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MASS SCHEDULE:

HORARIO DE MISAS

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M. (English)

SABADO 6:00 P.M. (Español)

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. (Español)

DOMINGO 9:30 A.M. (English)

11:00 A.M. (Español)

DAILY MASSES: 7:30 A.M (English Tue –Fri)

9:00 A.M.(Español Mie. y Vie.)

CONFESSIONS: Thursday from 7:00PM—

8:00PM and Saturdays 3:30P.M. or by

appointment (call the rectory)

BAPTISMS: Please make arrangements for Baptisms at least 3 months in advance.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements should be done 6 months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Call rectory any time.

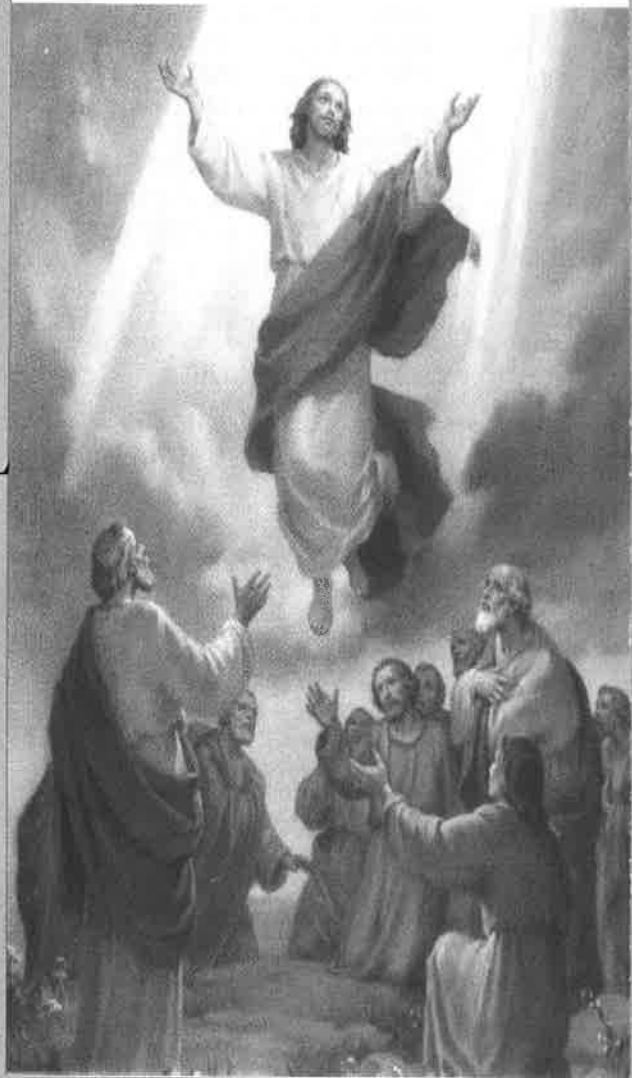
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/  
ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO:

Every Thursday / Cada jueves

7:00PM

May 13, 2018

*The Ascension of Our Lord*



**The Ascension of the Lord**

**May 13, 2018**

Whoever believes and is baptized  
will be saved.

— Mark 16:16

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**  
**May 19 -20**

MASS	LECTOR	MIN. OF COM.	ACOLYTE
4:00 PM	D. D'Andre	L. Halladay, C. Green, A. Frozena	A. Calderon, D. Lux
6:00 PM	E. Zamora	I. Quintero, J. Montalvo ☺	C. Martinez, J. Aguirre
8:00 AM			M. Medina, R/J. Alfaro
9:30 AM	D. Schwabe	D. Quijas, L. Gonzalez, T. Cortez	G/G. Diaz, D/L. Cano
11:00 AM			J/G/M. Velasquez, H. Vivero

**STEWARDSHIP 4/29/2018**

Envelopes.....\$2335.00  
 Loose.....\$2525.06  
 Total.....\$4860.06  
 # of Envelopes ..... 135  
 Catholic Home Missions.....\$1487.72  
 Children's Collection.....\$155.25

**THANK YOU  
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Envelopes.....\$2069.00  
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 Total.....\$4067.01  
 # of Envelopes ..... 135  
 Development.....\$422.00  
 Fund for the Needy .....\$173.00

**THANK YOU  
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**A SWING and a PRAYER  
 SAVE THE DATE  
 Thursday, August 23  
 Shotgun start at 1:00 PM  
 Joliet Country Club**

This event will benefit the homeless,  
 veterans, and others in need within our  
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For event sponsorship information,  
 contact Pete at 630-519-6531 [pkinsella@cc-doj.org](mailto:pkinsella@cc-doj.org)  
 For other event questions,  
 Contact Marianne at 815-724-1229  
[mmelcher@cc-doj.org](mailto:mmelcher@cc-doj.org)

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# Pentecost Sunday Celebration

## May 20, 2018

Sacred Heart, St. Pius X, Christ the King, Ascension of our Lord, St. Alexander, St. John the Apostle, Immaculate Conception, Visitation, Mary Queen of Heaven, St. Alexis, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Philip, St. Joseph, St. Peter, Holy Ghost, and St. Andrew Kim

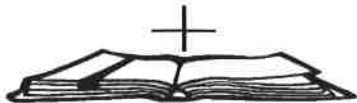
The members of all of the 16 parishes in the Eastern DuPage Deanery in the Diocese of Joliet are invited to join in the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The sacred Easter season officially comes to an end on the Solemnity of Pentecost, May 20th. All of us are called to give witness to the presence of the Spirit in our lives. You are especially invited on this day to consider how you will show the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life. Please consider making a difference, as we celebrate the birthday of the church, by the ways in which we proclaim that we are Christ's followers.

- \* Invite a friend or neighbor to come to church with you!
- \* Go out of your way to encourage someone to come to Mass that perhaps does not regularly attend!
- \* All day on May 20th, wear the colors of the Holy Spirit. Red, Yellow, and Orange clothing can be outward reminders of the presence of the Spirit. Congratulate others, when you see them dressed this way, for proclaiming the presence of the Spirit!
- \* Show that you are filled with the Holy Spirit in any way you can by reaching out to a stranger or a needy person. Talk to others after Mass that you normally don't talk to!
- \* Pray with thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and think about how important they are in your life!

***THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:***

**PIETY  
KNOWLEDGE  
FORTITUDE  
FEAR OF THE LORD  
COUNSEL  
UNDERSTANDING  
WISDOM**

### Mass Intentions



#### MONDAY, May 14

7:30 AM Communion Service

#### TUESDAY, May 15

7:30 AM †Anton Darner by Firends

#### WEDNESDAY, May 16

7:30 AM †Larry Schwabe, Sr. by Joanne & Family

9:00 AM †Marianela Terrazas

#### THURSDAY, May 17

7:30 AM †Anton Dorner by Friends

7:00 PM Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

#### FRIDAY, May 18

7:30 AM †Anton Dorner by Friends

9:00 AM All Living and Deceased Mothers

#### SATURDAY, May 19

4:00 PM †Mary Monaco by Maria Monaco

6:00 PM In Thanksgiving for Adrianna Sapien

#### SUNDAY, May 20

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM †Mateuszka Matlok by Parents

11:00 AM †Ma. De la Luz Mota & Reyes Gonzalez Solano by Gonzalez Family

#### Pray for Our Sick

#### Oremos por Nuestros Enfermos

Barbara Owens, Juan Diaz, Kathy Long, Baby Amelia Lao, Nancy Wilson, John Alli, Rosa Martinez, Halina Bendza, Herlinda Ordaz, Kathy Kallus, Miguel Montesdeoca, Angel Vazquez, Donna Zeman

#### Pray For Our Deceased

#### Oremos Por Nuestros Difuntos

Rodolfo Cosio  
Marianela Terrazas

#### PARISH CALENDAR

May 14—20

5/14

Mon.

5/15

Tue.

Grupo de Oracion 7:00 P.M.

5/16

Wed.

Mom's Group 6:30 P.M.

Legion of Mary 6:30 P.M.

Vigilia de Servidores 7:00 P.M.

Eng. Choir 7:00 PM

Al-Anon 6:00 PM

5/17

Thur.

5/18

Fri.

5/19

Sat.

5/20

Sun.

Sp. Choir 7:00 P.M.

Sp. Choir 9:30 A.M.

Sp. RCIA 9:30 A.M.

Eng RCIA 10:30 A.M.

### THANK YOU!

From the Terrazas  
and the Sapién Families

We humbly thank the St. Alexis community for your prayers and support before and during our time of loss. Your words, time and presence continue to be a great comfort to us.

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### MIL GRACIAS!

De parte de la Familia Terrazas  
y la Familia Sapién

Humildemente le agradecemos a la Comunidad de san Alexis por todas sus oraciones y todo su apoyo durante la enfermedad y en la pérdida de nuestra querida Marianela. Sus palabras, tiempo y presencia seguirán siendo un gran conforto para nosotros.

## DIFERENTE, PERO NO TANTO

La celebración de la Ascensión es una oportunidad para considerar qué es lo que pensamos del cielo, y también lo que pensamos acerca de la Tierra. Ambos son la creación de Dios. ¿Qué es lo que te pasa por la mente cuando piensas en el cielo? El cielo ha sido representado tanto por cristianos y por otras personas. Estas representaciones están tan lejos de lo que las Escrituras nos describen. En la Biblia, es todo menos un lugar a donde uno va después de la muerte, sino más el espacio donde Dios interactúa con la creación física, la cual es descrita como la “Tierra”. El cielo es muy diferente de la Tierra, sin embargo, muy cercano a la Tierra.

La Ascensión nos enseña que el cielo se entrelaza con la Tierra más completamente en Jesús, quien es tanto divino como humano. Cuando él asciende, Jesús empieza su reino en el cielo y en la Tierra. También escuchamos la promesa del regreso de Jesús, cuando su reinado se llevará a cabo. El cielo y la Tierra serán totalmente renovados, transformados y unidos en una nueva manera.

## ESPERANDO EN EL ESPÍRITU

Después de haber recibido las instrucciones finales de Jesús, y haberlo visto elevarse al cielo, a sus discípulos también se les dijo que esperaran. Jesús había prometido que pronto serían bautizados por el Espíritu Santo (en Pentecostés), sino ahora ellos mismos deben esperar y prepararse. Juntos con la última espera para el regreso de Jesús, ellos también necesitan aprender a esperar en las pequeñas cosas. Ellos esperaron el Espíritu para que los empoderara y guiara.

A menudo esperar es difícil para nosotros, la Iglesia. Tendemos a movernos rápido, a querer tomar decisiones y llevarlas a cabo. Algunas veces llegamos a la conclusión que tenemos buenas ideas y planes que harán una diferencia positiva, por lo que es momento de llevarla a cabo. Pero nuestras buenas ideas no son necesariamente las ideas de Dios para nosotros en ese momento específico. A menudo, necesitamos reducir nuestra velocidad, quizá poner nuestros planes ante Dios y esperar el Espíritu. En esos momentos, estamos aprendiendo que esto es el trabajo de Dios, no nuestro. Nosotros siempre debemos recibir de Dios, y ser sostenidos por Dios, para poder compartir a Dios con otras personas.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ef 1:17-23, o 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20

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*Feliz*

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### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 1:15-27, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Martes:	Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles:	Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves:	Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes:	Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado:	Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Domingo:	<u>Vigilia:</u> Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
<u>Día:</u>	Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## The Ascension of the Lord

### GRANDMOTHER'S DECK OF CARDS

My grandmother had a deep and lasting impact on the lives of her grandchildren. She was our first close relative to die. I will never forget her wake when, in a kind of procession, each of her adult grandchildren walked up to her casket and slipped a small symbol beneath the folds of the lining of the coffin. For me, it was a playing card from the deck she always used to create a kind of magical fan, formed by bending the deck of cards back and forth. Each time I perform this same "trick" to the delight of my own nieces and nephews, the presence of my grandmother is unmistakable.

### CHRIST'S ENDURING PRESENCE FOR ALL TIMES

I have always imagined that the Lord's followers were very deflated, to the point of depression, when he ascended into the heavens before their eyes. This was the man who had completely changed their lives. This was the man whom they had abandoned, yet who brought them the Easter peace of reconciliation and forgiveness. It could have all ended in that place where Jesus ascended. We all know it did not. The Lord Jesus left his followers gifts that would always and forever make his presence known to them. And these gifts are at our disposal to this day. Every time we gather to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we know the presence of the Lord. Symbols, like my grandmother's one playing card, have tremendous power to evoke presence. Christ's presence inspires us to take his final words to his followers very seriously. It is in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit that we continue to make the gospel message known to those we meet. Today is not a day to celebrate the departure of Christ from this world. It is a day to celebrate the enduring presence of the Lord.

*Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mark 16:15-20*

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### Associate Director Development Office

The Diocese of Joliet Development Office is seeking to hire an Associate Director. The Associate Director will be responsible for general oversight of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal and coordinating its logistics. This position includes responsibility for: coordination with parishes; the direct mail and gift solicitation; the Appeal's data management and stewardship of donors; and coordination with internal and external partners to ensure all aspects of the Appeal are coordinated effectively. A Bachelor's Degree in Fundraising, Nonprofit Management, Marketing, Business, Public Relations or related field is required. This is a full time position with benefits. To apply for this position, please email resume with cover letter and salary history to: [humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org)

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### Illinois Right to Life Banquet

Illinois Right to Life will celebrate lives saved from abortion at its *Golden Jubilee* on Friday May 18, 2018 at the Carlisle in Lombard, Illinois. They have invited renowned pro-life comedian and author, **Mike G. Williams** to help them celebrate not only **Illinois Right to Life's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, but also the birthdays of thousands of babies saved through their work. Purchase tickets at: [www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/banquet](http://www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/banquet) or call 312-422-9300. His own personal adoption stories will touch your heart.

### REPORTING ABUSE REPORTANDO ABUSO

#### Reporting Incidents of Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to Mrs Judith Speckman at 815-263-6467. contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE..

#### Reportando Incidentes de Abuso Sexual

El abuso sexual es un pecado y es un crimen. A las víctimas del abuso sexual, además de contactar a las autoridades civiles, se les pide que lo reporten a la Iglesia para poder recibir asistencia pastoral. La Iglesia tiene la responsabilidad de ayudar a las víctimas del abuso sexual y de asegurar que los culpables sean llevados a la justicia. Los reportes se pueden hacer a cualquier párroco o a Mrs. Judith Speckman al 815-263-6467. llame a DCFS al 1-800-25- ABUSE (22873).

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