

May
16-17
2026

St. Joseph

Catholic Church

Ascension Sunday



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16 - St. Joseph Parishioners
Sunday, May 17 - Rich and Diana Thiede+
Tuesday, May 19 - Patricia Garrity & family
Wednesday, May 20 - Lyle Applegate & family
Saturday, May 23 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Welcome!

MISSION STATEMENT

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples. Preach the gospel to all people."

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM
Tuesday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BAPTISM

Parents seeking Baptism for their child should contact the pastor. It is expected that you are a registered parishioner taking part in the liturgical life of the Church - which includes attendance at Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least 4 months prior to your desired date.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Registration forms are in the lobby, or online:

stjosephcolbert.org/registration

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



Parish Calendar

Tuesday, May 19

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Book Club 1:30 PM

Wednesday, May 20

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Saturday, May 23

Men's Fellowship & Breakfast 7:00 AM

Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day holiday - office closed

Tuesday, May 26

No Daily Mass

Please note: the parish office will be closed on Mondays beginning June 1 for the summer months, returning to normal hours in September.

High School Senior Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual scholarship collection on the weekends of May 16-17 and May 23-24.

The contest is open to all high school seniors who are members of the parish. Application forms are available from the parish staff.

All essays must be submitted to the parish office by May 25. Winners will be announced at the 10:00 AM Mass on May 31.

Vacation Bible School

Passport to Peace

June 22-26, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Register online using QR code here.

Sacristans/Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee & Donut Hosts

Saturday, May 23

Sacristans - Patrick and Rebecca

Lector - Pete T.

Eucharistic Ministers - Leslie F. & Valerie

Sunday, May 24

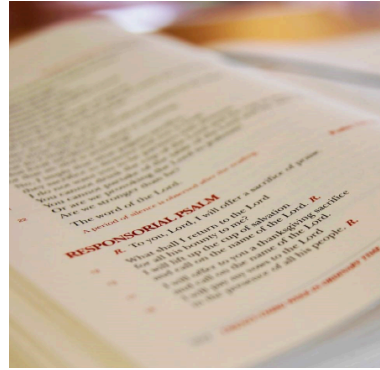
Sacristans - Dave and Cathy

Lector - Ken H.

Eucharistic Ministers - Bob, Deirdre, Natalie,
Sandra N.

May 24 - Dennis and Rosanne Tonkin

Seeking Lectors



We are looking for interested parishioners to serve as Lectors. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith by sharing God's love for us all. No experience is necessary; training is provided. If you feel called, please contact the parish office. 509-466-4991.



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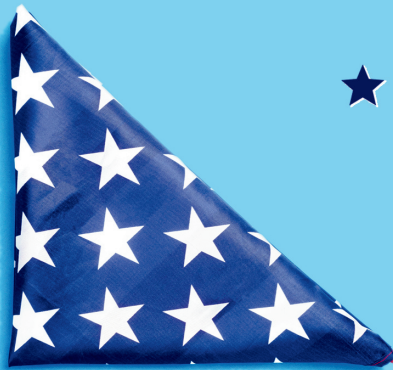
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MEMORIAL DAY ★ ★
— REMEMBER & HONOR —

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Mass with Bishop Daly
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