

# Ascension of the Lord

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Sacred Conversation

### Solemnity of the Ascension

A bold thought occurred to me the other day. What if the Holy Spirit can do utterly wonderful, breathtaking things in our lives, without our even praying for them? Sometimes I wonder if the strong Catholic instinct to work for justice and peace keeps us in a state of 24/7 alert. I know that I forget that the Holy Spirit is still working miracles that have nothing to do with my efforts. Duh.

You know, it's not like we did so many good works that God decided to give us this wonderful world as a reward. Before any human came to life, the Spirit was hovering over the waters. The Spirit was there at the beginning of the beginning, working the miracle of life, and rivers, and mountains, and sun and moon, and, of course, us. And it was God's glorious initiative to work in intimate concert with Mary to bring the Savior into the world. The Holy Spirit came upon her, and it had nothing to do with any good works anyone did. It was God's mighty power, and Blessed Mother's "yes," that saved us. I think about this in this week before Pentecost. What if God is working a miracle in your life right now? What if the Holy Spirit is curing an addiction of a loved one, or healing a marriage, or luring an adult child back to the comfort of the Church? What if God is answering long-abandoned prayers that you gave up on because you decided God's answer was "no"? The word "Spirit" means "breath." I challenge you to take note of what God is doing in your life. It will take your breath away.

*Think about this past year. What has the Spirit worked in you that you may not even have noticed?*

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### Solemnidad de la Ascensión

Se me vino un pensamiento muy audaz a la cabeza el otro día. ¿Qué si el Espíritu Santo puede hacer cosas maravillosas y asombrosas en nuestras vidas, sin que ni siquiera tengamos que hacer oración para pedírselas? A veces me pregunto si el fuerte

instinto católico de trabajar por la justicia y la paz nos mantiene en un estado de alerta 24 horas del día 7 días por semana. Estoy consciente de que se me olvida que el Espíritu Santo sigue realizando milagros que no tienen nada que ver con mis esfuerzos. Claro.

Sabes, no es como si hubiésemos hecho tantas obras buenas que Dios decidió regalarnos este maravilloso mundo como recompensa. Antes de que cualquier humano tuviese vida, el Espíritu se movía sobre las aguas. El Espíritu estaba allí al principio del principio, realizando el milagro de la vida, y los ríos y las montañas, y el sol y la luna, y por supuesto, nosotros. Y fue la gloriosa iniciativa de Dios de trabajar en concierto íntimo con María lo que trajo al Salvador a este mundo. El Espíritu Santo vino sobre ella, y no tuvo que ver con ninguna buena obra que alguien hubiese hecho. Fue el poder grandioso de Dios, y el "sí" de la Santa Madre, lo que nos salvó.

Pienso acerca de estas cosas en esta semana antes de Pentecostés. ¿Qué si Dios está realizando un milagro en tu vida ahora mismo? ¿Qué si el Espíritu Santo está sanando de la adicción a un ser querido, o salvando un matrimonio, o atrayendo a un hijo adulto de regreso al consuelo de la Iglesia? ¿Qué si Dios esta contestando las oraciones que ya hacían abandonadas y que habías dado por perdidas porque decidiste que la respuesta de Dios era un "no"? La Palabra "Espíritu" significa "aliento." Te reto a que tomes nota de lo que Dios está haciendo en tu vida. Te va a dejar sin aliento.

*Piensa en este último año. ¿Qué ha hecho el Espíritu en ti que tal vez no has notado todavía?*

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**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—**  
Helen Arango, Dolores Esquibel, Tom Trujillo, LeRoy Kress, Fernanda Gonzalez, Teresa O'Donnell, Reagan Capps, Ronald Petersen, Ramon Perez, Yvette Gallegos, Guadalupe Garcia, Tate Hallahan, Clarita Rubio

## *Around the Parish and the Community*

### **FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

#### **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**

Early registration for fall classes has been extended to Sunday, July 1, 2017. Our regular Sunday class fees are \$50 per student, but the fee is reduced to \$40 per student if paid in full by July 1. Sacramental preparation fees are \$35 per student. If you were registered in our program this year, you already received a registration packet. Registration forms are also available on our website at [www.srl-denver.org](http://www.srl-denver.org) under the FORMS tab. You can also pick up a form in the vestibule of the church. If you are new to our program, please call Laurie at the parish office for more information. More detailed information regarding registration will be published in the bulletin and on the website over the next several weeks.

#### **SECRETS OF SCRIPTURE.**

Secrets of Scripture will not meet on Sunday, May 28 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Our last session will be next Sunday, June 4 at 10:15 am. We will resume our sessions in September.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are getting ready to celebrate 100 years of service in Denver. On **Saturday, June 10, from Noon to 3pm**, they are hosting food and fun.

#### **ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Archbishop Aquila has selected "**The Joy, Power, and Grace of Giving**" as theme for the 2017 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Without question, one experiences profound joy when helping others. Power is the realization that our charitable deeds have the capacity to improve at least one life. The grace of giving is a special blessing from God who calls us to give without limits. Please visit [www.Archden.Org/GiveToday](http://www.Archden.Org/GiveToday) or call 303.715.3111 to make your gift today.

El Arzobispo Aquila seleccionó "**La Alegría, el Poder y la Gracia de Dar**" como tema de la Colecta Anual del Arzobispo de este año. Sin lugar a duda, experimentamos una profunda alegría cuando ayudamos a otros. El poder al que se refiere aquí es el darnos cuenta que nuestras obras de caridad tienen la capacidad de mejorar la vida de al menos otra persona. La gracia de dar es una bendición especial de Dios quien nos llama a dar sin medida. Por favor, visite [www.Archden.Org/GiveToday](http://www.Archden.Org/GiveToday) o llame al 303.715.3111 para hacer su donación hoy mismo.

#### **WELCOME FR NICK!**

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Nick Thompson as our new pastor! We will be having a welcome gathering on the weekend of June 24/25 after all the masses to give everyone an opportunity to introduce themselves. Refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars and stop by to say hello! (It is true Father Nick arrives June 17/18, but we want to give him a chance to settle in and get used to the "St Rose" routine.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 27</b>
4:00pm	deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 28</b>
9:00am	+Joseph Osmanski by family deceased members of the Muñiz family by Nancy Encinias
11:30am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 29</b>
8:30am	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 30</b>
8:15am	+Benigna Lucero by family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 31</b>
8:30am	+Rev Wilbur Kissell by family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 1</b>
8:30am	+Ann Martynech by family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 2</b>
8:30am	+Norma Harbert by family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 3</b>
4:00 pm	+Refugio Gomez by family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 4</b>
9am	+Lucy Miera by Chris Miera
11:30am	People of the Parish

Community Ministry needs—**Canned FRUIT** for the month of June. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

***DON'T FORGET !!!*** We would really like to have you scour your kitchen shelves for **BEANS-RICE-SOUP**. All to help fill the shelves at **Community Ministry Food Bank**. Thanks for your help.

*Catholic Home School Conference*—The IHM Colorado Homeschool Conference will be held at St Mary Catholic Parish, 6853 S Prince Street, in Littleton, on Thursday, June 29, from Noon to 6:00pm. This event is for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Admission is free. For more info, visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org)



June 3/4 we will be celebrating Pentecost, the Birth of the Church by the reception of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Help us celebrate the day by wearing RED for the Mass.



*Don't Miss* an opportunity for Adoration & Benediction this Friday, June 2, at 6:00pm.

A Great Big Thank YOU to everyone who came and helped to work so hard to set up and take down the two “So Long, Fr Jerry” events. So many gifts and cards, from a few folks I don’t even have an address for. So that I am replete in my gratitude: I would like to mention those folks that I didn’t have an address for: Thanks to your cards and gifts from Joyette & Joliana Encinias; Nancy & Joe Encinias and the Valdez families; the Saint Rose of Lima Holy Name Society; the Saint Rose of Lima Altar & Rosary Society.

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As Father Nick prepares to become a part of the Saint Rose of Lima family, I am working to become a part of the families of St Patrick, Christ the King, and St Peter the Apostle parishes. I ask your prayers for myself and Father Nick as we prepare for our new assignments.

As part of this changeover; I will celebrate my last Mass here at St Rose of Lima on MONDAY, June 12. TUESDAY, June 13 will be a Communion Service. And then Father Nick will celebrate his first Mass at Sr Rose on Wednesday, June 14 (Flag Day!)

Why? Well, I will be packing Monday morning and then off to Holyoke to unpack. I will then be loading up Father Bill Jungmann, the current pastor at Holyoke, and helping him in his move to St Louis, Englewood. Whew! Can it get more complicated? Only as I can make it!

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**Readings for the week of May 28, 2017**  
Sunday Acts 1: 12-14//Pt 4: 13-16//Jn 17: 1-11a  
Monday Acts 19: 1-8//Jn 16: 29-33  
Tuesday Acts 20: 17-27//Jn 17: 1-11a  
Wednesday Zep 3:14-18a//Lk 1: 39-56  
Thursday Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11//Jn 17: 20-26  
Friday Acts 25: 13b-21//Jn 21: 15-19  
Saturday Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31//Jn 21: 20-25

*Catholic Radio 1060 AM*—is hosting another fundraiser from Tuesday, June 6 to Friday, June 9. Tune in and give them a shot to see if this kind of radio can be a healthy change from what you usually listen to. You never know unless you try.

Our Eighth Grade Class of 2017 had their Continuation Ceremony this past Thursday. It is hard to believe they are off to High School. We wish them well and offer our prayers to them. Our motto for Saint Rose of Lima Academy is to “Go to College and Go to Heaven” We are very proud of their achievements and have high expectations for their future.