

## *The Ascension and the Virtue of Hope*

*We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this decade in honor of Thy glorious ascension into heaven. We ask of Thee, through this mystery and through the intercession of Thy most holy Mother, an ardent desire for Heaven, our true home."*

The first and foremost object of our hope is the possession of God in Heaven. We are not to suppose that the hope of possessing God in Heaven in any way interferes with the virtue of love. They are not opposed; in fact, the hope of eternal happiness is inseparably united with love, for only in Heaven will the completion and perfection of love be found.



According to St. Thomas Aquinas, with the idea of friendship is intimately united the mutual sharing of goods, for as friendship is nothing else but a mutual attraction, it follows that friends must do as much good to one another as is in their power. Without this mutual sharing of goods, says the Angelic Doctor, there can be no genuine friendship. Our Lord called His disciples His friends because He communicated His mysteries to them: "I have called you friends because all things whatsoever I have heard of my Father, I have made known to you."

According to the teaching of St. Thomas, love does not exclude the hope of the reward which God has prepared for us in Heaven; that very Reward is the principal object of our love, for it is nothing but God Himself, the vision of Whom is the eternal happiness of the elect.

As long, therefore, as our soul is not perfectly united with God in Heaven, it will never enjoy true peace. Those who love Our Lord sincerely find peace of heart, it is true, in conformity to the will of God; but perfect peace and perfect rest they shall never have here below. This we shall acquire only with the attainment of our last end, the vision of God face to face, and His ineffable love.

Expressions of ardent longing are so many acts of perfect love. St. Thomas teaches that the highest degree of love that a soul on earth can attain is an ardent desire for Heaven, to be there united to God and to possess Him forever. The greatest suffering endured by the souls in Purgatory proceeds from this longing for the possession of God!

*12 steps to Holiness and Salvation, St. Alphonsus Liguori*



*"Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart.  
Following her, you will never lose your way.  
Praying to her, you will never sink into despair.  
Contemplating her, you will never go wrong."*

You are rewarded not according to your work or your time,  
but according to *the measure of your love.*

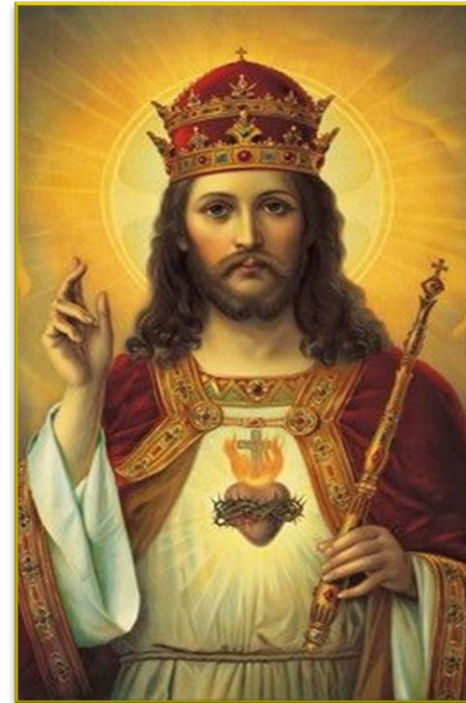
*St Bernardine of Siena*

## Sacred Heart of Jesus Traditional Catholic Church

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Offering exclusively the Traditional Roman Catholic Mass and Sacraments.

### Sunday after Ascension



*"All the faithful should be aware that to participate in the Mass is their chief duty and supreme dignity." Pope Pius XII*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

### Sunday, May 17

8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
4:00 PM in Roland

**Sunday after the Ascension /**  
St Paschal Baylon, C  
Pro Populo  
Private Intention  
Private Intention

### Monday, May 18

*no Mass*

St Venantius, M  
Private Intention

### Tuesday, May 19

*no Mass*

St Peter Celestine, PC  
Private Intention

### Wednesday, May 20

*no Mass*

6:00 PM

St Bernardine of Siena, C  
Private Intention  
Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests  
~ *for our priests and for many fervent vocations!*

### Thursday, May 21

*no Mass*

Feria / St Hospitius, C  
Private Intention

### Friday, May 22

*no Mass*

Feria / St Rita of Cascia, W  
Private Intention

### Saturday, May 23

*no Mass*

Vigil of Pentecost / St John Baptist de Rossi, C  
Private Intention

### Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
4:00 PM in Roland

**Pentecost Sunday /** Mary, Help of Christians  
Pro Populo  
Private Intention  
Private Intention

*If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, the intention may be submitted to the Priest. If it is for a person, please specify whether the person is living or deceased, and Catholic or non-Catholic. The customary stipend for offering the Mass is \$25.00.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

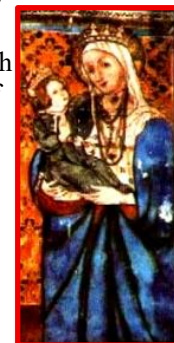
- Today: No potluck. All are invited to the School Program and Graduation ceremonies at 11:30 at the Club Possum Event Center, 106 E Washington St.
- Saturday: the Vigil of Pentecost is a day of fast and partial abstinence.
- The Novena to the Holy Ghost is posted on the church website and on Slack.
- Closing hymn: Come, Holy Ghost. Page 86, #43.

On August 5 1485, an image of the Blessed Mother and the Divine Child, painted on the exterior of a home in Trevi, Italy, first shed tears of blood. Records compiled by municipal authorities at the time fix the precise date of this prodigy. Also, a Trevi notary recorded all the miracles he personally witnessed. Those records can still be found in Trevi's city archives.

The event continued for some time, and news of it spread like wildfire: Our Lady wept! These were years of famine, war, and pestilence. The extraordinary event gave people a ray of hope and seemed to offset their serious misfortunes. Indeed, there was a great deal of speculation as to why this image of the Virgin was weeping. It was eventually generally accepted the Mother wept out of sympathy for her children, suffering so much from pestilence and famine.

Believers, non-believers; Catholics, non-Catholics... People came from all over the region to see the marvel. Doubters were led to believe. Miracles of healing took place before the "Madonna of Tears," as she came to be known.

So many converged on the spot that within a few days it was necessary to quickly build a small chapel. It was lovingly adorned with curtains and veils donated by the faithful. The altar and walls were covered with beautiful silks: green on the altar, blue on the walls; and a multitude of candles burned before the altar. On the 21st of the same month, the bishop of Spoleto permitted Mass to be offered there. Soon, a daily Mass was allowed. Because of the great crowds, plans were soon underway to build a magnificent church. Money was collected, and work was begun on March 27th, 1487, less than two years after "Our Lady Wept." It was completed on March 8, 1489. The portion of the wall bearing the portrait of Madonna and Child was cut away and placed inside the basilica.



**Pray for the living:** Jayne Shedenhelm, Daniel Kramer, Mark Narlesky, Tony Gable, Jones family, Amaranta Torres Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez and baby, Melvin Geckle, Joe Dias, Manuel Cordova, Mickey Ellis, Shelby Littlejohn, those affected by Hurricane Helene, Don & Babette Lobban, Gil Credeur, Diane & John Pawlowski, Luis Martinez, Kristine Neal

**Pray for the faithful departed:** Evelyn Craney, Manuel Cordova (Fr Ephrem's father), Audrey Hockel, Sr Mary Claretia, Fr Leo Carley, Linda Io, Milt Nelson, Ted Jones, Nancy Ciccone, Gerald Crochet, "Ernest," Eddie Solomon, Mary Tarnowski, Guillaume Bega, Joseph Vogel, Patsy Nash, Josie Mascarenas, Fr James Thielen, Doranne McMahon, Carlos Zepeda Sr, Kathy Winter

#### Monthly Collection

February 2026: \$6,343.75

March 2026: \$7,873.97

April 2026: \$4,699.17

"For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." *Malachi 1:11*