

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

The Feast of the Ascension falls on the 40th day following Easter, which would be a Thursday. For centuries this liturgy was celebrated on Thursday as a holy day of obligation although in recent years in the United States, following the precedent of the Church in Rome, the celebration has been transferred to the 7th Sunday of Easter. A number of dioceses in the United States continue to celebrate Ascension on the Thursday prior to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The date of the celebration, however, is not as significant a factor as why Christians celebrate this important event.

It is a commemoration of the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to the Gospel accounts (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:2) and is understood as part of the Easter mystery. Jesus, the Christ of God, crucified yet risen from the dead, continued through a period of forty days to be present to his disciples, teaching and encouraging them for the mission of proclaiming the Good News of God's love. John's Gospel, on the contrary, presents the Ascension as part of the Resurrection event – Resurrection and Glorification as one single event.

The disciples questioned Jesus' return to the Father. Having come to full belief as a result of the Resurrection, they assumed Jesus would demonstrate his Messiahship to the world by being present in an earthly manner. But God's plan is different. Jesus returns to the Father, as he tells his disciples, in order to prepare a place for them and for us in heaven. He emphasizes, as well, that his return to the Father would enable the

coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, which would teach and clarify Christ's teaching and serve as the agent of divine peace. Our liturgical celebration of Ascension thus is a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Whether we celebrate on the traditional Thursday or according to the revised schedule, the importance remains – Jesus, having completed his earthly mission, returns to the Father, not to abandon us but to continue his ministry for, with, and through us. We the Church are called to mission such that when the Lord returns again, he will find us watching and waiting as faithful disciples.

From Father Ken



So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mark 16:19)

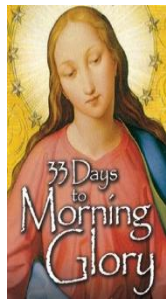
My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The Gospel reading refers to **The Great Commission**. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, and informs them that he is always present to them through his spirit. He instructed his apostles to teach all he has commanded and baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



...And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.

The **Gregorian Mass Ministry** is accepting a yearly donation of \$50.00 per enrollee. At the death of the person enrolled, a request is immediately made to have 30 consecutive Masses said for the intentions of the deceased. Submit your requests to Cat in the Chapel Office. We will be closing out this year's enrollment at the end of June.



Father Michael Gaitley's Consecration to Jesus through Mary – a journey of 33 days – begins Saturday June 13, 2026 and continues for five Mondays through July 13, 2026. A sign-up sheet, along with additional information handouts are at the Chapel Entrance.

Do you have a pair of eyeglasses that you no longer use? Those glasses can change another person's life: help a child read, an adult succeed in his job, or a senior maintain her independence.

The Lions Club collects used prescription glasses, refurbishes the glasses, and distributes them to humanitarian organizations where they are provided at no cost to those in need, primarily in developing countries. Please drop your used eyeglasses in the Lions Collection Box just inside the Chapel Entrance.



Chapel Donations - Your generosity in action serving others: **Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25;40)**

	<p>AIPRO – The Church in Need. Under the guidance of the Holy Father, since 1947 Aid to the Church in Need (AIPRO) provides pastoral and humanitarian assistance to the persecuted Church around the world.</p>
	<p>The Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will are a Public Association of the Faithful dedicated to living a life of prayer and work according to the Rule of St. Benedict, with Eucharistic Adoration and the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta at its core.</p>

Sister Theresita of the Holy Family of Nazareth recently wrote a reflection I found interesting and want to share with you. She saw a bulletin board with the following suggestions:

**Before Mass, Talk to God
During Mass. Listen to God
After Mass, Talk to each other.**

She offered her observations: So, **before Mass**, are my words those of gratitude, praise, or perhaps a request? **During Mass**, do I listen to how much God loves me in the words or scriptures and in the prayer of consecration? **After Mass** do I greet folks, ask how they are doing, share my thoughts on the homily, or encourage someone who is having a hard time?

*May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.
Mike Pierson*



Mass Intentions	
May 17, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
May 18, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Vincent Vargas By Mary & Glen Gillespie
May 19, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
May 20, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Nicholas Rae By. Connie Carter
May 21, 2026	Intention of Lucy Le By Cathy Skinner
May 22, 2026	Intention of Hoa (Anna) Phan By Isabella Moro
May 23, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Omer Marie Bruno Tapsoba By Marione Tapsoba (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)

