Tuesday
 8:00 am Tommy Najvar† - Frank & Elaine Styra

Wednesday
 6:30 pm In Thanksgiving - Evelyn Martini

Thursday
 8:00 am Paul Cantu† - Donor

Friday
 8:00 am Guadalupe Barraza† - Barbara & Richard Gottardy

Saturday
 6:00 pm Javier Tanguma† - Raymond & Ginny Tanguma

Sunday
 8:00 am Harold Hoelscher† - Evelyn Martini
 9:30 am Catalina & Juan Martinez† - Bebe Lopez, Fam
 10:00 am In Thanksgiving - Dominican Sisters
 12:00 pm Joe Robichaux† - Marie Robichaux & fam
 6:00 pm Maurice Byerly† - Dan Byerly

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

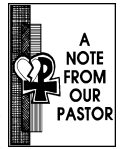
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 Loose Collection \$608.08
 Children's Collection \$69.31
 Other Fees \$1,266.52
Total \$15,566.91

Thank You!

ST. MARY MISSION

Envelope Collection \$480.00
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Total \$601.00

Dear Friends,



Last Monday, Msgr. McGowan and I attended the funeral Mass for Fr. Joe O'Connell, SOLT, which was celebrated at St. John Nepomucene Church in Robstown. Retired Bishop Edmond Carmody was the chief concelebrant and there were over 25 priests and a Church full of people present to pray for the repose of his soul. Fr. James Flannigan, the founder of the Society of Our Lady of the most Holy Trinity, gave an excellent homily on the great work that Fr. Joe did during his priestly life and his great love for the Eucharist and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Below I am printing passages from a homily by Pope Benedict XV, which he preached on May 5, 2010 on the "Priest's Mission of Sanctifying."

Your friend,
Msgr. Morgan

Recently, Pope Benedict encouraged the faithful to be close to their priests, remembering that through them, God chooses to sanctify the world. No man, on his own, by his own strength, can put another in contact with God. An essential part of the grace of priesthood is the gift, the task to create this contact, he reflected. "This is done in the proclamation of the Word of God, in which He comes to meet us. It is done in a particular profound way in the Sacraments."

The Pope affirmed that it is "Christ himself who makes us saints, namely, who attracts us to the sphere of God." "But," he said, "as an act of his infinite mercy he calls some to be with him and to be converted, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, despite human poverty, into participants in his own priesthood, ministers of this sanctification, dispensers of his mysteries, 'bridges' of the encounter with him, and his mediation between God and men and between men and God."

"Who, therefore, saves the world and man? The only answer we can give is: Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Christ, crucified and resurrected," the Pope reiterated. This 'mystery' is realized in the action of Christ through the Church, in particular in the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which from the death of sin one returns to new life, and in every other act of sacramental sanctification."

The Holy Father gave some particular words of encouragement to priests. He urged them: "live the liturgy and worship with joy and love. "And I would like to invite each priest to celebrate the Eucharist with intensity, which is at the heart of the task of sanctifying; it is Jesus who wants to be with us, to live in us, to give himself to us, to show us the infinite mercy and tenderness of God."

But the Bishop of Rome also had encouragement for the faithful: "Dear friends, be conscious of the great gift that priests are for the Church and for the world; through their ministry, the Lord continues saving people, making himself present, sanctifying. Know how to thank God, and above all be close to your priests with your prayers and support, especially in difficulties, so that they will increasingly shepherd according to the heart of God."

This Week at St. Peter Church

MONDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. **Mass** 8:00 a.m. **Altar Society Meeting** 7 p.m.

TUESDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Feast of St. John I; **Mass** 8:00 a.m. **Bible Class** 8:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Rosary 6:00 p.m. **Mass** 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Feast of **St. Bernardine of Siena; Mass** 8:00 a.m. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY: Feast of **St. Christopher Magallanes and His Companions; Mass** 8 a.m. **Rosary** 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAY: Feast of **St. Rita of Cascia; Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **Vigil Mass** 6 p.m.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUTH

HS YOUTH "FOUNDATION" CHOIR Practice: Sunday, 5:00 p.m. in the Church.

THE FOUNDATION, "Spirit in Me" CDs are still on sale after every youth Mass on Sunday Evening. Contact Jimmy Willden at 816-6095 for more info.

Youth Night - tonight, May 16, - All HS youth are invited to come to our St. Patrick Youth Center after the 6 p.m. Mass for food, fun, games, fellowship and a short meeting about summer youth activities. Call Audri Quintero at 779-5750 FMI.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE canceled until CCD begins in September. Call Margo Ayers @ 241-4509 FMI.

REGISTRATION: Parents, don't forget to register for the 2010-2011 Religious Ed. School year. Registration forms have been mailed to all students. Call our office if you did not receive one. New student forms are available in the Church foyer and at the CCD Center. Early registration ends May 31, after this date you will have to pay \$10 extra per child.

CONGRATULATIONS to Candace Rodriguez.

She celebrated her 16th Birthday with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN. We have entered the last week of the great season of Easter! The nine days from last Thursday constitute the original novena: nine days in which the readings recount the patient waiting of the disciples for the Holy Spirit.

WE WELCOME THE 2010 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO THEIR MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND BREAKFAST. We congratulate these young men and women on their graduation from High School and we will ask God to bless them now and in the future as they go off to college and into the work force. May they become the 'best version of themselves' and be successful in their chosen careers. We pray that they will always stay close to God and the Catholic Church and receive Jesus in Holy Communion each Sunday to give them the strength to live happy, holy and healthy lives.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 50 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WERE CONFIRMED HERE LAST TUESDAY BY BISHOP MULVEY. Our Church was packed for the Confirmation Mass on Tuesday and we are very proud of the Confirmandi from our parish who presented themselves to our new Bishop and promised to become active Catholic and witnesses for Jesus Christ in the years ahead. May the Holy Spirit guide them and give them the graces they will need to follow the way of the Lord and stay close to God and His Church.

OUR SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO WILL TAKE PLACE THIS AFTERNOON FROM 2-4 P.M. IN ST. WILLIAM FAMILY CENTER. All our senior citizens are invited to come to this once a month activity where they will enjoy food, fellowship, fun and bingo. All parishioners are asked to spread the word and to provide transportation to relatives, friends and neighbors.

WORDS OF WISDOM FOR THE COMING WEEK. "The most important work you will ever do will be within your own four walls." "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." "Do your best, even when no one is looking."

VOCATION VIEW FOR THE ASCENSION.

Our spiritual life is a Journey - following the call of the Master to "Go and teach all people my Gospel." Say "Yes" over and over again.

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010

TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING: You and your family are invited to be Monsignor Morgan's special guest on Saturday, May 29, for dinner, fellowship and entertainment so we can give thanks to God, for keeping Monsignor Morgan healthy and giving us his spiritual direction over the course of his priesthood. The evening will begin with **Mass at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and reception at St. Matthew Hall at 7 p.m.** Special guest include: Bishop Mulvey, Bishop Emeriti Carmody and Gracida. Master of Ceremony, Father Joseph Lopez.