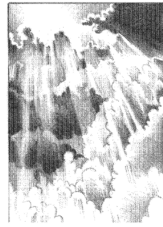


“May God grant you
a spirit of wisdom & insight
to know Him clearly.”



**Our Lord's
Ascension**

May 24, 2020
(7th Sunday of Easter)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 24 - 30, 2020

Live stream Sunday Mass online [westsacolg.org/live](https://www.westsacolg.org/live)

Weekday Mass join GoToMeeting: (same link used every time)

From computer/electronic device: <https://www.gotomeet.me/FrMathewRappu>

From phone only: call 1-571-317-3122 access code 957 761 813

SUNDAY	May 24	9 AM	For All Parishioners
MONDAY	May 25	8:30 AM	For Sonja Craighton (Healing)
TUESDAY	May 26	8:30 AM	For William “Billy” Lewis +
WEDNESDAY	May 27	8:30 AM	For Victoria Williams +
THURSDAY	May 28		No Mass
FRIDAY	May 29	8:30 AM	For Matthew Clark (Healing)
SATURDAY	May 30	8:30 AM	For Fidel Martinez (Healing)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 24	The Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 28:16-20
May 25	Easter Weekday	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church, St Gregory VII, Pope St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33 Memorial Day
May 26	Easter Weekday	St Philip Neri, Priest Acts 20:17-21; Jn 17:1-11
May 27	Easter Weekday	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
May 28	Easter Weekday	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26 Julian Calendar Ascension Shavot begins
May 29	Easter Weekday	St Paul VI, Pope Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
May 30	Easter Weekday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25



THE GOOD NEWS: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (Heb 4:14-15). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Ps 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace. The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (Heb 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today. (StPaulCenter.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, May 25th
in observance of Memorial Day.



BEDS & DRESSERS - Do you have extra dressers or beds? St Vincent de Paul asking for donations, specifically of futons, beds and full or queen size mattresses. Please call Steve Ramirez-Palmer at (916) 372-8174 to make arrangements.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN PUBLIC MASS RESUMES – Our desire to return to Mass and receive the Eucharist is incredibly strong, but we ask that everyone remain patient and loving until we receive directives from the Bishop. In the meantime, the specific details of when public Mass will resume are still being planned, but here are a few things for everyone to be prepared for:



- ≈ Attendance will be limited.
- ≈ Social Distancing will be practiced.
- ≈ Liturgical changes will be in place.
- ≈ A general dispensation from the Sunday obligation will remain.
- ≈ There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass.
- ≈ There is value in livestreaming the Mass.

The Church must be sanitized before and after each Mass. Volunteers are needed, hand sanitizers, cleaning supplies and protection materials need to be purchased. If we all work together, we can ease back into this and continue to incrementally add more people and options. Call the Parish Office if you would like to help.

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MAY 25, 2020
10 AM MASS
with Bishop Jaime Soto

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CHRISTIAN GIVING

Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Collection for May 17: \$1,372.00



What about my Church Offerings? You can drop off your contributions at the Parish Office, or mail to OLG Church, 911 Park Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691 or pay by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and debit cards securely online at [westsacolg.org](https://www.westsacolg.org) - Donate today! Thank you and may God bless you according to His will.

MASS INTENTIONS - If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, deceased or living, contact the Parish Office (916) 371-4814. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of all who believe in You. We implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, we may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Catholic Prayers)

Pray for the Sick

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| Pat Belding | Sue Belding | Danny Felker |
| Pat Coughlin | Charles Roberts | |
| Ranee Gunasekara | Nastaka Gunasekara | |
| Marcia Harrison | Stefanie Smith | |
| Susanne Shunk | Sonja Craighton | |
| Leonila Arucan | Kathy Vilhauer | |
| Janet Montemayor | Fidel Martinez | |

Names will remain on the list for one month. Call the Parish Office to add, remove or extend.



Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to schedule Reconciliation (confession) or private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For urgent sick calls or to make arrangements for a priest to administer the Last Rites call (530) 378-4114.



Our Parish has acquired a subscription for FORMED. Let's make the most of this time at home to better understand, live, and share our faith! You will enjoy the movies, books, talks, cartoons, radio theater, Bible studies, devotionals, and much more on [formed.org](https://www.formed.org). But first, go ahead and register yourself to access FORMED with these 4 easy steps:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup); click the 3rd button: I belong to a parish or organization;
2. Select your parish: Enter zip code 95691 and select Our Lady of Grace Church from the dropdown menu;
3. Register your name & email address (you may need to check your email inbox for a verification email); and
4. Begin using FORMED

MINISTRY MEETINGS - Suspended until further notice

- Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wednesdays, Rosary and Novena at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass (Church).
- Bereavement Ministry:** Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814.
- Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm except 1st Tuesday of the month (Parish Center).
- Catholic Faith Formation:** Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm (September to May) for K-8th grade, includes first Communion and Confirmation sacrament preparation (School).
- Graced Youth Ministry:** Every other Sunday, 6:00 pm (School Gym).
- Mom's Ministry:** 3rd Sunday, 6:30 pm (Parish Center).
- Mom's Bible Study:** Fridays, 8:45 am (Parish Center).
- OLG Prayer Meeting:** 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month, 7:00 pm (School Chapel).
- RCIA Adapted for Teens:** Sundays, 10:00 am (Rectory).
- RCIA:** Thursdays, 7:00 pm and Inquiry on Mondays, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).
- Respect Life Ministry:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Rectory).
- St. Vincent de Paul:** 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Rectory).
- Women's Council:** 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).