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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	May 24 & 25
Collection	\$1,448.00
Mass Attendance	13 & 10 + 57

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Liturgy Schedule

RISEN LORD CHURCH
 SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**

Liturgy Schedule

AT ST. THOMAS PARISH

ROSARY: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m (Sunday Vigil)
 Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.
 Friday : 8:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. prior to
 Mass

RECONCILIATION:

- Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass

**2025 High School Graduation
 on May 30, 2025
 Congratulations**

**Logan Bennett
 Sophia Bramble
 & Families**

May you continue to enjoy and have fun in developing your potentials — knowledge, gifts, talents, etc. through education and life, importantly in God's blessings, love and faith.



Happy Birthday

**Christina Bailey—June 3
 Kelli Jarvis—June 4
 Amber Green—June 6**

May God's richest blessings pour upon you on your birthday celebration this year, and may you enjoy the new age with your families, relatives, friends and the surroundings, and may every day is pleasing to Him.

JUNE 1ST – The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

A Vocation View: Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Let us reflect on a beautiful sermon on the Ascension of Jesus from around the beginning of the fifth century, composed by early church father and bishop St. Augustine of Hippo.

No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.* Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him?

While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.* These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are sons of God.

So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body. Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head."

From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop (Sermo de Ascensione Domini, Mai 98, 1-7: PLS 2, 429-495)

Prayer

God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation for his ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Prepared by the Spiritual Theology Department of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross

Source: Vatican Archives
https://www.vatican.va/spirit/documents/spirit_20010525_agostino_en.html#:~:text=%22Today%20our%20Lord%20Jesus%20Christ,things%20that%20are%20on%20earth.

Have a Blessed and Grace-filled Sunday!

**Catholic Relief
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 \$40.00 + \$205.00**

Thank you very much for your generosity for the less fortunate.



Fr. Dominic will join the Retreat with ALL Priests in our Diocese, from tomorrow - Monday, June 2nd to Friday, June 6th.

Thus, there will be no Blessed Adoration and Weekday Mass throughout this week.

Please keep our Priests in your prayers, so they can listen to God's voice, rest in God's love, and serve in God's guidance.

Thank you very much for your prayers, thoughtfulness, and love in advance!

