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Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

Baptism
Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.
Marriage preparation course required

Sacrament of the Sick
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Secretary
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Office hours: Wednesday and Friday
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
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Schools
St. Patrick Elementary School
905-835-1091
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Cemetery
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E
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Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

Min. Schedule - May 23/24

Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Ron Fortin
9:00 am - Lisa Shibley
11:00 am - Sam Zuvic

Communion:
5:00 pm - Lisa Shibley
9:00 am - Cathy Stoop-Sneek
11:00 am - Lucia Durward

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The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

I am with you always.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Karen Schroeder
9:00 am - Tim Grawey
11:00 am - Scott Durward

Video:
5:00 pm - Sandy MacIntyre
9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Dave Bilodeau

Organist: All Masses - Dino Sicoli

May 17, 2026 A.D. The Ascension of the Lord - Year A



*Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Tues May 19 6:00 pm +Alfred Marinelli
Wed May 20 8:30 am +Mary Orfei
Thurs May 21 8:30 am +David Wagner
Fri May 22 8:30 am +Douglas Wagner
Sat May 23 10:00 am First Holy Reconciliation
Sat May 23 Pentecost Sunday
5:00 pm +Luciano Armenti
Sun May 24 9:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's
11:00 am +Chester & Elizabeth Kosinski
 First Holy Communion

by Jackie Marinelli & family
 by Tim & Terrie Grawey
 by Rita Wagner
 by Rita Wagner

 by Flora Armenti & family

 by Michele Klauck

DON'T JUST STAND - GO!

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord - that moment when Jesus, 40 days after His Resurrection, was lifted up into heaven as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

Yet it was made clear that the apostles were not meant to remain there, simply gazing upward. "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" In other words - do not just stand there. Do something.

This is a message for us as Christians. We have been given countless graces - through the Mass and the sacraments, through the Word of God, and through the many gifts and blessings entrusted to us in daily life. We have been given our time, our talents, our material resources, and the opportunities God places before us each day. Like the apostles, we are not meant to simply receive these gifts and remain unchanged. We are called to put them into action in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us.

The Ascension, then, is not an ending, but a commissioning. Before returning to the Father, Jesus entrusts His mission to His disciples. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This call is not reserved for a select few - it is given to every Christian. In our homes, our parish communities, our workplaces, and our daily encounters, we are called to be witnesses to Christ. We do this not only through words, but through the witness of a life lived with



faith, generosity, and love - offering our time, talent, and treasure in service to God and to others.

We serve a God full of greatness. St. Paul speaks of "the surpassing greatness of His power" - the same power that raised Christ from the dead and placed Him above all things. This is the God Who calls us to this mission. And He does not ask us to rely on our own strength alone. Stewardship is not simply about what we can accomplish - it is about cooperating with God's grace at work within us.

Still, like the apostles, we may hesitate. We may feel uncertain, inadequate, or hesitant to respond fully. Even the disciples, when they saw Him, "they worshiped, but they doubted." Even in their weakness, the Lord did not withdraw His call. Instead, He reassured them: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Their mission - and ours - rests not on human strength, but on His authority.

Then He gave them their mission - and ours. And He gave them a promise: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." The One Who sends us also remains with us - strengthening us through His presence, His Word, and His grace.

On this feast of the Ascension, let us take time to "look up" and reflect on the greatness of our God and the many blessings He has entrusted to us. Then let us respond as good stewards - not by standing still, but by putting those gifts to work in grateful service to Him, confident that He is with us always.

reflections@catholicsteward.com

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Beginning May 3, 2026, St. Patrick's Parish will offer Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass every week.



All children are warmly invited to hear the Word of God proclaimed and explained in a way that speaks to their hearts and understanding. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring their children to grow in faith and love for the Lord.

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

Sunday, May 17, 2026

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father.

One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next weekend, children will be receiving the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation (Saturday May 23 - 10am) and 1st Holy Communion (Sunday May 24 - 11 am).



We ask that those who normal go to Mass on Sunday's at 11 am to consider going to another Mass that weekend.

Please keep the following children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.

Anna Maria DiBiasi, Levi Embury, Gabriel Grano, Wyl Grenier, Sullivan Grypma, Maverick Herbert, Audrey Kaufmann, Grace Kramer, Makenna McCormack, Leighton McCormack, Fallyn Roesch, Giada Sergnese, Avery Turnbull

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES OF THE CHURCH

As we continue our joyful journey through the Easter season, the Church leads us through a beautiful unfolding of the mystery of our faith:

- **The Ascension of the Lord** reminds us that Christ returns to the Father, opening the gates of heaven and entrusting His mission to us. **May 17, 2026**
- **Pentecost Sunday** celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowering the Church to proclaim the Gospel with courage and joy. **May 24, 2026**
- **The Most Holy Trinity** invites us to contemplate the inner life of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - perfect love and communion. **May 31, 2026**
- **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** calls us to adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. **June 7, 2026**

Together, these sacred celebrations reveal the fullness of God's plan: Christ ascends, the Spirit descends, the Trinity is made known, and Jesus remains with us always in the Eucharist. Let us enter deeply into these mysteries with grateful and faithful hearts.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2026

May 25, 2026 Self Esteem

June 8, 2026 Who Am I Now?

June 22, 2026 Loving and Respecting Yourself

No meetings July & August

Meetings resume September 14, 2026

SENT FORTH IN THE ASCENSION

Heavenly Father,

as we rejoice in the Ascension of Your Son, lift our hearts to where Christ is seated in glory.

Keep us from standing still in doubt or fear, but send us forth with courage and faith to live as His witnesses each day.

Strengthen us with Your grace, that in all we do, we may reflect Your love in our homes, our parish, and our daily lives.

And remind us always of Your promise: that You are with us, now and forever. Amen.