

# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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*Parish Secretary*

## MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

**Weekdays: Monday to Friday:** 12:05 p.m.

**CONFessions:** Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

## PARISH WEBSITE:

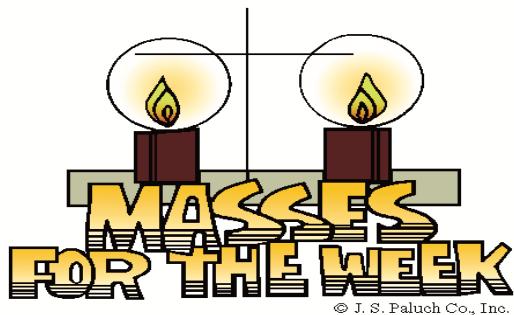
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Monday to Friday

**Rectory**  
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By appointment only

**Religious Education**  
201-641-2989  
Sunday to Thursday



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**SATURDAY, May 15**

**5:30 PM Lori Hennessey**

**SUNDAY, May 16. Ascension of the Lord**  
**Seventh Sunday of the Church Year**

**8:00 AM Judy Uva**  
**10:00 AM Caterina Hroncich**  
**12:00 PM Angelo Marino &**  
**Kathleen Disanza**

**MONDAY, May 17**

**7:00 PM Lori Hennessey**

**TUESDAY, May 18**

**12:05 PM Maria De Vincenzo**

**WEDNESDAY, May 19**

**12:05 PM Leonard Mazzola**

**THURSDAY, May 20**

**12:05 PM Philip Burghardt**

**FRIDAY, May 21**

**12:05 PM Aurora Sohaczewski**

**SATURDAY, May 22**

**5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders**

**SUNDAY, May 23 Pentecost Sunday**

**8:00 AM Nicolo Bussanich**  
**10:00 AM Angela & Salvatore Facchini**  
**12:00 PM Gioacchino Piccinich**

**Memorials  
Bread & Wine  
People of Our Parish Family**

**Sanctuary Candle  
Dominic Raimondo  
& John Hightower**

**THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH**

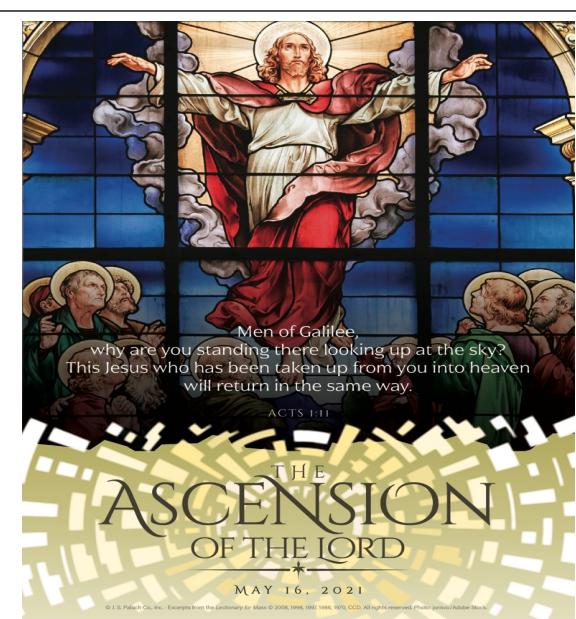
The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

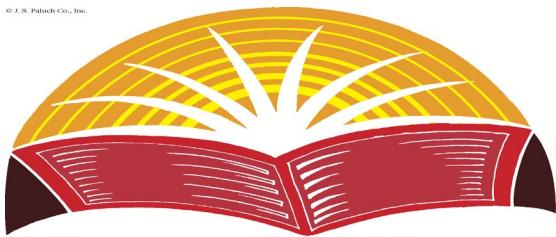
—St. Boniface

**THE LOAN**

We didn't inherit the earth from our parents.  
We're borrowing it from our children

—Chief Seattle





**They went forth and preached everywhere**

The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

— Mark 16:16

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery.

Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (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 and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

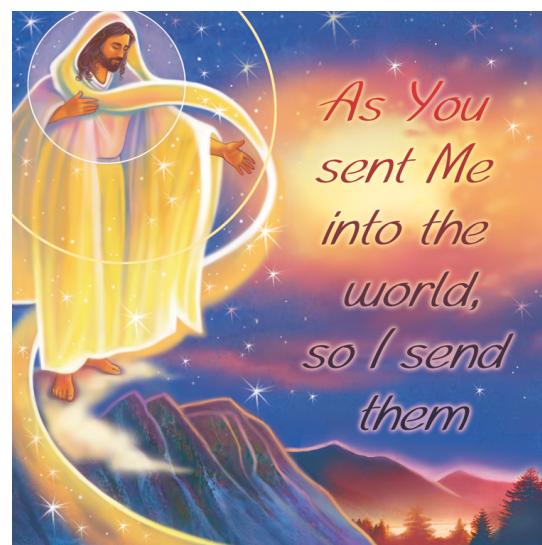
Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown

Tuesday: St. John I

Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena; Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions

Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost



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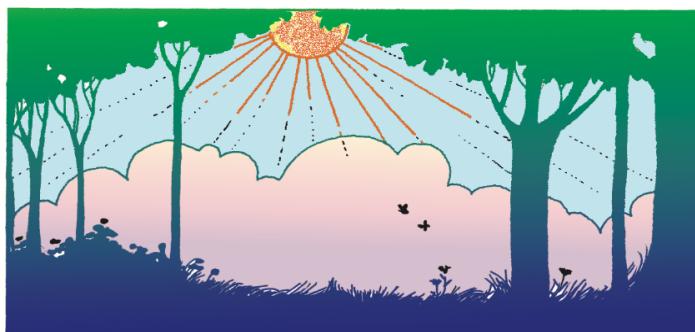
**We lift up to the  
Lord in our prayers  
and good works for:  
the sick, frail and  
the homebound.**

Shirley Pizza  
Catherine Mary Moncello  
Camilla Leventhal  
Nicole Grano  
Johanna Hanush  
Lena Vitalle.  
John Thomas Lazur Dersch  
Robert Zienkiewicz  
Florence Navarro  
Paula Kelnhofer  
Jacqueline Palmadessa  
Michael Toscano  
Ellie Lombardelli  
Mary Ceppaglia

John McConnell  
Michel Porta  
Julian Morgan  
Baby Amato Jordan  
Giovanna Careri  
Grace Ehler  
Julio Sanchez  
Arline Hrbek  
Kevin Michael Francis  
Philip Dittmar  
Barbara Demczyszyn  
Caroline Ruppert Hubertz  
Tom Greaux  
Joseph Purcell



**Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.**



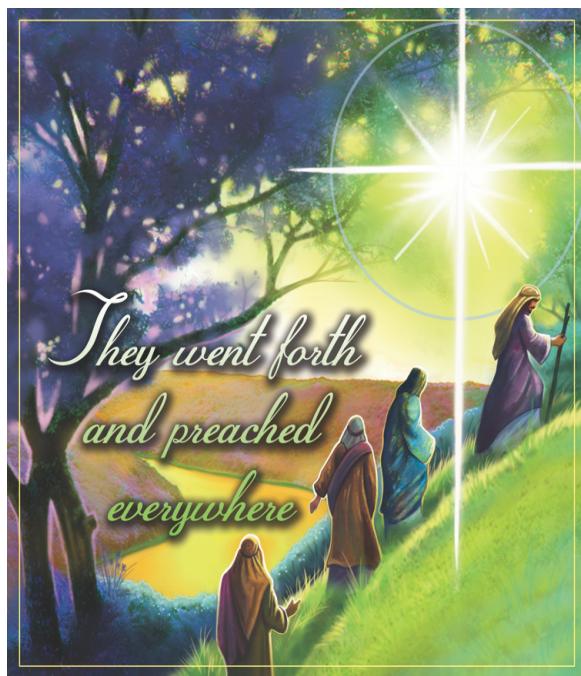
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## FEAST OF FAITH

### The General Intercessions

The general intercessions were restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the “universal prayer” or “prayer of the faithful”—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name “prayer of the faithful” reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood.

The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those who have died and for all the sick and afflicted. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

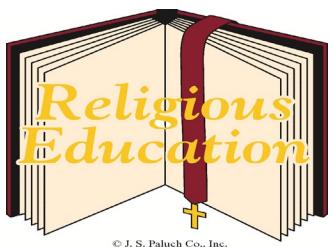


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*If there is any adult (18+yrs.) who wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation, please call Sister Dorothy at 201-641-2989.*



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*Registration for new students and/or families in our religious education program for the 2021-2022 school year are now in progress.*

*Registration can made in the parish center.*

*Call Sister Dorothy for further information or with questions.*

**\*\*Tuesday, June 8**  
*Will be the closing Mass for religious ed. families at 5 p.m.*



**Join in the celebration!**  
**Wear Red for Pentecost**  
**on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, one of the most important days on the Church calendar. We have many ways to recognize the day, but one great way is to wear something red to Mass. The color of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red, a color of fire and zeal, of passion and heat. It symbolizes the love of the Holy Spirit, as in the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. A congregation dressed in many shades of red is a glorious visual image of our devotion to the Holy Spirit.



**Annual Appeal**

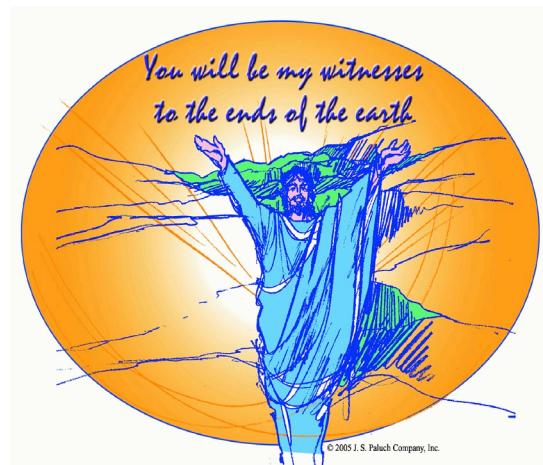


**Make your gift today.**



St. Margaret's 2021 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	90
Amount of Pledges	\$18,120

As of May 11



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