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MAY 17, 2026 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
MAY HIS LOVE  
BE WITH US,  
ALWAYS



## PARISH VISION

We are called to active discipleship to live the values taught by our Lord Jesus Christ through acts of faith, hope, and charity. As active disciples, we engage in a “mission” mode of evangelization, forming disciples and inspiring others to do the same.

## STRATEGIC VISION

We are a thriving community of disciples who see their role in the life and evangelizing mission of the Church, sustaining a parish school that continuously grows and increases its enrollment every year, and supporting a facility that architecturally highlights the beauty and spirituality of its broader community.

## MISSION

We seek to be a community of active disciples who:

- Are diverse, inclusive, and collaborative (Welcoming)
- Continuously grow and share their faith with all generations of spiritual seekers (Word)
- Are involved in a creative, vibrant liturgy (Worship)
- Are involved in areas of service that impact its broader community and the world (Witness)
- Have a strong sense of stewardship, evident in the parish’s healthy finances, committed organization, and self-sustained ministries (Strengthening)
- Are unafraid to grow by remembering the past, celebrating the present, and believing in the future

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 05:00pm,

Tagalog | 07:00pm

Sunday | 08:00am, 10:00am -  
(livestream), 12:00pm, 04:00pm  
(Vietnamese) & 07:00pm

### Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 07:00 am

### First Friday Mass

07:00pm (livestream)

### Reconciliation

Saturday | 03:00pm or by  
appointment

### Devotion to Mother of Perpetual

Wednesday | 06:00pm, Rosary at  
06:30pm

### Daily Devotion

06:30am Rosary & Divine Chaplet

### Adoration Chapel

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| Sunday Church Collection | \$ 9,787.00  |
| Novena                   | \$ 558.00    |

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| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$ 10,345.88</b>  |
| <b>Variance</b> | <b>\$ - 1,654.12</b> |

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GIVEN AND VALIANTLY SERVED OUR NATION,

# THANK YOU





## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17, 2026



### PASSING THE BATON

*My dear St. John the Baptist Parish Community,*

In the New Testament, we know that St. Luke wrote both the *Gospel* that carries his name and the *Acts of the Apostles*. He addressed both books to a certain fellow named **Theophilus** (Lk 1:3 and Acts 1:1). The term *Theophilus* is the Greek word for “*God-lover*.”

The Evangelist wishes, “*after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence (to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us) so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.*” (cf. Lk 1:1-4. In effect, the Evangelist is writing to each one of us – to you and me. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles narrates the event we commemorate today – the Ascension of the Lord.

Have you ever found yourself gazing into the sky, wondering where God is in the midst of everything?

Have you ever asked, “What am I supposed to do now?” after an encounter with grace or a powerful moment in prayer?

What does it really mean to be a follower of Jesus after He has ascended into heaven?

Today’s Gospel from the conclusion of the gospel of St. Matthew invites us to reflect on one of the most beautiful and profound moments in our faith—the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**. It is a moment filled with awe, wonder, and a clear invitation to carry forward His mission on earth. As Jesus is taken up into heaven, He leaves behind not only the promise of the Holy Spirit but also a **sacred responsibility**—that we “*go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.*” (Mt 28:16-20). Called the great commissioning, this was, in effect, the last spoken words of Christ to the disciples as recorded in Matthew’s Gospel. Yet the commissioning ended with a promise of Christ’s abiding presence: “*And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.*” (v. 20)

The world today presents many challenges—divisions, distractions, and difficulties. There is global moral crisis in many pockets of the world, in many levels and structures of human interactions. But we are not alone. Jesus promised to send the **Holy Spirit**, our helper, guide, and strength. Through the Spirit, we are equipped to be witnesses not with loud declarations, but through **authentic living**—by being people of mercy, justice, hope, and integrity.

To be a witness in today’s world is not about being perfect or having all the answers. It is about being sincere, faithful, and willing to **walk with others**—especially those in need. It is about listening with care, acting with love, and standing up for what is right with humility and respect for all.

Dear friends, we are needed now more than ever—not just as people of faith, but as people of hope. Let us not be content to simply gaze at the heavens, waiting. Let us live in such a way that others can say, “God is truly among us.”

*Monsignor Willie*

## Mass INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, May 19 - 7 am

**(I)** Carlos & Linda Salinas (Wed Anniv),  
Carlos Herrera (Bday), Gina Ramirez (Bday),  
Mary Anne Santos (Bday), Nam Nguyen (Tks),  
Thanh Vu (Tks)  
**(H)** Fr. Jaime Mendoza, Frank Carroza, Arthur Basco,  
Fred De Asis, Mila Abseta, Angelina Andrade,  
Sandi Domingo, Sioe Fie Thoeng, Kim Verzosa  
**(D †)** Msgr. Pat Brown, Randy Anthony Herrera,  
Maria Wong, Frank Lao, Alex Gonzales, Ron Gaudinez,  
Venancio Buligon, Julie Pierce, Rogelio Tarangco,  
Aida Halili, Chita Serrano

### Wednesday, May 20 - 7 am

**(I)** Jharvis Asuncion (Bday)  
**(H)** Fr. Jaime Mendoza, Frank Carroza, Arthur Basco,  
Fred De Asis, Nick Arimboanga, Sandi Domingo,  
Kim Verzosa  
**(D †)** Msgr. Pat Brown, Frank Lao, Ron Gaudinez,  
Maria Wong, Joseph Trung Nguyen, Alex Gonzales,  
Julie Pierce, Zully Amarilla, Chita Serrano

### Wednesday, May 20 - 6:30 pm

**(I)** Gina Ramirez (Bday)  
**(H)** Fr. Jaime Mendoza, Frank Carroza, Arthur Basco,  
Fred De Asis, Nick Arimboanga, Sandi Domingo,  
Kim Verzosa  
**(D †)** Msgr. Pat Brown, Ron Gaudinez,  
Frank Lao, Maria Wong, Alex Gonzales,  
Julie Pierce, Antonio Bautista

### Thursday, May 21 - 7 am

**(I)** Benect Sarpolio (Bday), Brandon Enany (Sp Int),  
Christ Manuel (Bday), Steven Relampagos (Bday)  
**(H)** Fr. Jaime Mendoza, Frank Carroza, Arthur Basco,  
Fred De Asis, Mila Abseta, Sioe Fie Thoeng, Kim Verzosa  
**(D †)** Msgr. Pat Brown, Ron Gaudinez, Frank Lao,  
Timothy Vu, Maria Wong, Julieta Reyes,  
Josephn Trung Nguyen, Antonio Bautista,  
Virginia Que

### Friday, May 22 - 7 am

**(I)** Julius Basiao & Family (Tks), Link Ruiz & Family (Tks)  
**(H)** Fr. Jaime Mendoza, Frank Carroza, Arthur Basco,  
Fred De Asis, Ellie Cerezo, Kim Verzosa  
**(D †)** Msgr. Pat Brown, Ron Gaudinez, Frank Lao,  
Maria Wong, Florencio, Jr., Francis Kenneth Albano,  
Joseph Trung Nguyen

## THE O.C.I.A. CORNER

### The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

On 17 May 2026, our Topic will be “Living the Virtues,” come join us as we look at what Jesus expects of us and how we should live our lives!

On 24 May 2026, our Topic will be “Family Life,” What are we supposed to do to form the Basic Church, the Family? Did you realize that our primary job in life is to get our family to Heaven? Come and join in the conversation!

If you see a Topic that interests you, OCIA is open to anyone in the Parish that would like to attend to learn more about their faith. If you think you might be interested in the Catholic Faith, come join us and see if it answers your questions.

For more information contact the Parish Office at 408-262-2546.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Regular office hours will resume the following day.

St. John the Baptist Parish welcomes multiple Mass Intentions. While there is no required stipend, parishioners may make a freewill offering. All requests will be combined with others.

“DISCLAIMER: If we don't mention your request, it doesn't mean it's invalid. What matters is your heart. Your intentions are always heard by God, even if unspoken. Please inform us immediately if this occurs, and we will honor your request. Thank you.

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## *Renewed at the Table of the Lord*

*Liturgical Renewal Phase 1 – Introductory Rites: Welcoming & Participation*  
Sunday after Easter, April 12, 2026 – July 1, 2026

### WEEK 5

#### Asking for Mercy, Giving Praise

After the entrance song, the priest, *in persona Christi*, greets the assembly with "**The Lord be with you.**" This is not a pleasantry; it is a declaration: Christ is truly present among us. The phrase echoes through Scripture: the angel's greeting to Mary at the Annunciation, what Boaz says to his harvesters in Ruth, the Risen Christ's words to the disciples in the upper room, and so on. When the assembly answers, "**And with your spirit,**" we acknowledge that the priest is not simply a man greeting us, but that the Spirit of God, received at his ordination, is acting through him. In this exchange, the whole theology of the Mass is expressed: Christ is here, his Spirit is at work, and we are about to encounter Him together.

Then, we come to a profound moment: the **Penitential Act**. This is when we, as a community, acknowledge our need for God's mercy. We come before the Lord, not pretending to be perfect, but humbly admitting that we are sinners in need of grace. This is not just reciting words; it is naming the truth about ourselves: that we are beloved children of God who fall short, hurt others, and fail to love as we should. In doing so together, we receive the communal assurance that we are never alone in our need.

The form of the Penitential Act may vary from Sunday to Sunday. You might recognize the Confiteor — "*I confess to almighty God...*" — prayed together as a community. Another form invites a brief examination of conscience led by the priest. A third prays the *Kyrie*: "Lord, have mercy / Christ, have mercy." The form changes; the grace does not.

On most Sundays, after acknowledging our sinfulness, we shift to praise with the **Gloria**. This ancient hymn has been prayed by Christians for nearly two thousand years. It bursts with joy: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!" From confession to praise, this is the rhythm of the Christian life. We acknowledge our need, receive God's mercy, and then overflow with gratitude.

This week, notice the **Greeting** and receive it as the declaration it is: Christ is truly here. Enter the **Penitential Act** with a willing heart. And when the **Gloria** comes, let it pour out of you, because you have just been met with mercy.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL &amp; CATECHETICAL MINISTRY FIRST COMMUNION 2026



Congratulations to our first communicants and their families. Dressed in their finest, the students received the Eucharist for the first time, marking an important step in their journey of faith. Many thanks to the teachers and catechists who made this day memorable and filled with grace.

## ANNUAL PARISH FIESTA

a. Triduum June 21-23, 7pm

b. Mini-festival June 21, Sunday. Food vendors begin selling on Saturday, June 20, after the 5:00 PM Mass.

c. Fiesta Mass June 24, Wednesday, 7pm, followed by procession around parking lots & Fiesta dinner in the Hall

### Wanted:

- Individual & group entertainers for mini-festival and Parish Fiesta Dinner
- Vendors for mini-festival – contact MariCris Benitez or call the Parish Office



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Thank you for your help in this worthwhile cause.

Please contact Ruben Esguerra at 408 627-0476 or Email: [dannyesguerra@yahoo.com](mailto:dannyesguerra@yahoo.com)

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