

ST. BRIDE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with
the Parish House to have the Sacraments
brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should
take place early in any

illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed,
by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact
the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at
the Activity Table in the Church or call the
Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us!
Please be sure to sign our guest book.

**The Ascension
May 8, 2016**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Mother's Day

For All Mothers, Living and Deceased

For the Intention of Dennis Drwila

For the Intention of Louis and Jeanette Drwila

For the Intention of Donna Heavlin

For the Intention of

Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner

For the Intention of

Mickey and Christopher Schreiber

For the Intention of Elaine Maniatis

For the Intention of Jennie Grande, Rose Nadile

and Theresea Maiorano

For the Intention of John Berkowicz

For the Intention of the Klugiewicz Family

Monday: Easter Weekday

Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster

Wednesday: Easter Week Day

Thursday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

Friday: Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday: St. Matthias

Pentecost Sunday:

For the Intention of Ann Link

For the Intention of Carl Glatzhofer

For the Intention of Kiley Carney

For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich

For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik

For the Intention of Marge Machay

For the Intention of Mary Dedowicz

On her 80th Birthday



Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry is open. We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program when you bring them to Church each week, September to June! Food can be brought on Sundays to the Church! Gift cards for groceries are also welcome!

Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings and for SPRING LUNCHEON and RAFFLE TICKETS

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$8000.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! It is an excellent way of scheduling your offerings to St. Bride, as well as a way of marking special events. Click on the "Donate Now" button on our web site at

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Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary or family member or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars. You can schedule Masses by email or on Give Central; see left column of our web page at www.st-bride.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

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 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 14:15-16

MOTHER LOVE

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it. – Chinese proverb

JUBILEE OF MERCY

RESTORE

God's mercy restores us. What had been lost comes back to us restored. This is a great source of our hope: in God's mercy, nothing is ever irretrievably lost. [Jesus] asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." (Luke 18:40-42)



ONE WORD
AT A TIME

CONTINUALLY PRAISING GOD

In both the first reading and the Gospel we are told about Christ's glorious ascension into heaven. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ has been seated at God's right hand in heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today's readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message is urgent. We are to be his witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: "[W]ith great joy . . . they were continually in the temple praising God" (Luke 24:53).

How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" in order to know Christ clearly (Ephesians 1:17). We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. This encouragement for creativity has deep roots in our tradition, and some attempts at reform show great promise. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross. The faithful walk a path recalling the events of Christ's passion, a contemplative experience increasingly enriched these days by scripture and song. There are fourteen stations in the usual configuration, although in recent years, a fifteenth station of the Empty Tomb has been added. Why stop there? Why not develop a similar journey structured on the theme of the appearances of the Risen Lord?

Over the last decade, a *Via Lucis*, or "Way of Light," has developed as a companion to the *Via Crucis*. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with stations recalling the apostles' wait with Mary for the advent of the Spirit, and with Pentecost. This is fertile ground indeed for the genius of artists, musicians, preachers, and liturgists. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Eastertime!

The Ascension of the Lord - Coming or Going?

One way of looking at the Ascension is that Jesus can do much more for us in his glory than he could while on earth. How does this work? It happens in two steps. First, he sends the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Second, the disciples become his witnesses to all the nations. So let's look at the first step.

The Gospel of John that is read on the Vigil of Pentecost says that "there was . . . no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified" (John 7:39). Obviously the Spirit is co-eternal with the Father and the Son, so John is trying to get our attention. He means that we could not experience the gifts of the Spirit until Jesus had died and risen from the dead. While Jesus walked the earth, he chose to be limited in time and space, so that a few people could get to know and love him. But after his resurrection, he could be more effective by sending his Spirit to all believers. Because he is ascended into glory, he can live in all of us. Just as the power of the Holy Spirit caused Mary to be the mother of Jesus, so that same power enables Jesus to live in us. And that leads to the second step.

Before his death, Jesus began to collect a group of followers. Some got to know him more deeply and became disciples. The rest of the followers were merely curious or attracted by stories of miracles he had performed. They did not have the faith and courage to bring others to Jesus; some only stayed with him a short time. But after his ascension the disciples began to experience Jesus in each other. They could not help but be excited about that and spread that excitement to others. From the time of Jesus' ascension to our own time, people have boldly proclaimed the gospel. So Jesus' ascension actually makes him present to more people, not fewer. May we all experience that presence in the Spirit, seeing Jesus in ourselves and others.