



Mass Intentions  
Sunday, May 12, 2024  
8:30a.m. Mack Lee  
10:30a.m. Parishioners of  
Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus Parish

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## ***Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Parish***

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***Sunday May 12, 2024  
Ascension of the Lord***

***All the liturgical celebrations of the parish are held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Our community has a long and rich history that began in 1874.***

***Weekend Masses***  
Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

***Daily Masses***  
Tuesdays thru Fridays, 8:30 a.m.

***Reconciliation (Confession)***  
Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.

***"Those in need of prayer outside the Mass need to make an appointment with Fr. Mark Thomas Ameh, for the sacrament of Anointing of the sick."***

***Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***  
Every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Benediction, 9:40 a.m., All are invited

***Baptisms***  
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated monthly immediately following Mass. Baptisms are also celebrated as part of Sunday Mass when requested. Celebrating Baptism at Mass is encouraged.

***Weddings***  
Please contact the office before setting a date.  
Marriage preparation sessions are required.

***Funeral Arrangements***  
Our prayers go out to all who have lost loved ones.  
Please contact the Parish Office at (773)779-5151 to set up an appointment with our Bereavement Ministry.

***Mass Intentions***  
If you would like a Mass said for a love one or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at (773)779-5151. A Mass date will be scheduled for the intention to be celebrated.

***Those considering membership at Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus Parish are asked to fill out and return the yellow registration form located in the center pews. It would be a privilege to welcome you into our faith family.***

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

## HOLY

*'Let the children come to me'  
Matthew 19:14a*



**Congratulations** to our following children who received their First Holy Communion today at the 8:30a.m. Mass.

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| 1. Dilma Bate        | 4. Vivian O. Ibe   |
| 2. Kyle J. Cudjoe    | 3. Jonathan C. Ibe |
| 5. Paul C. Orji Kalu |                    |



**Thank you** for attending Women Who Rise "Hattitude & Spring Colors" on Sunday, May 5. Your attendance truly made a difference and contributed to a successful event. Your involvement was greatly acknowledged and appreciated in our event.

We couldn't have accomplished so much without your support. See you next year!

To all the Mothers,

Grandmothers,

Aunts, Sisters

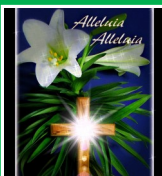
and other women

in our lives that care for

us and love us

unconditionally,

*Happy Mother's Day!*



Beatrice Van Cleave, Jean Collins, Sharon Urbon, Angela Williams, Cebell Huey, Kenneth Dorsey Sr., Scott Anthony Alderman, Antoinette Pryor-Thomas, Julinda Scott, Josea Lopez, Ruby Cushinberry, Tessa Gaines, Talia Farrell, Ron Lewis, Candace Ellison-Morgan, Mattie Stockholm, Thomas Wells, Claudia Knight, Penny Knight, Janice Brewster, Glinda Scott, Metra President, Myrna Escalante, Esther Hamilton, Yvonne Bell, Ronald Marble, Joan Brewster, Kyra West, Patricia Jalivay, Ann Fowler, Nelson Curb, Inell Evans, Debra Green, John Green, Kevin Davis, Judy Ector-Chapman, Susie Harris, Madeleine Harris, Thomas Hibler, Larry Campbell, Robert Szyman, Yolanda Woods, Lydney Hunter, Bernetta Bellis, Ann Buffington, Bethune Williams, Roberta Holland, Kim Williams, Van Thanh Nguyen, Gerald O'Reilly, Spencer Clark, Sheryl Campbell, Rose Evans, Marian Gaithers, Isidore Davis, Anthony Grant, Arliss Jones, David Brown, Nanmin Kone, Metra President, Fredrick Gilmore, Thomas Taylor

Please notify the Parish Office if a name should be removed from our Prayer List.

## Parish May Event

Sat. May 11: AA Meeting 10:00a.m.  
Vigil Mass 4:30p.m.

Sun. May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Happy Mother's Day**

Second Collection Catholic Charities – Mother's Day



**FIRST COMMUNION**

Rosary 8:00a.m.

Mass 8:30a.m.

Holy Men 9-10a.m. Rm.1

Divine Mercy 9:30a.m.

Rosary 10:00a.m.

Mass 10:30a.m.

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Divine Mercy 11:45a.m.

Sat. May 18: AA Meeting 10:00a.m.

Pentecost Vigil Mass 4:30p.m.

Sun. May 19: Pentecost Sunday

Parishioners are encouraged to wear red.

Rosary 8:00a.m.

Mass 8:30a.m.

Religious Education Class 8:45a.m. Rm. 2

Divine Mercy 9:30a.m.

SVdP 9:45a.m.

Rosary 10:00a.m.

Mass 10:30a.m.

Divine Mercy 11:45a.m.

Thur. May 23: Senior Cut-up Meeting 1:00p.m. Rm. 1

Sat. May 25: AA Meeting 10:00a.m.

Holy Trinity Vigil Mass 4:30p.m.

Sun. May 26: Most Holy Trinity

Rosary 8:00a.m.

Mass 8:30a.m.

Divine Mercy 9:30a.m.

Rosary 10:00a.m.

Mass 10:30a.m.

Divine Mercy 11:45a.m.

Mon. May 27:



**Mother's Day** bouquets which benefit the Women's Center will be available for purchase for \$15 at all Masses.

There is a limited supply, some will be set aside for each Mass. When they're gone, they're gone.

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Parish will be having our 2nd Annual Holy Hill Pilgrimage on June 22, 2024 to Holy Hill.

Please see the fliers, registration forms and waiver forms on the pews for the pertinent information regarding date, time, location and payment information.

*ALL are WELCOMED to ATTEND!*





## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ is like a crossroad. It celebrates the end of Jesus' human life on earth, and sets the stage for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His disciples in John 16:7: *“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”*

In today's gospel from Mark, Jesus commanded His disciples to go and proclaim the good news to the world. He promised to bless those who believe and are baptized and deal out condemnation to non-believers. He also assured them that miraculous signs would follow those who believe. The disciples faithfully preached everywhere, and Jesus confirmed their words through mighty signs.

We are beneficiaries of this great commandment of Jesus to His first disciples. They made lots of sacrifices to fulfill their apostolic calling. Thank God the Christian faith has reached our lands. As we recall Christ's ascension into heaven today, we are challenged to re-evaluate our own Catholic faith, and recommit ourselves to the saving Word of Jesus. Jesus calls us to become the heralds of the good news in our own time. Are we ready for this? Are we passionate about our Catholic faith? Are we moved to share our faith with others through lives of positive witness?

As the apostles looked up into the sky as Jesus was taken up, they were told by the two men dressed in white that stood beside them: “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). Even though Jesus has ascended into heaven, He has not left us as orphans. He remains forever with us through the Sacraments of the church. The Sacraments are the store house of grace. May we find in them the sanctifying power and graces we desire even as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



Rev. Fr. Mark Thomas Ameh, MSP  
Pastor

### Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Parish Mass Intentions

If you want your Mass intention printed in the bulletin, please contact us two weeks before the date of your intention.

If you choose to mail in or drop off a Mass request for individual (s), please indicate whether that person is living or deceased. Also, include your name and phone number in case the desired date/time is not available.

If your request is time-sensitive, we strongly recommend calling the office at (773)-779-5151 with your intention. If you do not receive an answer, make sure to leave a voicemail with your name and a call back number for follow-up.

The suggested donation is \$10. You can drop off your donation at parish office or mail it to 9830 S. Vincennes, Chicago, IL 60643



### Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Prayer

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that the example of your Saints may spur us on to a better life, so that we, who celebrate the memory of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus may also imitate without ceasing their deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever,

Amen.  
Pray for Us!



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# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of 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  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

### 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

### Nest 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

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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

#### The Ascension of the Lord

When I was a kid, my parents took me to the circus, and I was mesmerized by the acrobats. I recall one show in which the trapeze artists would swoop down just above the ground and then launch up into the air, flinging their bodies seemingly to the top of the tent, all at dizzying speeds. It wasn't just their height but their dangerous proximity to the ground that thrilled me.

Perhaps that's a little how St. Mark wants us to feel as he describes the Ascension of Jesus. He tells us that Jesus "**sat down at table with them**" and then, just a few lines later, "**he ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.**" He dies, he rises! He sits down, he ascends! What do these divine acrobatics teach us?

The depth and height on display are a show of his love for us. When Jesus "**sat down**" he "**upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness of heart.**" He dangerously swoops down into our lowly place of fragmentation, disbelief, and death. When he ascends, he confirms their preaching with signs of powerful healing. The height of heaven is the place from which God brings wholeness, faith, and life. The point is the Ascension of Jesus is not about his departure. It is about the feat by which he unites the heavens and the earth, the highest and the lowest.

We are meant to relive this spiritually dizzying experience in every Mass, when Jesus sits down with us at his Eucharistic table and then offers himself up to the Father with and for us. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls; welcome to the great tent of the Church! Feast your eyes on the divine and human acrobat whose saving feat is the great thrill of our lives.

— *Father John Muir*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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