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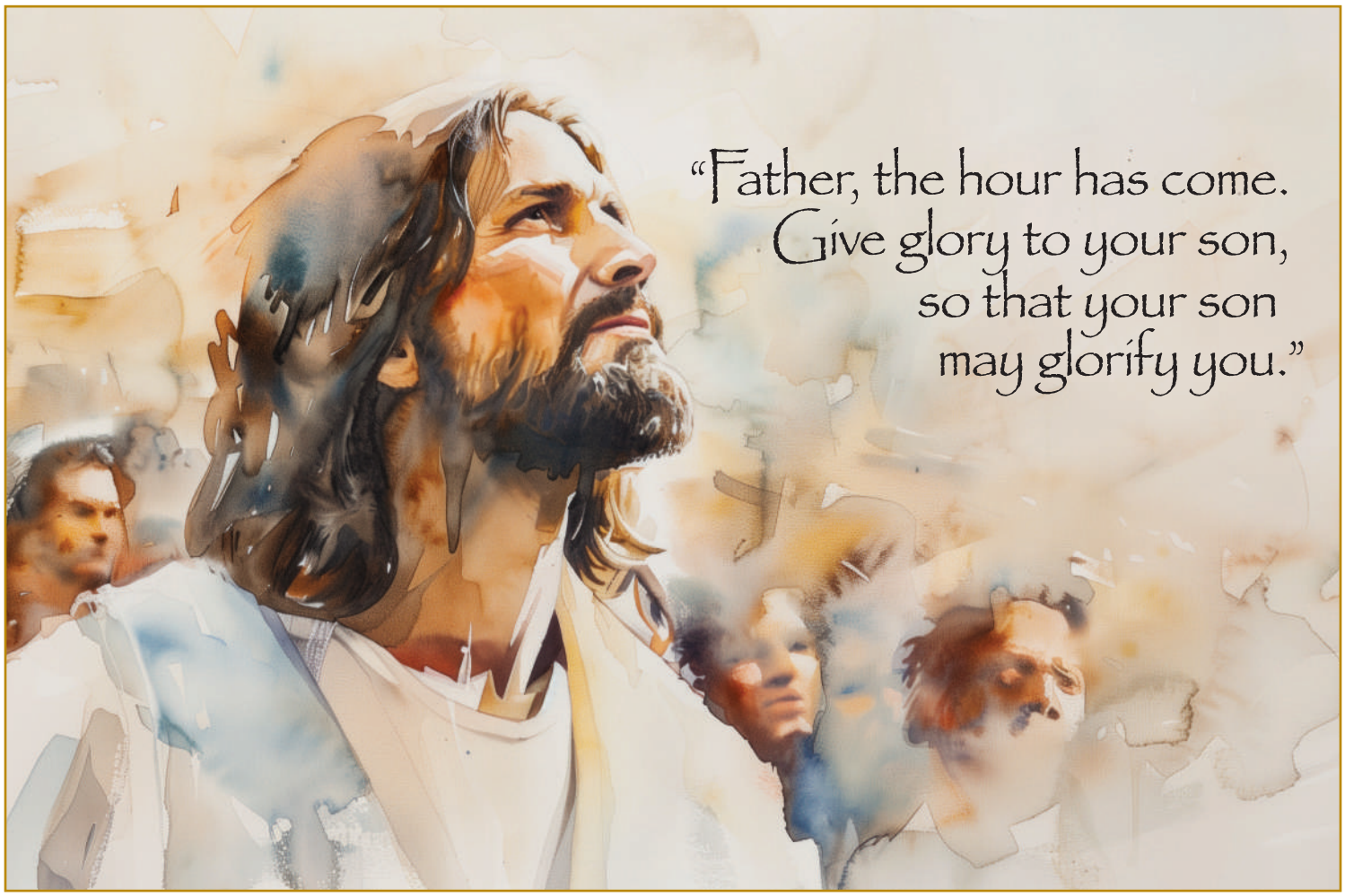

OUR STAFF:

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Michael J. S. Bruno, S.T.D.

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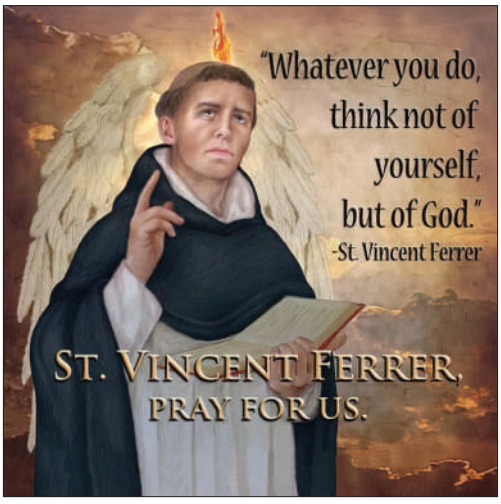

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 16 — **5:00 p.m.**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Joseph Manchan Wong — In Memoriam — First Anniversary
Requested by Mary Wong

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mitzi Brown — Blessings and Healing
Requested by The Ministry of Mercy

11:00 a.m.

For the People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Santiago Rodriguez —Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies

Christian A. Gillies — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies

Marie Jacqueline Augustine — In Memoriam
Requested by Claire Choute

Magaritte Suzette Pierre-Louis — In Memoriam
Requested by The Ministry of Mercy

Roy Redhead — In Memoriam
Requested by Yvonne Redhead

Jan Iverson — In Memoriam
Requested by the Royer, Lee Pack and Richards Families

Cristabel Baez —Blessings and Healing
Requested by Margaret Bambara

Monday, May 18 — **9:00 a.m.**

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Novena to the Holy Spirit/Pentecost

Medianisa Prince Lmonor — Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, May 19 — **9:00 a.m.**

Novena to the Holy Spirit/Pentecost

Hugh Guy — In Memoriam
Requested by Jean Guy

Wednesday, May 20 — **9:00 a.m.**

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Novena to the Holy Spirit/Pentecost

For All Those Suffering with Mental Health Issues — Blessings
Requested by Jonnett Romano

Thursday, May 21 — **9:00 a.m.**

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Novena to the Holy Spirit/Pentecost

Rev. Father Dennis J. Farrell — In Memoriam

Friday, May 22 — **9:00 a.m.**

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Novena to the Holy Spirit/Pentecost

Magaritte Suzette Pierre-Louis — In Memoriam
Requested by The Ministry of Mercy

Saturday, May 23 — **9:00 a.m.**

For All the Souls in Purgatory

Gifts and Intentions

Sanctuary Candle
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Bread and Wine
Gladys Builes — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Jean Souffrant — In Memoriam

Altar Candles
Raymond Wagner — In Memoriam

Saint Joseph Candle
Jerome Logan — In Memoriam

Mary's Chapel
Barbara Gillespie — In Memoriam

Annunciation Chapel
Lidia Patricia Solarte — In Memoriam

Upcoming Special Collections

June 7: **Retired Fund for Religious**

June 14: **Father's Day Offering**

June 28: **Peter's Pence & Vatican Contribution**

Please be generous.

Easter Season Schedule

Pentecost Sunday — May 23-24, 2026

Saturday 5:00 p.m. — Mass
Sunday 8:00 a.m. — Mass
Sunday 11:00 a.m. — Mass

We celebrate 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter.

Scripture Reflection

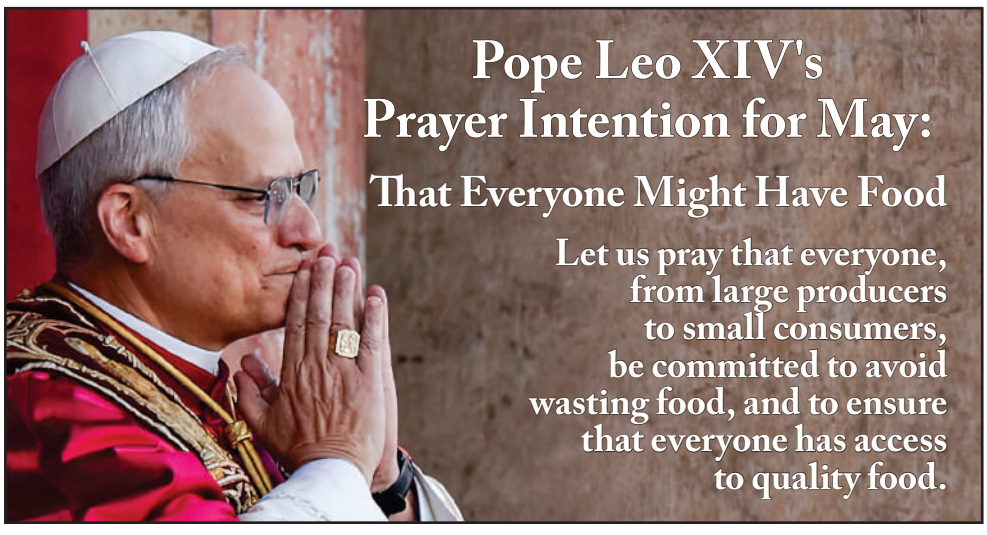
In Italy and in many other countries, the Ascension of the Lord is being celebrated today. It is a feast we know well, but which can raise several questions — at least two. The first question: Why celebrate Jesus' departure from earth? It would seem that his departure would be a sad moment, not exactly something to rejoice over! Why celebrate a departure? First question. Second question: What does Jesus do now in heaven? First question: Why celebrate? Second question: What does Jesus do in heaven?

Why we celebrate. Because with the Ascension, something new and beautiful happened: Jesus brought our humanity, our flesh, into heaven — this is the first time — that is, he brought it in God. That humanity that he had assumed on earth did not remain here. The risen Jesus was not a spirit, no. He had his human body, flesh and bones, everything. He will be there in God forever. We could say that from the day of the Ascension on, God himself "changed" — from then on, he is not only spirit, but such is his love for us that he bears our own flesh in himself, our humanity! The place awaiting us is thus indicated; that is our destiny. Thus wrote an ancient Father in the faith: "What splendid news! He who became man for us […] to make us his brothers, presents himself as man before the Father to bear with himself all those who are joined with him" (cf. St. Gregory of Nyssa, Discourse on the Resurrection of Christ, 1). Today, we celebrate "heaven's conquest" — Jesus, who returns to the Father, but with our humanity. And so, heaven is already a little bit ours. Jesus opened the door and his body is there.

The second question: So, what does Jesus do in heaven? He is there for us before the Father, continually showing our humanity to him — showing him his wounds. I like to think that Jesus, prays like this in front of the Father — showing him his wounds. "This is what I suffered for humanity: Do something!" He shows him the price of redemption and the Father is moved. This is something I like to think about. This is how Jesus prays. He did not leave us alone. In fact, before ascending, he told us, as the Gospel says today, "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20). He is always with us, he looks at us, and "he always lives to make intercession" (Heb 7:25) for us. To show the Father his wounds, for us. In a word, Jesus intercedes. He is in the best "place", before his Father and ours, to intercede on our behalf.

Intercession is fundamental. This faith helps us too: it helps us not to lose hope, not to be discouraged. Before the Father, there is someone who shows him the wounds and intercedes. May the Queen of heaven help us to intercede with the power of prayer.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023



Daily Readings for the Seventh Week of Easter

Sunday, May 17
Acts 1:12-14
Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11a

Monday, May 18
Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19
Acts 20:17-27
Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 20
Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 21
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
John 17:20-26

Friday, May 22
Acts 25:13b-21
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 23
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7
John 21:20-25

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What Do Catholics Believe About Mary?

THURSDAY, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by placing your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church, or by calling the Rectory at: 718-859-9009

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Saturday, July 25th, 2026

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JOIN US IN HONORING THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The Ministry of Mercy will host a Eucharistic Celebration in honor of The Most Precious Blood of Jesus on **Thursday, July 16, 2026.**

The celebration will begin with a **Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.**, with recitation of the **Divine Mercy Chaplet,** followed by **Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to participate!

Congratulations to Our Confirmands!

Adryna (Saint Cecilia)
Joshua (Saint Sebastian)
Khristian (Saint Joseph)
Madison (Saint Monica)
and
Merlynda (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

God Bless You!

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Please join us as we welcome
Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan,
Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn
for the
Mass of Dedication of
Saint Vincent Ferrer Church

Sunday, May 31, 2026
at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Reception to follow

Corpus Christi Procession — Sunday, June 7, 2026

The proposed procession route for the 2026 Corpus Christi procession is:

Immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the procession will exit the Church and proceed northward on East 37th Street toward Farragut Road.

Turn right onto Farragut Road and proceed toward East 40th Street.

Turn right onto East 40th Street and proceed southward toward Glenwood Road.

Turn right onto Glenwood Road and return to Saint Vincent Ferrer Church at Glenwood Road and East 37th Street.

Parishioners living along the procession route who want to have their homes blessed are invited to erect altars in the front of their homes.
Call: Patrick – 718-859-9009,
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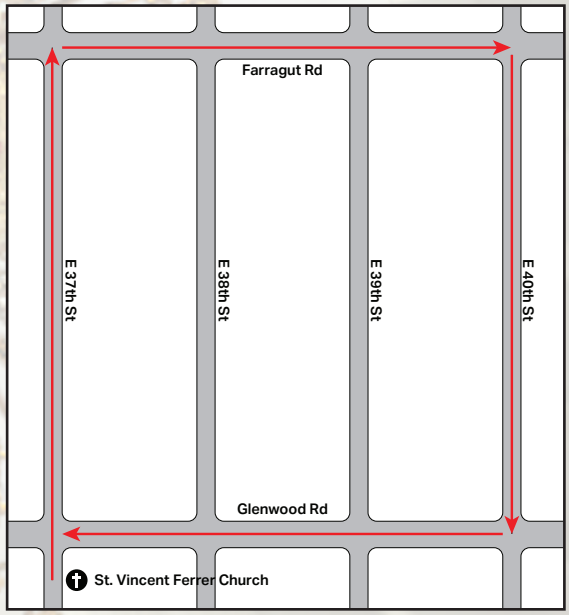
to add your home to the list of altar stops.



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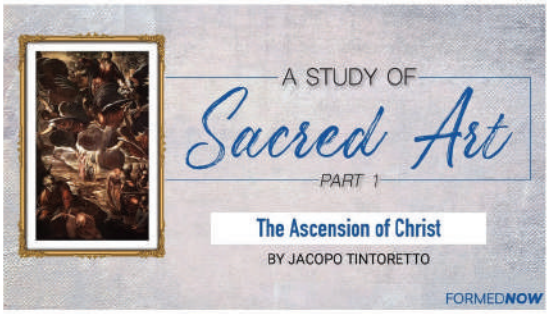
This Week on Formed

Week of May 17, 2026

Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!



The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on Formed, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story

A compelling docu-drama that tells the whole story of the amazing life of St. Rita of Cascia, the very popular saint who lived in Italy in the 14th century. Famous as the patronness of hopeless situations, St. Rita dealt with many very difficult and tragic events in her life. Through it all she developed a profound faith in God that was the source of her great strength, and why she is such a popular saint for all those dealing with difficult events in their own lives.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Jesus was taken up into heaven.

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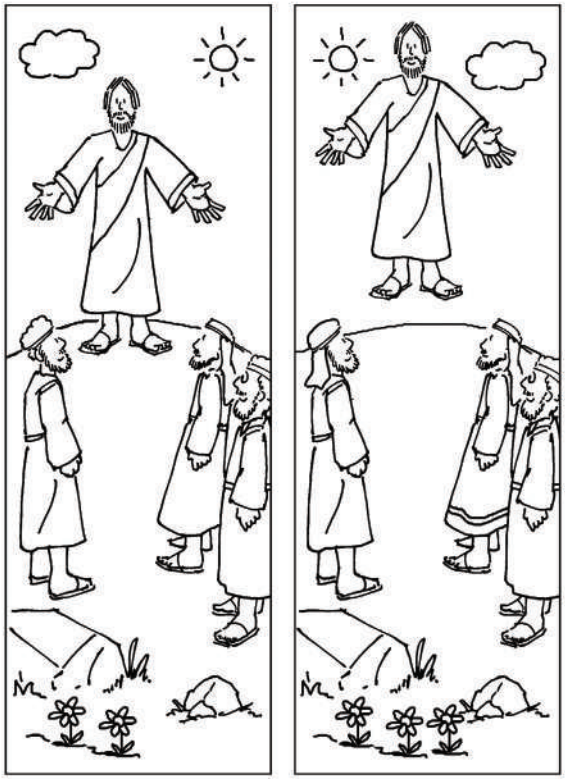

The Ascension of Jesus

Jesus was with His disciples.
What did He say to them?

Unscramble the missing words, then read.

"I am _____ to _____ you
(giong) (nesd)

what my _____ has _____;
(atreFh) (smroeipd)

but _____ in the _____ until
(ytas) (tcyi)

you have been _____ with
(tedoclh)

_____ from on _____."
(rwoep) (hgih)

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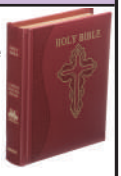

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