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# The Pope's Prayer Intention for May:

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



#### SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM, 5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM, 1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

#### Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

### Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

#### **Devotions:**

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM: Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM; **Sunday** 2:30-3:30PM

### Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM\*; **Saturday** 9:30AM - 6:30PM\*; Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM\* (\*Closed during Masses)

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The Chair of Peter. Bernini. St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. Photo by mookiefl. Flickr



# Reflection by Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

Jesus came down in order to go up. The point is sometimes missed that the ultimate purpose of the human life of the Son of God was so He could take humanity with Him back to God. That is the crowning point of the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery refers to the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Every Mass is a celebration of that mystery. At every Mass we not only celebrate the death of the Lord, but His resurrection and ascension (after all, we receive the living Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist).

On Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension (a holy day of obligation in the Archdiocese of Boston). God became man in Jesus to share our human life in order that we might share in His divine life. When Jesus rose from the dead He spent 40 days appearing to His disciples and preparing them for His return to the Father and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The point of His resurrection was not to come back to us but to go back to the Father and, through the mission of the Holy Spirit, to bring us there as well. This divine life of Christ, though, is not something we must wait for at the end of time or of our earthly life. The divine life of Christ is given to us at baptism and strengthened in us through confirmation and the other sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We are speaking here of sanctifying grace. This grace makes us holy and makes us to be in communion with God and share His life now.

One of the ways this divine life manifests itself in us now is through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are real and they are in us through baptism. These gifts correspond to and elevate the three theological and four cardinal virtues in us, namely, faith, hope, love, prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. These seven moral virtues operate under our power, aided by grace, but the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, while in us, do not operate under our power. They are directly under the impulse of the Holy Spirit and therefore we must ask for them in prayer. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are necessary for salvation. They allow us to live not just in the earthly realm of life but truly within the Kingdom of God.

Jesus urged the first disciples to gather in Jerusalem for the nine days before Pentecost to pray and wait upon the Holy Spirit and His Gifts. We will pray this Pentecost novena—the original novena— at the Chapel beginning Friday after the Ascension. 6

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. TSONGAS CENTER AT UMASS LOWELL





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TICKETS: Before March 31, 2022: \$39 After April 1, 2022: \$49 \*Boxed lunch available at extra cost













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#### **Schedule of Events:**

7:30 AM Doors open, Exhibitors available

8:30 AM Welcome, Music, Celebration of Mass

10:15 AM Break & Exhibition visits

10:45 AM Session 1: Deacon Harold Burke-Silvers & Bishop Daniel Flores

12:15 PM Lunch and Exhibition visits

1:30 PM Session 2: Bishop Robert Barron

2:30 PM Break and Exhibition visits

3:00 PM Session 3: Jackie and Bobby Angel

4:00 PM Eucharistic Congress Procession

6:00 PM Conclusion

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 22

8:00 AM Special Intention

9:15 AM Nelson Henriquez—graduation

10:30 AM In honor of St. Raphael

11:45 AM +Timothy Nann

1:15 PM +Carlos Navarro, +Adaberto

Pena, +Alvaro Daza

4:00 PM + Joseph Timilty

5:30 PM +Raymond & +Stella Navarro

#### Monday, May 23

8:00 AM Adrian Doyle 12:05 PM +Dillon Scofield 4:45 PM Aram & Dianne Martell

### Tuesday, May 24

8:00 AM Special Intention 12:05 PM +Paul Lamontagne 4:45 PM +Br. Robert Artman, OFM

### Wednesday, May 25

8:00 AM Cecilia Gonzalez 12:05 PM Harley Auguste 5:10 PM Robert & Linda LeBlanc

## Thursday, May 26—Ascension

8:00 AM Elena Arellanos Guillen

11:00 AM +Lilly Alphonso

12:05 PM Hendricks Delva

1:00 PM + Kevin Clancy

4:00 PM +Jeba Savari

**5:10 PM** Sara Giraldo

**6:15 PM** (esp) +Julieta Flores

## Friday, May 27

**8:00 AM** +Peter Antonucci—25th anniv. **12:05 PM** +Grace Newman—birth anniv. **4:45 PM** Yola Mourginis—health

## Saturday, May 28

9:00 AM Cesar David Calderon 12:00 PM Holy Souls 4:00 PM Carola Pontone—health 5:30 PM Egda Enao—salud

# **Prayer Before Mass**



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

# Holy Day of Obligation: Ascension Thursday May 26

# Mass Schedule at the Chapel:

Wednesday, May 25 Vigil Mass: 5:10 PM

Thursday, May 26:

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

12:05 PM

1:00 PM

4:00 PM

5:10 PM

6:15 PM Espanol

Eucharistic Adoration will be interrupted by the Mass schedule.

Confessions will be heard according to the normal daily schedule.



Ascension of the Lord. Icon, Notre Dame Institute, Jerusalem. Photo by Lawrence Lew, O.P.

## Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts

We will be praying a novena after each of the Masses from May 27 till June 4. Booklets for the novena are available in the back of the Chapel. Like the first novena in preparation for the original Pentecost, we will be praying with Our Lady for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

# Day of Prayer for the Church in China—May 24 Feast of Our Lady of Sheshan

Prayer by Pope Benedict XVI

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians", the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection. We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens.

When you obediently said "yes" in the house of Nazareth,

you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in your virginal womb

and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption.

You willingly and generously cooperated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live.

From that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in his footsteps by taking up his Cross. Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unfailing trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus.

In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen!



Our Lady of China. Painting by John Lu Hung Nien.