



# May 20, 2007 - The Ascension of the Lord

*"And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you..." Luke 24:49*

## † Servant Leader † ASCENSION & PENTECOST

Scripture, in one place, associates Christ's Ascension with the 40th day after his Resurrection. Biblical scholars suggest, however, that the reference to 40 days is influenced by other special periods mentioned in scripture, for example, the 40 years during which the Israelites wandered in the desert after the Exodus and the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert after his Baptism. As such, the exact chronology is less important than the truth that the period between the Resurrection and the Ascension is to be seen as a special, grace-filled time.

For almost a generation, most of the countries in North and South America observe Ascension on Sunday, at least in some areas. Whether the solemnity is celebrated on Thursday or Sunday, the focus should be on Christ's departure, his commission to proclaim his message to the world, and the descent of the Spirit.

At the Solemnity of the Ascension, we momentarily switch from the Gospel of John into Luke. Our reading is the ending of the Gospel of Luke, but really it is the prelude to Luke's second volume, the Book of Acts. We should not miss what is essential about Luke-Acts' understanding of Jesus and the early Church: it is essentially Jewish. Our reading this week is the third Resurrection appearance in Luke. Counting the final scene in Acts, all of the appearances take place in and around Jerusalem - the center of Judaism. Luke begins the story of Jesus in Jerusalem in the Temple (Simeon and Anna), and at the very end of the gospel, the disciples return to the Temple praising God. In Acts, the mission to found churches outside of Judea begins in Jerusalem. With the apostles seated in Jerusalem, the city is seen as the center of authority. From Judaism, the law and the prophets, comes the heart of Catholic Christianity: God's concern for creation and justice among peoples that is at the center of what we believe about the resurrection of the body and the real (physical) presence of the Christ in the Eucharist.

The Ascension of Jesus is for the purpose of Pentecost: Jesus with the Father now sends the Holy Spirit to create and sustain the Church, the presence of God in the world. We celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Church, and that it is. In John's version of the event, the resurrected Jesus appears, speaking words of peace. All past wrongs are forgiven. Jesus accepts the disciples' human frailty of fear (which led Peter to deny Jesus at his moment of greatest need) and anxiety. On this basis of peace, Jesus sends out the disciples to begin the mission of the Church in the world. The Church's power to forgive sins is the power to bring peace, the power to heal a broken world. It is never just power.

John's Gospel is truly an amazing journey. Many other points of interest are there when we read these stories. The few touched on here can only be for the purpose of urging you to read the Gospel of John. You will be blessed.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
- Tue: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
- Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
- Sun: Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



### Questions of the Week:

- For Adults: How often we stand looking up to the sky to find God. Name a time this past week when you saw God present in your life.
- For Teens: The disciples were filled with joy even though Jesus was leaving them. Have you ever been joyful when you had to say goodbye to someone special to you? Why?
- For Children: Jesus blessed the disciples and said He would be with them in a special way. Name a time when Jesus was with you in a special way.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon: Betty Bardwil +; Solange Guay +  
Fr. Sidney Peter Hall -Int.
- Tue: Bud Phelps +; Mrs. Sophie Jedrysek -Int.  
Mr. Tony Zemba -Int.
- Wed: Katherine Schottgen -Int.; Thanksgiving -Int.
- Thu: Bud Phelps +
- Fri: Brian Geronomo +; Bud Phelps +
- Sat: 8:30 am Mass Charles Schneider +
- Sun: 7:30 am Mass Charles Schneider +  
9:00 am Mass Dorothy Sweeney +  
6:00 pm Mass Pro Populo



### PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Pam Bardwil, Cody Bartley, Drake Bazzeroni, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, John Boyle, Shirley Bryant, Larry Cannon, Margaret Cioffi, Abraham Conant, Art Connolly, Christina Cowan, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Andrew Flores, Jennifer Ford, William Freeze, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Winfred Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Kathleen Hansen, Allison Herring, Michele Hock, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, Bill Keenan, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Jonnie Kuennen, Ian Larmore, Jey Lemes, Karen Lewis, Nancy Lopez, Nancy & Marty Lucas, Laura Maciej, Maria Mamaog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, Mike McCord, McElvy Family, June McMaught, Jenine Michilena, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Cora Orzol, Maryanne Pelzel, Maria Perez, Gilbert Perron, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Larry Thompson, X. Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Natividad Vargas, Jean Villanueva, Emily Walsh, Lori Weaver, Marvin Webster, Sharel Wilson

# Stewardship

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**STEWARDSHIP NOTES FROM FR. KIERNAN:**

I share two points of interest with you as I again thank parishioners for their generous support and love of Holy Family Parish and School.

**Leaving a Legacy through Planned Giving**

Your love and commitment to Holy Family Parish and School can continue with a planned gift. You can make a bequest through your will that would guarantee your commitment to our students forever.

Consider naming Holy Family Parish or School as a beneficiary in your estate. All bequests to Holy Family Parish or School are exempt from federal estate taxes. Feel free to contact us at 916.723.2494 for more information about bequests and other planned giving options.

**New Provision in the Internal Revenue Code**

A new provision in the Internal Revenue Code allows people 70½ years of age or older to make tax-free direct transfers from their IRAs to Holy Family Parish and School or other charities. This is a tremendous giving opportunity.

The new rule permits you to make donations directly to Holy Family Parish or School without counting them as part of your income for the year and, consequently, without paying taxes on them. In addition, charitable gifts from an IRA can satisfy the minimum annual distribution requirement. Thus, you can redirect taxable income you would otherwise be required to receive to Holy Family Parish or School.

**Keep in mind that the provision is only for tax years 2006 and 2007, so please consider acting soon.**

**PARISHIONERS: NEW AND NOT-SO-NEW**

- Are you registered at Holy Family Parish?
- Has your address recently changed?
- Do you use stewardship envelopes?

Would you like to know more about Planned Giving?  
 Visit the "Parish Life" section of your Parish Website:  
[www.holyfamilych.org](http://www.holyfamilych.org)

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Next weekend the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. Proceeds from this collection go directly to support the work of pastoral projects in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Support in previous years has gone to hundreds of projects in 21 dioceses within 21 countries, and included catechetical and lay programs, youth ministry, evangelization, and programs for religious, priests and deacons.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BOTTLES FOR THOSE IN NEED**

At the beginning of the Lenten season the members of the Holy Family Conference of St. Vincent de Paul distributed empty water bottles to the children in our Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) classes and to children and adults in RCIC and RCIA classes. Both the English and Hispanic classes were offered the opportunity to fill the bottles with coins and dollars to help those in need in our parish while practicing their Lenten sacrifices. The children and adults returned the bottles after Easter. The results of their sacrificial giving are truly inspiring. They contributed a total of \$1384.02! May God continue to bless you all as you grow in your faith.



<b>STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE</b>	
<b>GENERAL COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 11,000.00
Apr 22.....	\$ 11,445.00
Apr 29.....	\$ 10,015.00
May 6.....	\$ 12,274.00
May 13.....	\$ 10,630.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$ 488,983.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (46 Weeks)	\$ 506,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>96.64 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	<b>\$ 572,000.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 3,750.00
Apr 22.....	\$ 11,670.00
Apr 29.....	\$ 732.50
May 6.....	\$ 1,857.50
May 13.....	\$ 1,314.50
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$ 93,439.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (46 Weeks)	\$ 172,500.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>54.17 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	<b>\$ 195,000.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Legacy Restoration Appeal.....	\$ TBD
<p><i>Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth - to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.</i></p>	



## Holy Family School

**Holy Family School's** youngest members of the school community are the focus of this week's "school specials." On Tuesday, May 22, parents and guardians of incoming kindergartners will attend Kindergarten Orientation at 8:30 a.m. to learn about the school's mission of "...nurturing Christlike behavior in one another..." and to hear the highlights of the school's curriculum and general program. Many of these children who will be in the new kindergarten will be a part of the Holy Family Preschool Fly Up this coming Friday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. The 2006-2007 kindergarten, the school's Class of 2015, will Fly Up to First Grade on Tuesday, June 5, at 9 a.m.

For information about Holy Family Preschool, please call 722-4620, and for kindergarten enrollment information, please call 722-7788.

### **Enrolling at Holy Family Preschool for Fall '07**

Are you looking for a Catholic based preschool for your child? We offer a spiritually enriched program complete with Bible stories, songs and outstanding Christian role models. Our literature-based program that meets the California standards for ages 2 through 5 years old will challenge your child. We offer preschool from 8:00am until 12:00pm and Child Care from 7:00am until 6:00pm. You are encouraged to call Lucy Eberhardt at 722-4620 with questions and/or a school tour. Register Today!

### **CHURCH HISTORY CLASS**

Fr. John Sullivan will present four nights of history classes outlining the first four centuries of the church's development.

- Tuesday, May 15 – The Acts of the Apostles
- Tuesday, May 22 – Second Century: Development
- Tuesday, May 29 – Third Century: Persecution and Continuous Growth
- Tuesday, June 5 – Fourth Century: Christianity Becomes Legal – The Consequences

These classes will outline the church's growth numerically, liturgically and theologically.

All classes will be held in St. Joseph Hall at 7 pm – 8:30 pm. Please bring a Bible, note pad and pen.

### **HOLY LAND HAND-MADE CRAFTS 5/26 AND 5/27**

There will be a sale of olive wood crafts and souvenirs outside the church after all the Masses on May 26th and 27th. These crafts are all hand-made, carved by the Christian artist in Bethlehem, the city of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The profit will be used to help support the people in the Holy Land and to encourage them to stay in Bethlehem. Catholics used to be 15% of the population and now they are 1.5% because the bad situation that they are living in has caused them to flee the country. Helping these people is helping our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **SPRING CLEANING- THE TIME IS NOW!**

Consider donating some items to the Youth Ministry Parking Lot Sale which will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 7am-3pm. All items must be CLEAN and IN WORKING ORDER! No large appliances will be accepted. We would like for items to be dropped off on June 1st. However, if other arrangements are necessary, please call 721-8329 or email holyfamilycym@yahoo.com. We are also looking for volunteers to help work the sale.

### **ALL GRADUATES: JR. HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL, AND COLLEGE**

Holy Family Parish would like to honor you at a special mass on Sunday, June 3rd at 6pm. Please plan to attend- a reception in the garden will follow mass.

If you are interested in carrying in one of the high school banners, please RSVP to 721-8329 or email holyfamilycym@yahoo.com



### **EAGLE SCOUT THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

I would like to thank everyone for their support, generosity, and assistance as I completed my Eagle Scout Project. As many of know, I laid down stepping stones in the Guadalupe Garden, which took me several weeks to complete. I would also like to thank everyone who came out to help with my project. I couldn't have done it without all of your support. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Eric Will, Troop 349

### **ATTENTION MOMS:**

"Pray perseveringly, be attentive to prayer, and pray in a spirit of thanksgiving." *Corinthians 4:2*

Holy Family Mother's Ministry's 'Mom and Me' Prayer Group invites you to come and pray with us!

**Where:** Holy Family RCIA room  
Holy Family Community Center

**When:** Tuesday mornings  
Gather: 9:45 am (Coffee/Fellowship)  
Prayer: 10:00 -11:00 am

While we pray the scriptures (Holy Rosary), the Kids have play group. Snacks are potluck. Coffee and drinks provided.

Please call Jessica Lendewig 988-4969 for more information.

### **Saturday, May 26: Pentecost Vigil**

*Celebrate with the members of our community newly initiated at the Easter Vigil.*

**Sunday, May 27:  
Pentecost Sunday**

**Sunday, June 3:  
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

**Sunday, June 10:  
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
*Traditionally, Corpus Christi; a special Eucharistic Procession and Benediction will follow the 12:30 pm Mass.*

# WELCOME

## Holy Family Catholic Church Annual Barbeque & Picnic for Newcomers

Sunday, May 27th – 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Outside in the School Lunch Area

Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages provided.  
Please bring your favorite pot luck dish.

**PLEASE RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE  
AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



## NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



### MARK YOUR BREAKFAST CALENDAR!

The Knights of Columbus will provide a Parish STRAWBERRY pancake breakfast on June 3rd. All profits from this breakfast will benefit the Holy Family Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Join us for a wonderful breakfast and at the same time give your support to those in need in our community.

### MOTHERS' DAY ROSE SALE

A word of thanks to the parish for a successful Mothers' Day rose sale. It was truly a parish effort, from those who bought a rose or roses, the support from the pulpit, and the many volunteers involved. Special mention to Frank Borja and his friends for helping at the 10:30 mass. A total of \$2260 is going to the Sacramento Life Center! Again, thanks.

### HAVE A TERRIFIC CULTURAL EXPERIENCE WITHOUT LEAVING HOME:

We are looking for a few parish families interested in hosting visiting high school students from Japan. A group of visiting high school students from a private boys' school in Japan will be arriving July 29-August 10th. While here, they participate in an English immersion program and learn English at a local study center during the week. They participate in host family activities on evenings and weekends. Sightseeing excursions to Alcatraz and Stanford University are planned activities and host families can join in the fun! Host families also participate in a welcome and farewell party at the start and end of their visit.

Volunteer host families provide:

- Conversation with the student to allow him to participate fully as a family member.
- A bed and meals. (A separate room is not necessary).
- Transportation to and from the local study center. The student may walk, bike, carpool or take public transportation.

We are looking to place students by the end of May. If you are interested in becoming a host family or would like to learn more, please contact Amor Taylor at 721-6071 (home) or 212-7055 (cell).

# Prayer Opportunities

## WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army.) It is now officially associated with the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. We are happy to offer these prayers here at Holy Family. All are welcome to join us Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass in St. Mary Hall. For information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.

## VOCATIONS CROSS

Each week a parish family is presented with the Vocations Cross to take home for the week and asked to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next Sunday, the family returns the cross and another family is presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, blessing us with the grace that encourages us, consoles us, strengthens us, guides us and inspires us to place our trust in Him. We stay with the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to be more personally involved with Him and to keep the Eucharist central in our lives. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist enables us to build a truly personal relationship with Him. Come into His presence in our beautiful chapel - He is looking forward to your visit!

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:

Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Also in the chapel: Each day at 9:00 am a community Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.

## DOMINICAN LAITY AT HOLY FAMILY

The Dominican Laity meets here at Holy Family on the first Sunday of every month in St. Mary Hall from 1–3 pm. Come and join us in a way of life of prayer, both private and liturgical, the study of the sacred truth, the sharing of our spiritual life with others in the community, and in our apostolic outreach. For further information call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.

## DEVOTION TO MARY:

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, the Mother of God, Mother of the Church and our Spiritual Mother. One of the greatest ways we can express our devotion to Mary is by praying the beautiful prayer of the Rosary to her and with her. It is a powerful prayer for your petitions for peace, conversions, salvation and guidance. Please join us in praying the Rosary during the month of May, after the 8:30 morning Mass during the week, Monday through Saturday, in the center section of the church. Hope to see you there!

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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## **DIOCESAN MARY HOUR 2007- MARY QUEEN OF OUR FAMILY**

Sunday May 20, 2007

Celebrant: **Most Rev. William K. Weigand**

2:00 pm Marian Prelude Hymns • 2:15 pm Rosary

3:00 pm Mass • St. Anne Church, 7724 24th St., Sacramento

## **BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY**

The Roseville Knights Of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to the Silver Legacy, Reno on Sunday May 27th. The cost is \$25 per person prepaid with approximately \$15 returned at the casino. Checks should be made payable to Knights Of Columbus #4540. Please call Sue or Dave Mirtoni for reservations and details at 782-3242.

## **ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS - FOURTH DAY:**

Fourth Day will be held on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Hall in the Community Center. Prior to the meeting, the Cursillistas will meet in the Chapel for Prayer at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Young Stewart at 332-8732.

## **NOR CAL CHARISMATIC CATHOLIC CONVENTION:**

Join in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the USA at the Santa Clara Convention Center, Great America Parkway – the weekend of May 25, 26 & 27. Convention highlights include seven outstanding speakers, General Sessions and Workshops, Eucharistic Worship Service, Healing Mass, and Prayer Ministry. Also, complete Youth & Children's Ministries (if pre-registered). For complete schedule and registration brochure, call 1-707-643-2238 or register at the door. Information is also available at [www.ncrcspirit.com](http://www.ncrcspirit.com).

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"You will be my witnesses..." Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you strengthen your marriage to be a better witness of Christ's love for his Church. The next Sacramento Weekend is June 22- 24. To register, contact Raul & Gayla Ponce at 866-825-2046 or [srsregistrar@comcast.net](mailto:srsregistrar@comcast.net).

## **15TH SAN FRANCISCO INT'L MARIAN CONFERENCE**

June 29,30 - July 1, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Conference Center of Foster City. **Theme: "Behold your Mother"**: Six International Speakers, Marian, Eucharistic & Charismatic Devotions, Youth Program & Children's Program, Healing Service. Information and Registration information call 800-456-4197 [www.sraphael.com](http://www.sraphael.com) Or [www.straphaelministries.org](http://www.straphaelministries.org). E-Mail: [srm.inc@juno.com](mailto:srm.inc@juno.com).

## **LOURDES & ITALY PILGRIMAGE**

November 5 to 15, 2007

Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, Florence, Assisi, Rome  
\$2,449 from San Francisco + tax

Hosted by: Fr. Vincent R. Juan, St. Francis Parish. Burney, CA  
For more information: Call Fr. Vince at (530) 335-2372 or visit [www.stfrancisburney.org](http://www.stfrancisburney.org) or call Nawas International Travel, Inc. (650) 322-1818 Menlo Park, CA.

## **UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **MAY**

Catechetical Documents with Dr. Holly Peterson: St. Joseph's, Elk Grove. May 24th, 7-9 pm. For information call 685-5636.

**LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE** - Life in Christ, the Moral Life, presented by Rev. Michael Hebda: Our Lady of Mercy, Redding. May 25th (6:30 - 9 pm) and May 26th (8:30 am - 4 pm). Course will fulfill 8 hours of credit towards Basic Catechetical Certification. Cost: \$25. For information contact Kathy at 733-0139.

### **JUNE**

Obtain your Basic Catechist Certification in 11 weeks! University of Sacramento's Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church Course: June 11-August 20, Mondays, 6-9:40 pm. For more information please call 916.443.4760.

### **JULY**

Gospel of Luke: three day course for catechist certification or re-certification! Presented by Sr. Kathryn Doyle, R.S.M.: July 24-26, 9-noon, Pastoral Center, Sacramento. \$25 fee for course, which includes Colledgeville Commentary on the Gospel of Luke. For registration or more information call Kathy at 916.733.0139.

### **AUGUST**

The North American Forum is coming to the Diocese of Sacramento. Focus on Initiation: CONCERNING THE BAPTIZED: August 13-15, 2007, Christ the King Retreat Center. Contact Joan at 916.452.3908 for more information.



## Camp Pendola



Camp Pendola, the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento, is now accepting registrations for the 2007 summer season. This year the program will take place in a variety of settings with participants hiking or paddling to different camping sites each night. Trips are scheduled for different lengths and difficulties to meet the needs of different ages (11 and older) and experiences. Whatever the program, campers are encouraged to live in, understand, and respect the wonders and beauty of the world around them. For more information and registration materials, please call 916-PEN- DOLA (736-3652).

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

What are you doing this summer? -Making a difference in the lives of youth! The Diocese of Sacramento is looking for energetic young people (18+ years) to work this summer as trip counselors with youth between ages ten and seventeen in the great outdoors, and within the Catholic spirit! Positions begin in mid June and finish in August. Applications are available now! Please call Camp Pendola (916-PEN-DOLA) for more information and an application.