

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

May 24th, 2020 : 7th Sunday of Easter



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Tuesday 6:00 pm at St Lawrence - Darrell & Sue Dewitt

Wednesday 8:45 am at St Philips - Betty Flaig

Thursday 7:00 am at St Lawrence - Alex Joseph

Friday 7:00 am at St Lawrence - Rick Cox

Friday 8:45 am at St Philips - Marge Joosten

Saturday 4:30 pm at St. Philip - Cece Moran

Saturday 6:00 pm at St. Lawrence - For the Parish

Sunday 8:30 am at St Philip - Lucille Skrzeczkoski

Sunday 10:30 am at St Lawrence - Sylvester Swetz

For health and healing for

Theresa Zanetti,

Mel Sullivan, Marie Kaszuba, Eileen Folgert,

and all whose names appear on the prayer list, we pray to the Lord.

St. Lawrence Directory

Rectory Hours- - - Mon-Fri, 8:00am – noon

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SUNDAY READINGS: Acts 1: 12-14, 1 Peter 4:13-16, John 17: 1-11a (59)

Reflection on the Ascension

“Behold, I am with you all days until the end of the world,” Jesus said to his apostles. Today, we celebrate the day of Jesus' departure. On one hand, because he goes to heaven to his Father, and on the other we celebrate the promises in which Jesus says that by leaving to the Father he will remain with us until the end. So, we celebrate the Lord Jesus staying with us here on earth until the end. We know farewells can be very difficult. Most often it is difficult to say goodbye to a person or people very close, and who we will probably not meet again. It is especially hard when we say farewell to the closest people who are dying. The pain breaks the heart, tears push themselves into the eyes, nostalgia and sadness, despair, anger ... we can see many different symptoms in ourselves. The process of returning to what we associate as normality takes time and stages. Let's look at the apostles. Jesus prepared them for this moment of departure for three years. He talked about the subject of death, resurrection and departure many times. Did the apostles understand this, probably not. Some things need time and maturity. Maturity is understanding; arranging everything and the difficult acceptance of reality. And yet, Jesus did not give up; He talked and taught them what was to come. At the same time, he often reminded them what they will be doing when this time would come. They probably forgot their impressions. As we heard today during the first reading; "Men of Galilee" they said "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." What does it mean? Why do you stand here? Go! You are to be my witnesses. So go now. The world is your field of activity and people living in it. There is a lot of work! And Jesus began with this, a handful of chosen people, to go out to gather those who remained outside the fold. For everything to function well, you also need to take care of what is already collected. That is, people and their families, relationships, life, values, and decisions. All this has to be maintained, and if necessary, corrected and made better.

In a land there was a school of spirituality. In this school was an older man who was of medium height, not too fat, not too thin. He dressed poorly and did not care about his image. He had many students. One day the students noticed that their master was looking at them very interestingly and differently as usual. After two days they asked the master what happened and why he looked at them like that? In response they heard, “I am looking for my successor to be like me”. The next day and for the next week students tried to become like the master. The race began. They put on untidy clothes, the tall ones tried to slouch, and the short ones tiptoe, and so it was with everything. Everyone was even at the hairdresser, so that they could get their hair cut short like his. Every day the master walked between them, looked at them and asked aloud, “who would be my successor? It must be someone like me, someone very similar!” Everyone started to become similar, but the master did not announce who would be his successor, i.e. a student to whom he would pass on everything he knew. One day a new student came to the school. He was very tall, had longer hair, walked strangely, and dressed well. After two days the master said. The new one that came will be my successor. The other students were startled and started asking, but why? He doesn't look like you! Which the master responded, “that's right! He is just like me. I'm not trying to be like anyone else either.”

Ps.

You'll be unique when you find your own unique shape that you are already. It is not what you think of yourself but what God gave you. And only in God can you find and understand you.

- Fr. Janusz -



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MAKE ME LAUGH

Man: What is a million years like to you?
God: Like one second.
Man: What is a million dollars like to you?
God: Like one penny.
Man: Can I have a penny?
God: Just a second.





Prayer for Family Unity

Lord, I want to thank You for
this precious family of mine.

For the talents and good things that
You have given each of us.

Please keep us united, and
our bond strong as the days pass.

Please guide us, protect us and equip us
to do Your will each and every day.

Thank You for all that You are,
and all that You have given us.

My heart is forever grateful!

Amen.

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ACS Employment Openings for 2020-2021-Bulletins

We have the following employment openings in our schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Please send letter of interest, resume, and 3 letters of reference to the associated contact. All positions are open until filled.

- † SV Literacy Lab Teacher-Pam Fochs, 713-422-0962, pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org
- † OLQH/SV (K-5) Special Education Teacher, Pam Fochs, 713-422-0962, pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org
- † SV General Music/Band Teacher (PT)-Pam Fochs, 713-422-0962, pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org
- † HS/MS Choir/General Music- Anne Zacher, 713-422-0913, azacher@assumptioncatholicschools.org
- † MS English Language Arts – Anne Zacher, 713-422-0913, azacher@assumptioncatholicschools.org
- † HS English (PT)- Anne Zacher, 713-422-0913, azacher@assumptioncatholicschools.org
- † HS German (PT) - Anne Zacher, 713-422-0913, azacher@assumptioncatholicschools.org
- † HS Spanish (PT) - Anne Zacher, 713-422-0913, azacher@assumptioncatholicschools.org

Attention, as we return to our Sunday Mass together there are some changes to consider:

- ◆ You should not come to Church if you currently are experiencing a fever or flu-like symptoms.
- ◆ The Sunday Mass obligation remains dispensed until further notice. If you do not feel safe coming to Church, please stay home.
- ◆ Social distancing will be required inside this Church building.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer is available at every entrance and should be used upon entering and exiting the building.
- ◆ During Mass there will NOT be a collection taken, please place your contributions in the baskets in the back of Church.
- ◆ There will be a cart in the back of the Church with the Missalettes, please pick one up for Mass and return it to the cart after Mass.
- ◆ Communion will be done one side of the Church at a time, in a single file line so that you can remain social distancing.
- ◆ After Mass the pews, bathroom, door handles, and railings will be sanitized. Volunteers to help the ushers will be needed. Please consider helping with this task.

**Though the path is plain and smooth for men of good will, he who walks it will not travel far,
and will do so only with difficulty, if he does not have good feet:
that is, courage and a persevering spirit.**

- St. John of the Cross

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