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Mass Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. Thursday Novena 9:00 a.m. Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Confessions Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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In Case of Emergency

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MASSES RESUME MAY 25TH W/ GUIDELINES

Daily Masses will resume Monday, May 25th at 8:30 A.M. in the church and weekend Masses will resume Saturday, May 30th at 5:30 P.M. and Sunday, May 31st at 9:00 A.M. Face masks are to be worn by all attendees and maximum capacity in the church will be 100 attendees. Please see the website for full guidelines and help us continue to protect our most vulnerable parishioners by complying with the rules.

Prayer List

Richard Collins	Tara M ^c Ginness
Patrick Crawley	Luke Morin
Marie Crimmins	Le Jo Nix
Jay Jay Davenport	Neal Oehmig
Joe Endres	Bob Red
Elaine Erwin	Jimmy Stewart
Roy Exum	Richard Sullivan
Haley Frierson	Eddie Tallent
Regina Gann	Lindsey Tinker
Charlie Gilbreath	Katherine Dann Ogden
Vickie Gilbreath	Camilla Pollock-Flynn
Johnny Killebrew	

Participate in Mass via Live Stream

Join us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m., via Live Stream as Father Tom celebrates Mass. Join by following the link at <u>olmcc.com</u>.

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 24 - People of the Parish

Pope Francis'

May Prayer Intention

For Deacons. We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Readings for Next Sunday, May 31st

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel	John 20:19-23

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth".



May 25 - Scott Braman May 25 - Sheri Fox May 28 - Jack Braman May 29 - Kelly Johnson May 30 - Ryan Elliott May 30 - Spencer Towns

Happy Anniversary!

41 yrs. on May 26th - Cathy & Paul Glascock 34 yrs. on May 27th - Judy & Mark Anderson 32 yrs. On May 30th - Christie & Tony Towns 40 yrs. on May 31st - Beth & Jerry Daugherty

Second Collection This Weeekend

This week, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit <u>www.usccb.org/ccc</u>. You can give to this collection online at <u>olmcc.com</u>.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



God Most High

God Most High,you gave authority over heaven and earth to your Son.He now fills all creation with his presence to the glory of your name.He guides and governs us as the head of his body, the Church, and he brings our needs before you.

In him we pray deepen our love for you, fill us with the knowledge and wisdom we need to live as true disciples, and strengthen our hope in the age to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 24, 2020 For All Time

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20. In both Jewish and Gentile writings revered people were sometimes shown being taken up into heaven. Their ascension was a metaphor for divine approval. Luke draws on this imagery to show not only that God approves of Jesus but that Jesus shares God's power. Having ascended, Jesus is spiritually and sacramentally present at all times and in all places.

In Acts, the disciples are uncertain what to do once Jesus has ascended. Two men dressed in white must explain the significance of the event, just as in Luke's Gospel two men in white explained the significance of the empty tomb. In Matthew's account of the Gospel, the disciples are also uncertain about all that is happening. They worship the Risen Lord, but "they doubted." Perhaps they struggled to believe that Jesus really would remain with them.

When we feel hesitant and doubtful, we are reassured by those first followers of Jesus, who also struggled yet went forth to share the Gospel. They chose to trust their Lord. They embraced the Spirit he sent them and rejoiced in their deepening knowledge of God and God's love for the world. By remaining one with Christ, who has authority over all, they became part of God's new creation and now share in the Father's glory. It is now our turn, as fellow members of Christ's Body, the Church, to show others that Christ remains in the world and to invite them to be part of his reign.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 25 Fill Us

Although Jesus' disciples think they understand him, Jesus insists that their understanding is incomplete: during his passion, they will abandon him. Only with the gift of the Holy Spirit will they find the courage to stay faithful. By contrast, Paul encounters men who have not heard of the Holy Spirit but who are well prepared to receive this gift. We need both the Spirit and the formation of our faith community to guide us forward. Pray for the Spirit to fill you and your faith community. *Today's Readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

Tuesday, May 26 Imitators

There are similarities between Paul's journey to Jerusalem and Jesus' preparations for his passion. In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus gives a long farewell discourse in which he talks with his disciples about all that is going to happen. Paul also makes a formal farewell before facing the hardships that await him. As he says goodbye, Paul urges his listeners to imitate Jesus just as he has. Hear more of Paul's heartfelt words by reading all or part of his letter to the Philippians. *Today's Readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11a.*

Wednesday, May 27 Set Apart

In the Gospel passage, the word *world* refers to all that opposes God. As Jesus continues his prayer to the Father, he speaks about how his followers are set apart from the world. He prays that God will further consecrate or sanctify them to continue his work of sharing the truth of God's love. Paul also was set apart for God's work, and he reminded others to remain stead-fast in holiness. In what concrete ways can you set yourself apart from the world? *Today's Readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.*

Thursday, May 28 That All May Be One

Religion, sadly, often divides people instead of uniting them. The Pharisees and Sadducees disagreed on whether there was any kind of afterlife. Disagreements about beliefs and practices persist among Christians today. Such division compels us to bow our heads and echo Jesus' prayer for unity. *Today's Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

Friday, May 29 In the Hands of Others

In Luke's Gospel account, Jesus tells his disciples that they will be handed over to kings and governors (21:12–13). In the passage from Acts, Paul is in the hands of the local governor who consults on his case with the king. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells Peter that one day Peter will be arrested and crucified. Centuries later, Christians still come into conflict with those in authority. Pray for those who are attacked or imprisoned because of their faith. *Today's Readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.*

Saturday, May 30 The Work Continues

As we near the end of our Easter season, we hear the conclusions to the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel according to John. Paul has arrived at Rome, in fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy that his followers would be his witnesses throughout the world. Today Christian missionaries have crossed oceans to enter new regions and share the story of salvation. John's Gospel notes that Jesus said and did far more than any book could contain. The Jesus who has risen, ascended to his Father, and filled us with his Spirit continues his mission through us. May the good work we do in Jesus' name fill more volumes than could ever be written. *Today's Readings: Acts* 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.



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