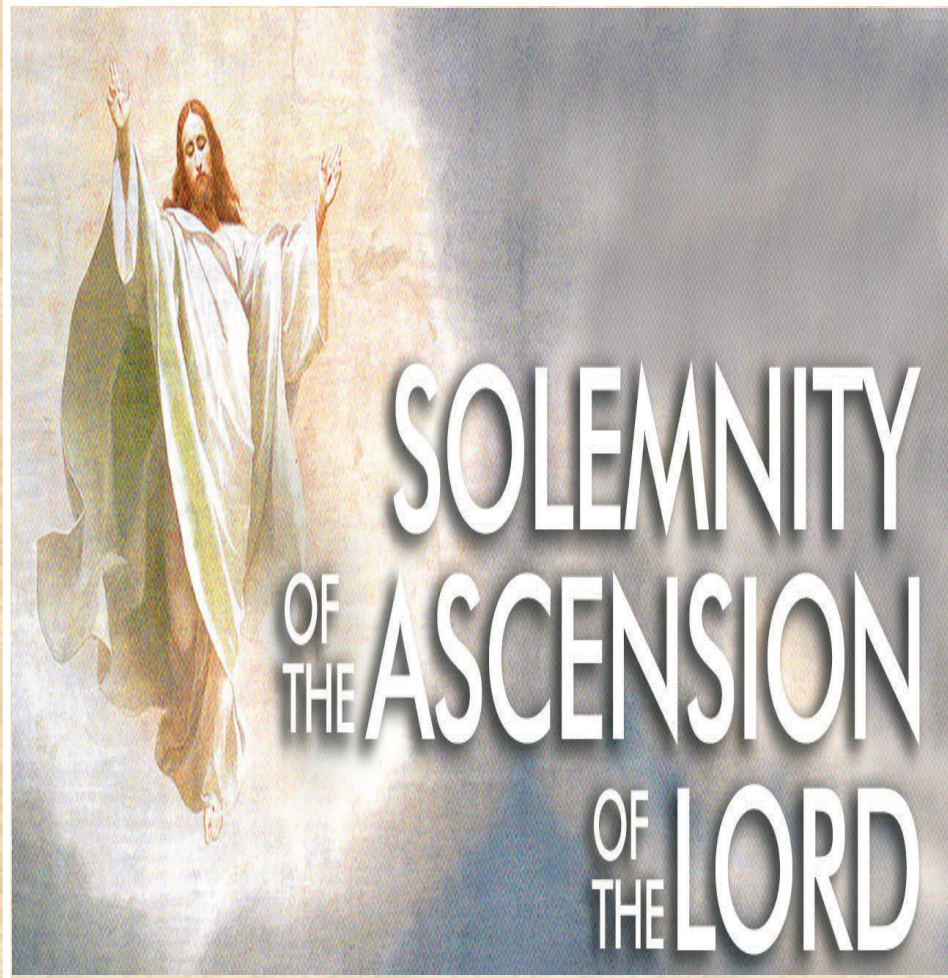


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If you use the envelopes in the pews, please make sure that you **write your envelope number (if known), your first and last name.**

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Mark 16:15-20

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Daily: 8:15 AM, Monday thru Friday

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Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12-Noon

Confessions: 4:00 PM on Saturday's

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	May 11
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Wilma Rebbe</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Louis Sirico</i>
SUNDAY	May 12
8:00 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
10:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Julita De Castro</i>
12:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Donna Lanergan</i>
MONDAY	May 13
8:15 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
TUESDAY	May 14
8:15 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
WEDNESDAY	May 15
8:15 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
THURSDAY	May 16
8:15 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
FRIDAY	May 17
8:15 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
SATURDAY	May 18
8:15 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
5:00 PM	<i>For the Intentions of All Parishioners</i>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 05/12	<i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the LORD;</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>
Monday, 05/13	<i>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</i>
Tuesday, 05/14	<i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>
Wednesday, 05/15	<i>St. Isidore</i>
Saturday, 05/18	<i>St. John I, Pope and Martyr;</i> <i>U. S. Armed Forces Day</i>

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Mother's Day Novena of Masses

May 12 thru May 20

We offer nine consecutive Masses beginning Mother's Day. Envelopes to enroll the women you wish remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses are in the pews. Simply write the names of the women you wish remembered in these nine Masses, enclose your donation, and place the envelope in the Collection Basket or drop it off at the Parish Center.

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To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "When A Child Discloses" at:

lacatholics.org/did-you-know/

May ~ *The Month of Our Lady* ~ *The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

Our spiritual exercises during the month of May can emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal Mystery.

Here are some lovely and beautiful practices to *Honor Our Lady*:



The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He, whom You did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray:

O God, who gave joy to the world through
the resurrection of thy Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee,
that through the intercession
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

The Rosary

Also called the *Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication.

Consecration and Entrustment to Mary

The Roman Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of "Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary" and the formulas publicly used by them are well known.

The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars

The *Scapular* is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to Her protection, who have recourse to Her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

Medals

These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in Her maternal protection. The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that "they help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary."

The Ascension of the Lord Jesus

Sunday, May 12th

The Ascension of Jesus Christ Into Heaven is one of the most important events recorded in the New Testament. Although it occupies a vital place in Scripture, the Ascension is often eclipsed in our lives by the life-giving death and glorious resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The ascension is pivotal, especially in the writings of St. Luke.

The ascension was so important for St. Luke, that he ends his Gospel with the ascension (Lk. 24:50-51), begins his acts by reporting it again (Acts 1:9-11), and then refers to it several times in the book of Acts.

The ascension accounts for why the appearances of Jesus during the forty days following His resurrection ceased. The ascension also fore-shadowed the final event in salvation history: Jesus' personal, physical, glorious return.

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11)

And there is more. For the Ascension of Jesus Christ was also the climatic, crowning event of His exaltation, and the necessary precursor to His continuing work through the Spirit and the Church.

Significance of Jesus' Ascension

1. The ascended and enthroned Christ pours out His Spirit on the Church. Jesus himself had told His disciples that it was good for him to go away, because only then would He send them another Helper, the Spirit of truth (John 16:7-16). And that is exactly what happened on the Day of Pentecost. The Spirit descended on the Church with power, inaugurating a new age in the history of salvation.
2. The ascended and enthroned Christ applies the blessings of salvation. Having accomplished redemption through the offering of His wholly and completely obedient life, the risen and exalted Christ now applies the salvation He has won, by granting the gifts of repentance and forgiveness of sins.
3. The ascended and enthroned Christ cares for His suffering people as they bear witness to Him. We see this in Acts 7, when Stephen becomes the first martyr of the Christian church.

“But He, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And He said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” (Acts 7:55-56)

This gives us great encouragement! When we feel weak in ourselves, Luke reminds us that the exalted Christ has given us His Spirit, who equips us with the power, boldness, and courage we need to accomplish our mission.

A familiar Child's Prayer is:

*God is Great,
God is Good,
Let us thank God for our food.
Amen.*

I was glancing through a book I found,
“The Immigrant Experience”,
edited by Thomas C. Wheeler, 1971.
In an essay about Norwegian brothers emigrating
to the United States in the 1860's
are the two additional lines to this prayer:

*God is Great,
God is Good,
Let us thank God for our food,
By His hands we are fed,
We thank You for our daily bread.
Amen.*

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Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

Mother's Day began with a daughter who missed her mother and wished to remember her and to honor her. Anna Jarvis' mother was very active in St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna went to college and soon after moved to Philadelphia to live with her brother. Anna took a position at Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, where she became the agency's first female literary and advertising editor. Anna moved her mother to be with her in Philadelphia. Her mother died in 1905.

With the assistance of John Wanamaker, (the Philadelphia merchant who opened the first department store in Philadelphia), Anna Jarvis arranged a small memorial service on May 12, 1907, at St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia where Anna's mother had taught Sunday School. The first "official" Mother's Day service was the following year on May 10, 1908, in the same church, simultaneous with a larger ceremony in the auditorium at Wanamaker's store in Center City Philadelphia (then on Chestnut St. between 8th and 9th Streets). The next time you are in Philadelphia visit the former Wanamaker's store, now Macy's at 13th and Market, meet "under the eagle" and enjoy the noon organ concerts on the largest operational pipe organ in the world.

Anna Jarvis campaigned for a national Mother's Day. West Virginia was the first state to declare officially a Mother's Day in 1910. The rest of the states quickly followed and on May 8, 1914, the United States Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day.

Carnations and Mother's Day go hand in hand. Anna Jarvis chose the carnation because it was her mother's favorite flower. Red carnations honor one's mother who is living and white carnations for one's mother who has died. Mother's Day is the day for us to thank God for our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, the special women who nurtured us – to say thank you to our mothers still alive and to whisper a prayer of thanks to God for our mothers who have died.



Our Mother's Day Novena of Masses begins Mother's Day. To include the women you wish included in these nine Masses please write the names on the Mother's Day Novena envelopes found in the pews, enclose your donation or e-mail me the names of the women you wish joined to these nine Masses. I will happily include their names in the nine Masses starting Mother's Day morning. Please send the names to: mwakefield@sfdsparish.com

GomBurZa on Netflix

Released in the United States in February 2024

Tagalog and Spanish with English subtitles

One of the lovely ninangs at daily Mass recommended this 2023 Filipino movie to me. I watched it and found it moving and profound. Some movies that I have seen present the encouraging and positive life of the priesthood. Some are "Going My Way"(1944), "The Bells of St. Mary's (1945)", "The Keys of the Kingdom"(1944), "The Cardinal"(1962), "The Mission"(1986), "The Scarlet and the Black"(1983), "Into Great Silence"(2006), "Of Gods and Men"(2010), "Romero"(1989) and "Fr. Stu" (2022). "GomBurZa" is in this happy company.

Here is one review of GomBurZa, "A moving historical drama that tells the story of three martyr priests-Mariano Gomes (Dante Rivero), Jose Burgos (Edrick Juan), and Jacinto Zamora (Enchong Dee), collectively known as GomBurZa - who were falsely accused of sedition and treason and executed by Spain in 1872. The film chronicles the struggle of the three priests that began with the secularization movement in the Philippines led by Fr. Pedro Pelaez (Piolo Pascual) and the rise of the advocacy for Filipinization of the Church. The martyrdom of GomBurZa never silenced the enlightened, influencing others like Dr. Jose Rizal to continue the fight for Philippine independence." (IMDb)

GomBurZa is among the most hallowed words in Philippine history, a portmanteau of the names of martyred priests Gomez, Burgos and Zamora, with Burgos the most famous. There is some general awareness of their relationship to what came after them – an inspired Dr. Jose Rizal and the rise of a Filipino consciousness that led to the revolution of 1896.

GomBurZa opens with Father Pelaez leading a movement by fellow island-born clergy, known as *insulares*, opposing the transfer of control of parishes from *insulares* to the Spanish-born (*peninsulares*) friars of the religious orders. Pelaez's plea to Spanish church authorities that the parishes were managed just as well by mestizo or indio priests marked the emergence of a separate Filipino identity.

Ultimately GomBurZa is the struggle for equality and dignity. No matter the colonial power, those born in the colonies were never as good or equal to those born in the old country. Whatever the colonial power, whether British or Spanish or French or Dutch, those born in the colonies were at best second best to those born in the mother country.

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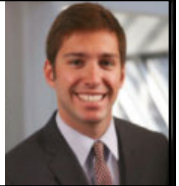
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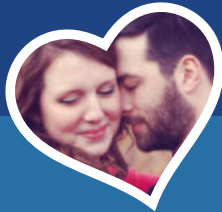
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