



The Ascension of the Lord

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

MASS DURING THE DAY: ACTS 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder
at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw
ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

READING I: ACTS 1:1-11

Luke's second volume begins with the ascension of Jesus
and his commission to the apostles
to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

PSALM RESPONSE: PS 47

"God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord"

This enthronement psalm, dating probably
to the reign of David and Solomon,
has three sections: praise of God as the "most high,"
the enthronement of God as sovereign in heaven,
and the tribute given to God on earth.

READING II: EPH 1:17-23

Paul asks that the blessing imparted by God the Father
to the Ephesians will be strengthened in them
through the message of the gospel. Those blessings
are seen in the context of God's might in establishing
the sovereignty of Christ over all other creatures
and in appointing him head of the church.

GOSPEL: MT 28:16-20

Here, the risen Jesus claims universal power,
"in heaven and on earth."

"Therefore," since universal power belongs to the risen Jesus,
he gives the eleven a mission that is universal.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

MASS DURING THE DAY: MT 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst
and wipe away our tears,

that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom

and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

BY ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish:

♦ Alain Tankeu

If you attend Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal regularly, we encourage you to register as a member. Please complete a registration form, which can be found at www.stjanedechantal.org, scan it, and email it to parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

ALMOST . . . BUT NOT QUITE YET

Public Masses may resume starting Monday, May 25 within the Archdiocese of Washington in local jurisdictions that have lifted restrictions. For the remaining jurisdictions that still have stay-at-home restrictions in place, including Montgomery County, resuming public Masses will wait until the restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, our parish staff is preparing to safely welcome you back to church.



PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY

Saturdays at 1:00 pm
from St. Jane de Chantal

[Check here](#) for instructions on how to watch using your computer, smartphone, or tablet, or listen on your telephone.

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to pray the Rosary.

Archbishop Gregory has recorded [a message to the faithful](#) regarding the transition to reopening. The Archdiocese of Washington has also put together [a flyer outlining precautions that will be in place](#) in every church throughout the archdiocese. Before public Masses resume, we will provide more detailed information on what to expect at St. Jane de Chantal Church. The dispensation, issued by Archbishop Gregory, from the obligation to attend Mass will remain in effect, and St. Jane de Chantal will continue to live stream the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

JUNIOR SODALITY ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Sodality is very pleased to congratulate St. Jane de Chantal eighth grader Katie McCabe, who is the winner of the 2020 Junior Sodality scholarship essay contest. Katie has been an active and enthusiastic Junior Sodalist throughout her sixth, seventh, and eighth grade years. She will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to her chosen high school, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. Her winning essay, responding to the timely questions "How can we live our Catholic faith and continue serving [others] when we can't gather in person? What creative ways have you found to



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH
Live-Stream Mass
Sundays at 10:00 am

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ?view_as=subscriber)
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serve?" will be posted on the [Sodality webpage](#).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

... those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially John and Pat Krisko, Pierre Benjamin, and Leonard Moreno.

IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Visit the Music Ministries page at www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at www.stjanedechantal.org for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at www.dechantal.org to get information on admissions, see what each classroom is studying, and more.

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Jane de Chantal School is currently accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. There is space in grades Pre-K to 8. Interested families should visit the school website, www.dechantal.org, and view information found in the Admissions Tab. Inquiries can be made directly to Catherine Tomscheck at ctomscheck@dechantal.org.

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org.

The website also has a media center, which includes social media tools, a YouTube channel, and apps.

MARYLAND'S PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 2

Know who is running to represent you! Maryland's Primary Election is just around the corner and the state has already begun to collect ballots. Before you vote: Do you know where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to you? View their responses to the Maryland Catholic Conference's election survey at www.mdatholic.org/elections. "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (*Faithful Citizenship*, 13).

BOOST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The deadline to apply for a BOOST scholarship has been extended to Monday, June 1. The scholarships, available to qualifying low-income students, will assist parents in sending their children to a non-public school for the 2020-21 school year. This program is a great opportunity for families whose children currently attend public school, as well as those with children in a Catholic school who are struggling with tuition. For more information and to apply, visit marylandpublicschools.org/pages/boost/index.aspx.

MANAGING YOUR DEBT DURING COVID19

Catholic Charities Financial Stability Network is offering a [free taped webinar](#) reviewing how parishioners can best manage students loans, credit cards, mortgage debt during COVID 19.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Archdiocese of Washington will offer a Natural Family Planning Introductory Class Webinar on Saturday June 27, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Fee of \$20/couple, materials are included. Register at <https://adwnfp101.eventbrite.com/>. For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or visiblesign@adw.org.

WHILE THERE IS ONE MAJOR PIECE OF THE PUZZLE MISSING, THERE ARE STILL OTHER PIECES NEEDED TO MAKE ST. JANE DE CHANTAL A PARISH.



We are approaching two months without coming together to celebrate Mass in our church. One of the effects of suspending Mass has been that parishioners have been unable to place their contributions in the offertory baskets.

This has posed a challenge since in-pew envelope offerings and donations account for well over half of the parish's offertory income. To put it another way, the parish depends on every contribution, including those made at Mass, to conduct programs, support outreach, pay parish staff, pay utilities, and carry out maintenance.

Please prayerfully consider signing up with Faith Direct!

By giving electronically through Faith Direct, you can ensure that our parishioners are cared for and our church is safe, even if you are unable to be present. To enroll, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD30>, or call toll-free, 1-866-507-8757; our parish code is MD30.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

The annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of Marriage has been postponed until the Fall. More information will be coming in the following weeks.

ARCHDIOCESAN DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM

Permanent deacons are called to a special ministry of service through which they assist the poor, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, immigrants, and others. As ministers of God's Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel at Mass, preach, and teach. They also exercise various liturgical roles, including baptisms, witnessing marriages, and preside at funerals, wakes, and graveside services. The Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of preparation of men for the permanent diaconate in October 2020. Interested men may contact Deacon Charles Huber, Assistant Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or HuberC@adw.org. Qualifications and Inquirer's Information Form are available at <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/>.

VOLUNTEERS / ITEMS NEEDED**SANDWICHES FOR THOSE IN NEED**

Saint Martin's Cloak and our parish's S.O.M.E. Ministry are presently combining their efforts to prepare and donate food to organizations that assist the poor and homeless in our area. On Friday, May 15, volunteers delivered 750 sandwiches to three locations. This past Friday, three carloads of sandwiches and apples were delivered to SOME, Dorothy Day Place, and Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless. We are planning to continue this weekly distribution as long as there is a need in our community. We are looking for additional parish volunteers to prepare sandwiches and bring them to St. Jane De Chantal on Friday mornings, or to deliver to one of these locations. If you are interested, contact Edouard Motte (301-897-3763). In addition, to offset some of the costs, you can [make a donation to St. Martin's Cloak online](#), or send a check, made payable to "Saint Martin's Cloak," to the parish office at 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: HOMEMADE FACE COVERINGS

Catholic Charities is on a mission to collect 1,500 sewn face covers, so each of their staff members who are working directly with vulnerable people will have least three face coverings: one to wear, one to wear the next day, and one to wash. Completed face coverings can be mailed to Catholic Charities, 924 G Street NW Washington DC 20001. [Click this link](#) to sign up and for sewing instructions.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents

throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at 301-615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

STEWARDSHIP

*Jesus ascended into heaven,
blessing His disciples and promising that
they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit.
We who have received that promised gift
of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses
to the ends of the earth — to use our time
and talents to spread the good news of salvation.*

CFC SPECIAL SOLICITATION # 32653

The Combined Federal Campaign is holding a special solicitation using the [CFC online donation portal](#) through June 30, 2020. This special solicitation provides an opportunity for Federal employees, members of the military, postal workers, and retirees to create a new gift or an extra gift to support the St. Jane Frances de Chantal School Endowment Fund. The School Endowment Fund has contributed to capital improvements, such as the construction of a second Pre-K classroom; has supported the school budget; and has made a contribution to the Forever De Chantal Campaign for a new turf field. Thank you to all our parishioners that have participated in the CFC. We hope to continue growing our school endowment fund through this support.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Thank you to all who have been mailing your contribution envelopes to the parish office. If you use the offering envelopes mailed to you each month, please use the white self-addressed envelope that comes with the packet to mail your contributions to the parish office. If you do not have the self-addressed envelope, mail your contributions to 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

POOR BOX

The Poor Box this weekend, May 23/24, will benefit Bethesda Cares, which helps place people living unsheltered into permanent, supportive housing; eases life for those sleeping on the street; and keeps low-income tenants from eviction. Bethesda Cares also provides a meal program, clothing closet, prescription assistance, and psychiatric services. For more information, and to make a donation directly to Bethesda Cares, visit www.bethesdacares.org.

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GIVE****to St. Jane de Chantal Parish & School:****ENVELOPES**CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REQUEST ENVELOPES**ONLINE**VISIT FAITHDIRECT.NET
TO MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT**TEXT-TO-GIVE**TEXT \$ AMOUNT
TO 301-485-5127**MAIL**9701 OLD GEORGETOWN RD
BETHESDA MD 20814-1795**RECURRING**THROUGH FAITHDIRECT.NET
OR YOUR BANK'S BILL PAY**NON-CASH**STOCK TRANSFERS, DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS, & IRA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS;
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DESIGNATE INTENTION

C = Church ♦ CH = Caulfield Hall ♦ CGS = Gathering Space ♦ CLL = Church Lower Lobby
 CRH = Christopher Hall ♦ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ♦ DCR = De Chantal Room
 MR = Music Room ♦ NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ♦ RBR = Rectory Board Room
 SCH = School ♦ SC = Seton Center for Religious Education
 AF = Athletic Field ♦ PG = Parish Grounds

SUNDAY, MAY 24

10:00 am..... Mass ONLINE

MONDAY, MAY 25**TUESDAY, MAY 26****WEDNESDAY, MAY 27****THURSDAY, MAY 28****FRIDAY, MAY 29****SATURDAY, MAY 30**

3:45 pm..... Confessions C

POPE FRANCIS

"The Ascension reminds us of Jesus' assistance and of his Spirit that gives confidence, gives certainty to our Christian witness in the world. He reveals to us the reason for the Church's existence: the Church exists to proclaim the Gospel, for this alone! [...]
 Today we are called to better understand that God has given us the great dignity and responsibility of proclaiming him to the world, of making him accessible to all mankind. This is our dignity; this is the greatest honour of each one of us, of all the baptized!"

Regina caeli, Pope Francis,
 Saint Peter's Square,
 Sixth Sunday of Easter,
 28 May 2017.

READINGS **May 31**

Reading I
Acts 2:1-11

Reading II
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
 or Rom 8:8-17

Gospel
 Jn 20:19-23 or
 Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

INTENTIONS

Sun., May 24 – Sat., May 30

Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
	5:00 pm
Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	8:30 am
	5:00 pm

*Someone from
 the parish office
 will contact
 those who have
 requested intentions
 regarding scheduling.*

*If you have not heard
 from the office,
 call 301-530-1550.*

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon., May 25 – Sun., May 31

Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am
	7:30 pm
Saturday	8:30 am
	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
	5:00 pm