

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## ASCENSION OF THE

# Lord

MAY 24, 2020

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

### Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Keefe

Deacon Ray Brown

Deacon Steven Mancuso

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00AM - 3:00PM

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

No classes until further notice

### Sunday Masses

English: 9:00AM and 10:00AM

Spanish: 11:00AM and 12:00PM

### Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM

### Confessions

by appointment

## HERE IS THE GAME PLAN

When we hear an excerpt from a particular Gospel, it is easy to get the details and stories from all the Gospels all mixed up and combined into one. Theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "Making Gospel Soup!" To understand today's Gospel passage, we must realize that this is material particular to Matthew and in his telling it takes place right after the Resurrection. There has been no "doubting Thomas" or any of the other stories that we've heard since Easter.

How often have you made a plan at an event, saying, "If we get split up, just go back to the car and wait" or "Stay at the fountain in the mall—I'll find you!" Earlier in Matthew, Jesus told the women at the tomb to tell the disciples, "If something happens, head back to Galilee" (28:10). This was the game plan and was both a geographic reference and a spiritual one. "Go back to what you know, what you remember." They were confused and hurting, but did as Jesus said, returning to Galilee, specifically to the mountain where they had a powerful experience with him before. That would make it understandable that the disciples showed up but were a bit leery or doubting.

## YOU'VE GOT THIS

Put yourself in the disciples' shoes. This is May, the season of graduations, new jobs, new cars, marriages, and so many other transitions as young people strike out on their own. Jesus reminded the disciples, "I have the power, and I've been teaching you for three years. Now you have the power. Go. Make Disciples. Baptize in the name of the Trinity. Teach them what I taught you." Surely the disciples were frightened, and Jesus must have felt both fear and pride. This was the moment that happens in every lifetime. It was time for these disciples, these students, his "children" to become the masters. And how did he reassure them? As parents and teachers and mentors have been doing for centuries. He smiled and reminded them, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Or as we might say, "You've got this."

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

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Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



**WEDNESDAY  
ADORATION  
10AM TO 12PM**

### **ATTENTION PARENTS**

Children under 12 years must be  
accompanied by an adult to use the  
restroom

The safety of your child is very  
important to us



**SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595)**

**May 26**

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, "They're a very somber order who've left the Church. I recognize them." "By their long robes?" an American asked. "Many in Rome wear robes," replied the shopkeeper. "It's their long faces!" When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter's steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an "apostle of joy," drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His "Oratory," a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unfailing joy.

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**Social distancing will be required, 6 feet separation between persons (except for family members from same household)**

**Please remember to leave room for the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**If you are sick please stay at home.**

**The dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass on Sunday continues until Sunday, June 28, 2020.**

**After Mass please do not congregate in the Church or outside.**

**St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden**

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



**TODAY TOPIC**  
**NO CLASS**  
**Adult Faith Formation Classes**  
Meet every Sunday at 11:15 in Church conference room. For more information please contact our office or Mrs. Lukens (229) 794-9140



**We recommend to wear a face mask**



**Case Nelms  
Toni Varn  
Jose Xochicale**

**Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament First Saturday 7:00PM to 10:00PM**



**Knights of Columbus**  
Round table meeting Parish Hall  
Second Sunday of the month at 11:15AM

**Rosary Ministry**  
Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364



**May 17, 2020 Collections**

**Let us pray for the health of:**

Fr. Dan O'Connell Ray O' Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Nayar Prado Bisogno, José Hernández, Bonnie Cornwell, Alan Moore, Fran LaRock, Consuelo Sterling, Michael Kunai Anna Marie Gould, Naina Waters, Phylli Fletcher, Nilda Peana Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Don & Angi Christiano, Lisa Salomon, Madalyn Touchton, Andrew Morrison, Carol Leaverton, Angela Hood

**For the Eternal rest of:**

Tom Turner, Kevin Ward, Stephanie Nelson, Helen Scaff, Vinh Bui, Maria de Jesus Gallegos, Kelle Jackson, Misty Lasseter, All faithful Departed



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