

**May 17, 2015**

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION**

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Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. — Mark 16:16



**MASS INTENTIONS**

- SUN. MAY 17 10:00AM †MASS FOR MRS. MARY PEMBRIC BY GILBERT & SYLVIA MARTIN
- TUES. MAY 19 5:30PM †MASS
- WED. MAY 20 8:00AM †MASS
- THURS. MAY 21 5:30PM †MASS
- SAT. MAY 23 8:00AM †MASS
- SUN. MAY 24 10:00AM †MASS FOR MR. ROBERT RIVERS BY ANTHONY & ANITA AMIGO

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25 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, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN —**

This Sunday (**May 17th**) we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) in our parish. This Collection supports the essential work that keeps the gospel message in the world, providing Catholic content for radio, the Internet, MP3 players, television, and print publications. **Please be generous in this important Collection. CCC is how the Good News gets around to you.**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** — Bishop Herzog will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to adults from throughout the diocese on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria.** All candidates must **register** with the Cathedral by **Monday, May 18**, accompanied by a recent copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate.

**FASTING, PRAYERS, AND MASS TO AVERT STORMS** —

Bishop Herzog has announced that Friday, June 5 has been designated by the bishops of the state as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for deliverance from storms and violent weather during the coming hurricane season. Prayers and Masses are being encouraged in all parishes for this intention. On June 5, Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral will begin Adoration of

the Blessed Sacrament at 11 a.m. with Benediction at 11:50 a.m. Bishop Herzog will celebrate Mass at 12:05 p.m. Clergy and laity are cordially invited.

—*Fr. Scott Chemino, V.G.*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS**

- **June 1-5: OLPS, Alexandria, 8am-noon**, for kids entering K-5th. Cost is \$10. **Register at [www.olpschurch.org](http://www.olpschurch.org)**
- **July 6-10 & July 13-17: St. Frances Cabrini School, Alex., 8am-5pm** children ages 3 to 6th grade; \$125 per child, \$100 each additional child.

**VIRTUS**

- May 21 (THURSDAY) - 6 P.M., ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CENTER, ALEXANDRIA
- JUNE 20 (SATURDAY) 10:00 A.M., ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH, ECHO
- JUNE 23 (TUESDAY) - 6 P.M., ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CENTER, ALEXANDRIA

TO PRE-REGISTER, GO TO **VIRTUS.ORG**, AND CLICK ON REGISTRATION (ON LEFT SIDE OF SCREEN). FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 318-445-6424 x 213.

## REFLECTIONS

### PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

### VOTE FOR OUR CATHOLIC EXTENSION LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD NOMINEES

— Dr. Jose Garcia and his wife Vivian have been nominated by the Diocese of Alexandria for the prestigious Lumen Christi Award, sponsored by Catholic Extension. For the past 19 years, the Garcias have volunteered medical services to local immigrants in the Forest Hill area. To vote, go to [www.catholicextension.org](http://www.catholicextension.org) or "Like" the Catholic Extension Facebook page and vote for them there.

**LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING — EVERY THURSDAY AFTER THE 5:30 P.M. MASS IN ST. JOSEPH HALL.**

**ST. JULIANA ROSARY HOUR**— Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Conference call. **Phone 712-432-5610. Access Code 1783#.** All are invited, just call in.



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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**OUR SICK MEMBERS** — MSGR. FREDERICK LYONS, JACKIE LACOUR, ELIZABETH LACOUR, JANICE REED, THERESA BYNIC, DIXIE ROBERTS, MONIQUE COLEMAN, MYRTIS WEBB, CLIFTON GUILLORY, DOROTHY TURNER, DIANE DIXON, JOHNNY WRIGHT, HAZEL GREENHOUSE, MARY FONTENOT, ALMA RACHAL, DEBRA RACHAL, KATHLEEN HUDGINS, WESLEY GUILLORY, VIVIAN COLE, HERMAN DIXON & ELLA DIXON.

**ATTENTION:** If you or someone you know are ever in need of a ride to Mass please call the Rectory at 445-6700. Transportation will be provided for you.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Adoration:** 1st Friday of each month —7:00am—5:00pm

**Altar Society:** 4th Sunday in September-May after Mass

**C.C.D.:** Every other Wednesday 6pm-7:30pm in months September-May

**Parish & Finance Councils:** 3rd Thursday of each month—6pm

**Children's Choir Practice:** 3rd Saturday of each month — 10:30am

**Knights of Peter Claver Council #268:** 1st Friday of each month at 6:30pm

**Ladies Auxiliary Court #268:** 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm

**Jr. Daughters Meeting Court #268:** 1st Sunday of each month after Mass

**Bereavement Ministry:** 3rd Tuesday every other month at 6:00pm

**Legion of Mary Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Praesidium** — Every Thursday at 6:15 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall.



### MONEY COUNTERS

**MAY 17**— TOMMY MILO, HENRY NOEL, GILBERT MARTIN & DONALD DAVIS

**MAY 24** — LYNN LEMOTT, BRIDGETTE JACKSON, JANICE REED & AUDREY SANDERS

### USHERS



**MAY 17** — CLEVELAND OBEY (CAPTAIN) CHARLIE BAKER JR., HOWARD STULL, LAWRENCE LACOUR & GARY DAVIS

**MAY 24** — PAUL DESSELLE (CAPTAIN) CHARLES JOHNSON SR., SYLVESTER JONES, THOMAS ROQUE & TOMMY MILO

### IN-SERVICE MAY 24, 2015

#### MASS 10:00 A.M.

**LECTOR:** BARBARA CURTIS

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** MARJORIE JAMES, HERBERT RACHAL & KIM BOSWELL

**ALTAR SERVERS:** KENNEDI KIRKLINE, DOMINIC DESHAUTELLE & DONOVAN DESHAUTELLE

### CHURCH CONTRIBUTION

**(MAY 10, 2015)**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>O/(S)</u>
Parish Support (Weekly)	2,914.00	2,527.00	(387.00)
Parish Support (YTD)	131,130.00	143,509.71	12,379.71

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**