

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 6:30 p.m.
8:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS




Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

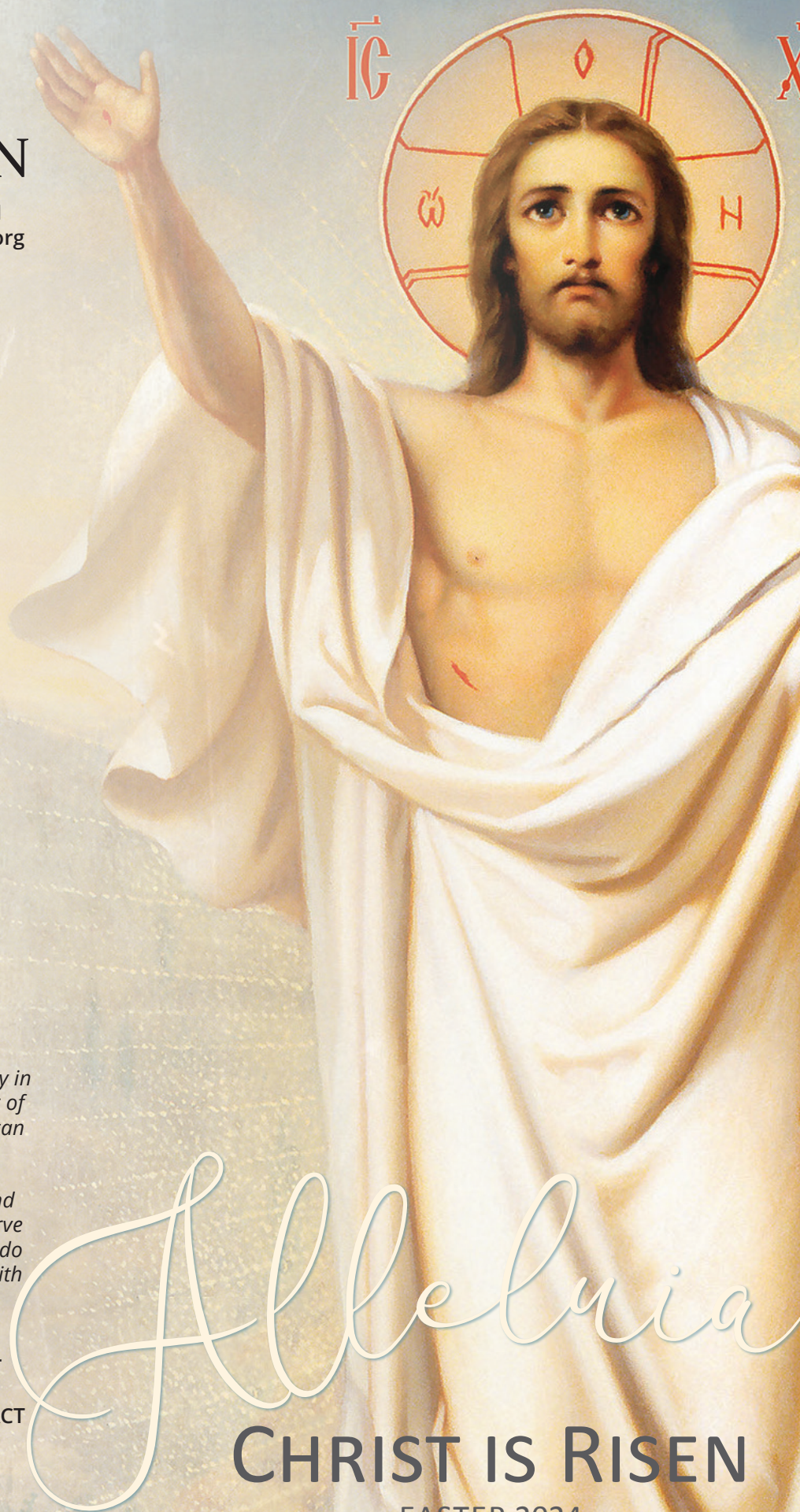
MISSION STATEMENT

Church of the Ascension is a Catholic community in Johnstown, Ohio that keeps Christ at the center of our hearts, families, homes and parish, so we can live the truth and share it with others
(John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:15).

With the help of sacred scripture, tradition, and the sacraments, we strive to know, love and serve God in this world, while encouraging others to do the same, so we may live eternally in heaven with Christ, the angels, and the saints
(Ephesians 2:4-8)

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CHRIST IS RISEN

EASTER 2024

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MAY 5, 2024 • SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Jake Arnett by Friends
in Christ
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration
& Confessions
- 4:00 p.m. Parish Family

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 8:30 a.m. Gordon Cromwell
by the Cromwell Family
- 11:00 a.m. For those in war torn nations

MONDAY, MAY 6

- 8:00 a.m. For those in need
of answers

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Kay Bramer
by Ed Bramer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 8:00 a.m. For those battling cancer

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 8:00 a.m. Nancy Linnabary
by the Family

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- 8:00 a.m. For those struggling
with addiction issues

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- 8:00 a.m. Carolyn Carter &
Hazel Kwiat
by the Carter Family
- 4:00 p.m. Davin Schlegel
by Ken Ehli

SUNDAY, MAY 12

- 8:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. In Celebration of
All Mothers
by Mark &
Joanne Hawkins

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last weekend, at a special 1:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, eighteen of our Second Graders received their First Holy Communion. It is always a special joy for me to celebrate this sacrament with our youth who, for the first time, are able to encounter God's love in such an intimate way through the reception of His Body and Blood. Please continue to remember them in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith with the Blessed Sacrament, now so present in their lives.

This weekend, at a special 2:30 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, ten of our children who have been preparing all year, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Earl Fernandes. It is quite special this year, as this will be the first time that many of these children have been to the Mother Church of the Diocese of Columbus. The Sacrament of Confirmation will offer these children the gift of the Holy Spirit and send them out to live the Gospel, seek truth and proclaim Jesus. We see this especially in the commissioning of the Apostles at Pentecost and the power and authority that the Spirit offers them. Like the Apostles, our Confirmandi will be sent out with the Spirit and called to become the *Miles Christi*, Soldiers of Christ within the world. Let us pray for them as they embark on this wondrous sacrament of our faith, which for them, will complete their initiation into the Catholic Faith.

Next weekend, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will have our May Crowning. I invite any of our First Communicants who wish to join us as we crown the statue of Mary in the grotto behind our church. Please plan to wear your First Communion gowns and suits!

Finally, this weekend is commitment weekend for the 2024 Appeal. Our Parish goal this year is \$42,436.17. For the past several years, our parish has exceeded our goal and I am very thankful for your generosity. I encourage you to consider how God may be calling you to assist in the good works of the Diocese of Columbus. The funds for this Appeal go to support everything from Marriage Preparation and counseling, Evangelization, Tuition Assistance for Catholic Schools, Service to the Poor, Seminarian Studies for the Priesthood, and the like. I appreciate your generosity!

God bless,
Fr. Smith



Bottoms Up
DIAPER BANK

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The need for diapers in our community continues to grow. The World's Largest Diaper Drive 2024 is during the month of May. The goal for Bottoms Up is to collect 1 million diapers. Donations of any size or diaper brand can be made in the Gathering Space now until May 12, or can be dropped off the morning of Saturday, May 11 at the collection area in the church parking lot from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Most needed in 2024 – Sizes 4-6.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, MAY 4-5, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Mike Keebaugh	Luke Orsini	Cole Fox
	Volunteer Needed	Ben Orsini	Alex Rush
	Volunteer Needed	Billy Stanearth	Volunteer Needed
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Haefs – Host	Jerri Burgel – Chalice	Danielle Wetzel – Host
		Tom Stanearth – Chalice	
		Mary Sheehan – Host	
LECTORS:	Dave Bogner	Volunteer Needed	Chuck Bernthold
	Peter Luhrman – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Kelly Bernthold – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Shelli Writesel	Bubby Eichner	Anna Ryan
	Volunteer Needed	Robbi Eichner	Keith Ryan
			Olivia Ryan
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

The Ascension of the Lord, MAY 11-12, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Ethan Wnek	Claire Barb	Alex Rush
	Isaac Dorsten	Joey Barb	Volunteer Needed
	Christian Dorsten	Austin Eckstein	Volunteer Needed
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Shelli Writesel – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Corinna Rush – Host
		Michael Robbins – Chalice	
		Mary Sheehan – Host	
LECTORS:	Dennis Murnane	Adele Robbins	Mike Rush
	Barbara VanHoose – Angelus	Rodney Tornes – Angelus	Diana Lewis – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Gary Shively	Mark Sheehan	Mary Ann Shaffer
	Theresa Shively	Mary Sheehan	Volunteer Needed
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for Sally Blubaugh, Ernie Burnam, Bob & Sylvia Freed, Rick Potter & Family, Justin King, Virginia Ankrom, Maxine Nann, Letha Patton, Wesley Potts, Susan Welch, Joyce Curran, Gabrielle & Shawn, Dana Caswell, Suzanne Kubin, Sharon Freitag, Di Habash, Joe Lindsay, Ivan Booth, Donna Dellapina, Mark & Cathy Mann, Peggy Hall, Terry Baesmann, John & Helen Tomich, Barbara Penhorwood, Margie Easterday, John & Neva Stover, Jared Writesel, Don Vocca, Karen Reitz, Jeff Ankrom, JoAnn Wright, Bob Muench, Ron & Ann Mullins, Ron Gallo, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Are you or someone in your family on active duty in the military? Please let us know and we will add the names to our Prayer Requests.

Your Gifts to God

WEEKLY NEED \$7,115.00

430 REGISTERED FAMILIES

APRIL 27/28, 2024

Total Offering	\$	5,175.00
59 Envelopes	\$	3,202.00
Loose Cash	\$	425.00
Online	\$	1,548.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	240.00
SOLT	\$	70.00

Do you return a portion of your time/skills/possessions to God in a spirit of gratitude? Looking for an easier way to give? Scan the QR code to open a link to the Church of the Ascension ParishSOFT Giving. Simply hold your phone's camera over the square and touch the link that appears at the top of your camera screen, or visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ascensionjohnstown>.



SOS SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in their mission to Support Our Seminarians. Knights will be collecting donations in the Gathering Space THIS WEEKEND, as well as August 3/4 and November 2/3, 2024.

The money raised supports our seminarians and promotes vocations.

MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

Please consider giving an hour of your time to be ministers to the Lord at Mass. We are in desperate need for all Mass times, especially the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (5th grade-Adult) and Greeters. Training provided. Contact Fr. Smith at frsmith@johnstowncatholic.org



Join us for a farewell!
say good luck and
goodbye to
Fr. Jesse Chick, CFIC
Parish Breakfast
May 12, 2024 - 9:30am

FAREWELL BREAKFAST FOR FR. JESSE CHICK

We will be hosting a parish breakfast and fundraiser for the Social Committee and Scout Troop 25 on May 12 between the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

This will also be a wonderful opportunity to send off our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Jesse Chick, as he will be leaving Ascension the following weekend.

Please plan to come out and support the Social Committee, Troop 25, and offer blessings to Fr. Jesse as he begins this new journey in his ministry.



The Appeal

Supporting Catholic Ministries

2024

THE APPEAL 2024, RESPOND TO HIS LOVE

The Appeal is a call to action for our community of faithful. Our parish goal is to raise \$42,436.17. Next weekend, May 4/5 will be Commitment Weekend and the in-pew appeal. The contributions received will provide significant support for the ministries, services, and people who are making a difference across our Diocese in vocations, evangelization, social concerns, and Catholic schools. You can find more details about the impact and services of these ministries at www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal. Please join us in making a difference through your faith, compassion, and generosity. Thank you for your continued support.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

We have many open dates for Mass Intentions on our calendar. Please contact us in the office at 740-967-7871, office@johnstowncatholic.org or drop a note in the collection with the intention and your name. The Mass Stipend is \$10.00. We will do our best to accommodate any special date requests.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

The First Communion Mass took place last Sunday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. Congratulations to the following students:

Quinn Richard Alspach, Ava Marie Arbogast, Gabriel George Cuthbert, Grace Deborah Cuthbert, Evelyn DeCarolis, Eli James Dunaway, Joseph William Fischer, Adeline Christine Gravley, Avery Jane Gravley, Paisley Elizabeth Hall, Evan Thomas Lawson, Sawyer Brooks Misiunas, Mariana Montejano Baeza, Arthur Robert Muntz, Claire Elizabeth Orsini, Stella Kate Sahr, Lucy Elizabeth Waldren, Evander Quinn Weiland. Please keep our First Communicants in your thoughts and prayers.

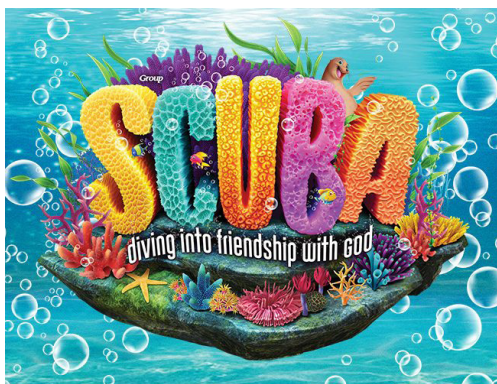
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

Church of the Ascension, along with others in our community, have joined in assisting with the Medical Loan Closet of Johnstown. The purpose of the Medical Loan Closet is to loan out medical equipment to those in need such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, hospital beds, toilet risers, and even breast pumps for new moms. The Closet is located at **151 Woodgate Drive**, in the rear basement of the doctor's office which is located behind the BP/Dutchess Station.

The Closet is open each **Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** We also accept donations. You will find us on Facebook as "*Medical Loan Closet of Johnstown, Ohio.*" If you have any questions, please contact us in the church office.

REST IN PEACE

We ask your sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Jerre West, who passed away recently. Family and friends may call at Kauber-Fraleay Funeral Home (289 S. Main Street in Pataskala) on Monday, May 6 from 3:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a Rosary. A Funeral Mass will be held here at Ascension at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7. *May God grant him eternal rest.*

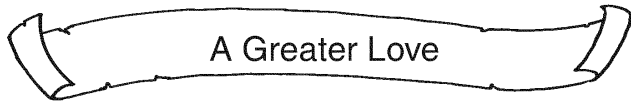


COME JOIN US FOR VBS 2024: SCUBA!

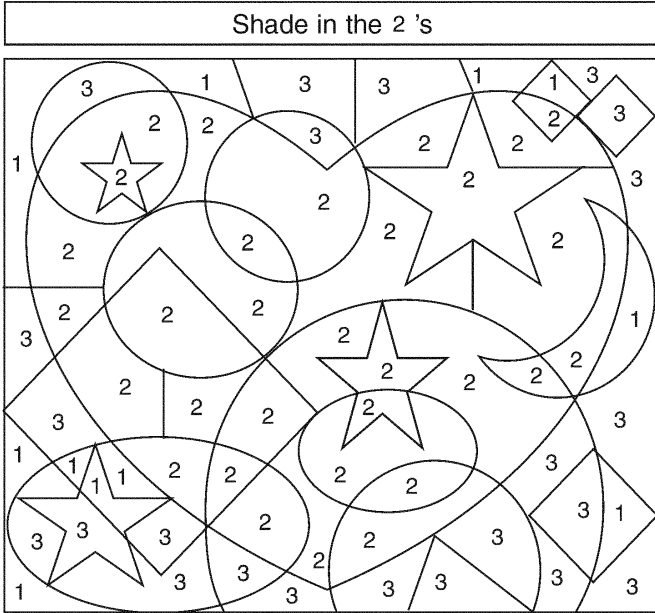
We need many volunteers for VBS! If you are interested, please attend our VBS meeting on Sunday, May 19, starting at 9:45 a.m. Can't make it the meeting, but still interested in volunteering? Email me at kpertee@johnstownascension.org. Volunteers can be going into 6th grade to adult. If you are over 18 years old, a background check and Protecting God's Children are required.

VBS will take place June 10-14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and is for kids entering Kindergarten to 5th grade. Please sign up by going to www.johnstownascension.org/register. It will be a fun week, full of games, music, friendship, and of course, awesome Bible stories.

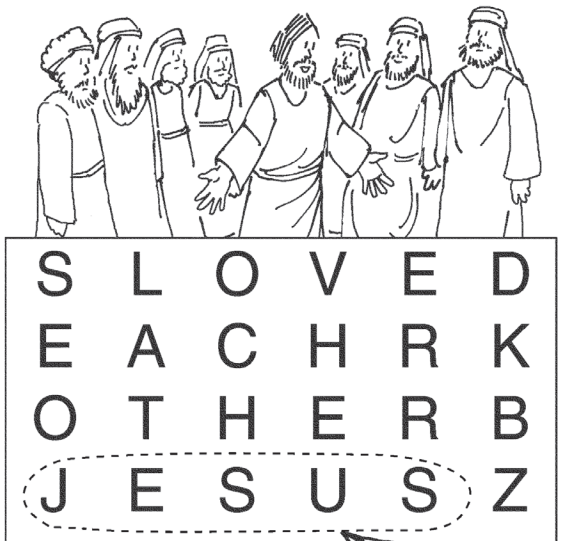
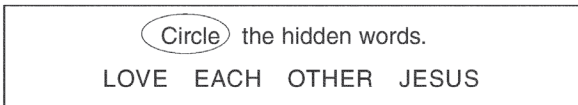
Activities for Children



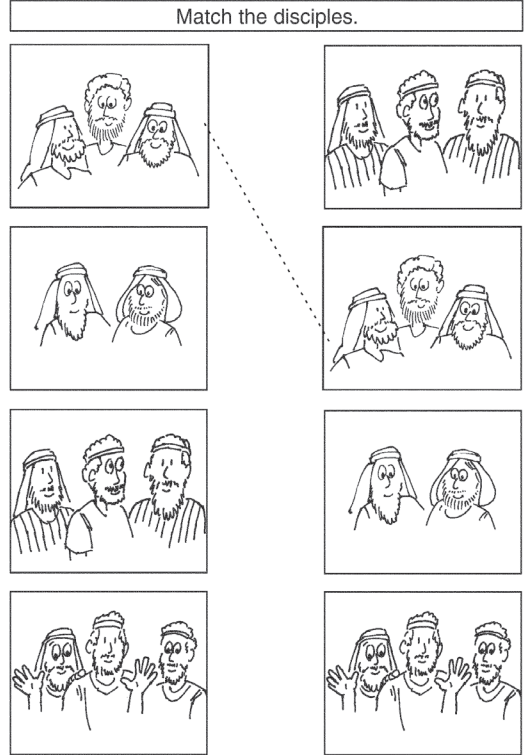
Jesus said, "Love each other as I have loved you."



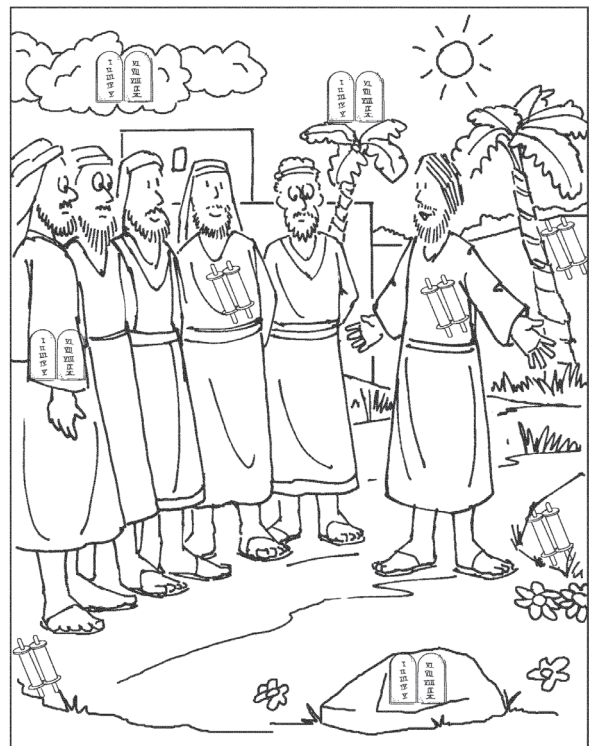
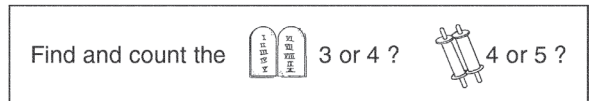
Jesus told the disciples, "You are My friends if you do as I command."



Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you."



Jesus also told them, "All I have learned I have made known to you."



MISSION

Reflection on Mark 16:15-20

This feast of the Ascension, along with next Sunday's feast of Pentecost, calls us to our mission: empowered by God's Spirit, we are to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." We live in this "in-between" time – after the Ascension of Jesus and before He comes again. We have the promise of Jesus, that He is with us always, and remains in us; this makes our mission doable!

We will always encounter difficulties in this mission. Mark's mention of handling serpents, drinking deadly things, and combating demons is a sure reminder of this. These activities, and the dangers they pose, may not be part of our mission strategy when we set out, but these and all difficulties were foreseen by Jesus, and He has equipped us to face and overcome them, by the help of His grace and the promise of His faithfulness.

The feast of the Ascension brings to mind for me some lyrics from one of my favorite hymns, *O God Beyond All Praising*: "And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still."

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

Monday, May 13, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 17, 2024

Saint Paschal Baylon

Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 11:4, 5 and 7
Jn 21:20-25

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the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON

Saint of the Day: May 17

Patron Saint of: Eucharistic Congresses and Societies Shepherds

In Paschal's lifetime the Spanish empire in the New World was at the height of its power, though France and England were soon to reduce its influence. The 16th century has been called the Golden Age of the Church in Spain, for it gave birth to Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, Francis Solano, and Salvator of Horta.

Paschal's Spanish parents were poor and pious. Between the ages of seven and 24, he worked as a shepherd and began a life of mortification. He was able to pray on the job and was especially attentive to the church bell, which rang at the Elevation during Mass. Paschal had a very honest streak in him. He once offered to pay owners of crops for any damage his animals caused!

In 1564, Paschal joined the Friars Minor and gave himself wholeheartedly to a life of penance. Though he was urged to study for the priesthood, he chose to be a brother. At various times he served as porter, cook, gardener, and official beggar.

Paschal was careful to observe the vow of poverty. He would never waste any food or anything given for the use of the friars. When he was porter and took care of the poor coming to the door, he developed a reputation for great generosity. The friars sometimes tried to moderate his liberality!

Paschal spent his spare moments praying before the Blessed Sacrament. In time, many people sought his wise counsel. People flocked to his tomb immediately after his burial; miracles were reported promptly. Paschal was canonized in 1690 and was named patron of eucharistic congresses and societies in 1897.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament occupied much of Saint Francis' energy. Most of his letters were to promote devotion to the Eucharist. Paschal shared that concern. An hour in prayer before our Lord in the Eucharist could teach all of us a great deal.

Read the full article: "Saint Paschal Baylon" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-paschal-baylon/ (Accessed April 26, 2024).

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