

*Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church*  
**ASCENSION**  
OF THE LORD

May 21, 2023



All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries.  
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
the great king over all the earth.  
Psalm 47:2-3





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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Mass Schedule:**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Saturday\*: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

\*1st Saturday of the month 8:00am

**Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:**

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Saturday 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: Please see weekly schedule.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Call the parish office at least six weeks in advance.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

Call the parish office at least six months in advance.



*Last weekend's Altar Flowers  
to celebrate our students receiving  
their First Communion  
were donated by  
Veronica & Ruben Escobedo.*



*Please keep the students that are  
preparing to receive the sacrament of  
Confirmation in your prayers as they  
enter into the final weeks of their  
preparation.*



**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION**

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

# Congratulations

to the students who received  
Our Lord in Eucharist  
for the first time  
on May 13, 2023.

Special thanks to the catechists that faithfully prepared the students  
and the parents who prayerfully supported them for this  
**SACRAMENT OF INITIATION**



Benjamin Michael Adcock  
Harper Shook Aderhold  
Anna Lynn Borgman  
James Douglas Breen  
Orion Matthew Castanon  
Joseph Edward E. Chaudoir  
Vito John Ciminello IV  
Carrie Eva Cloud  
Amelia Magdalena Cuellar  
Charlotte Ann Daniels  
Jayber George G. Gunn  
Douglas Colin Hogan Jr  
Boone St. Clair Jordan  
Jackson Cloud Jordan  
Peyton Carol Kopplow  
Charlie Edward Markel

Seamus Joseph Norris  
James Thomas Pellegrino  
Santiago F. Peralta  
John Graham Perez  
Scarlett Northway Sawtelle  
Luca Tamez  
Ava Hale Trevino  
Elliana Leigh Velez  
Margaret 'Maggie' Williams  
Emma Valentina Cuellar  
Olivia Anastasia Cuellar  
Leon Benit Hours  
Cason Blake Jewasko  
Ion Simor  
Janos Phillip Simor  
John Scott Smolik  
Phoebe Ann Herrera



## MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

### Monday, May 22

7:00 AM *Fr. Jorge*  
Adrian Flores (d) - Parish

### Tuesday, May 23

4:45 PM *Confessions - Fr. Joseph*  
5:30 PM *Mass - Fr. Joseph*  
Rachel A. Espinoza (d) - Family

### Wednesday, May 24

7:00 AM *Fr. Joseph*  
In Thanksgiving

### Thursday, May 25

4:45 PM *Confessions - Fr. Joseph*  
5:30 PM *Mass - Fr. Joseph*  
Gloria Escobar (d)  
- Maria del Carmen Drury

### Friday, May 26

7:00 AM *Fr. Jorge*  
David Barton (d) - Carol Foelker

### Saturday, May 27

4:45 PM *Confessions - Fr. Joseph*  
5:30 PM *Mass - Fr. Joseph*  
Illihana Romero's Birthday - Family

### Sunday, May 28

8:30 AM *Fr. Joseph*  
Mateo Romero (d) - Family  
10:30 AM *Fr. Ron LaFramboise, OMI*  
Charles Arriaga (d) - Dora Urrutia  
12:00 PM *Fr. Joseph*  
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners  
12:15 PM *Confessions - Fr. Jorge*



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins every Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group  
**Every third Tuesday of the month.**

Please join us from 6:30-8:00 pm  
in the Madonna Room.

For more information, contact  
Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



**GOD BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF  
THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**

## Scripture Reading For the Week of May 21, 2023

### Sunday

**Ascension of the Lord**  
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20

### Monday

**Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**  
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, 33-35a, 35bc-  
36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

### Thursday

**Venerable Bede, Priest and Doctor of the  
Church, Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary  
Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8. 9-10,  
11; Jn 17:20-26

### Friday

**Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn  
21:15-19

### Saturday

**Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20 -25

### Sunday

**Pentecost Sunday**

*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez  
37:1-4 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 20,  
30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

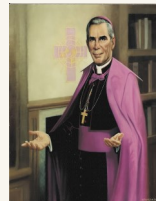
*Day:* Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1  
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Dolores Beardsley, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Maverick Condon, Esther & Guadalupe Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, Mary Jane Diaz, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Sadie Gaecia, Erlinda Hamilton, Eric Hawbecker, Marialice Hayes, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick.

Prayer list requests can be made by calling the Office at 210-734-7285.

### Our Lady of Grace Men's Faith Study



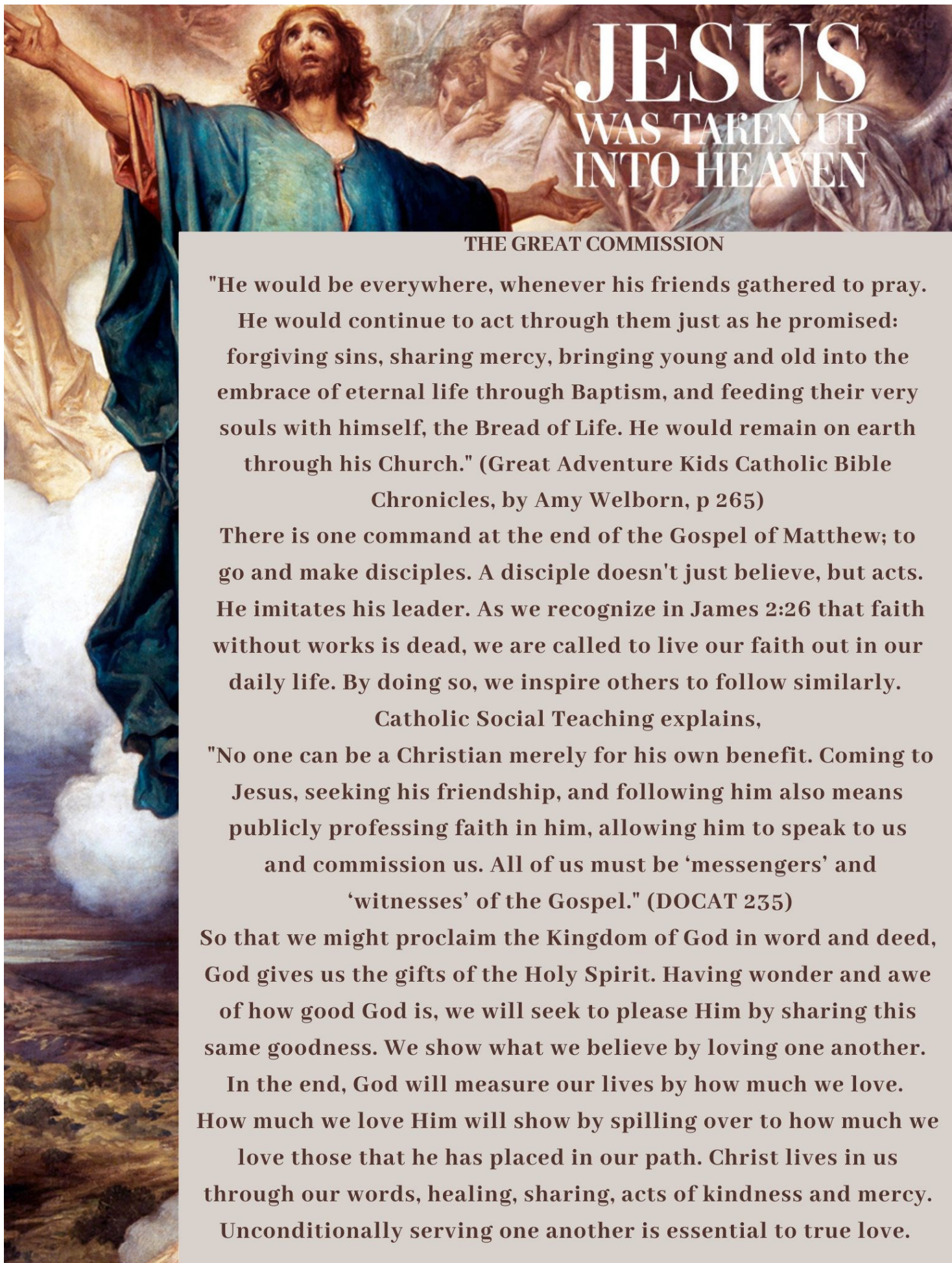
The Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen was a master theologian, philosopher and preacher of the Word who recorded a series of talks entitled

***Life is Worth Living!***

We will gather each Saturday morning from **8:30 - 9:30 am** in the Madonna Room basement to listen to a 25 minute talk from Bishop Sheen, share our thoughts as a group, and close with prayer. You'll be filled with a deeper appreciation and understanding of our Catholic Christian faith, as well as often uplifted by the timeless Sheen teachings. It is more important than ever that we come together as a community and learn that

**Life is worth living!**

For information contact Roger Williams at 210-724-8828 or [rogerwtx@gmail.com](mailto:rogerwtx@gmail.com).



# JESUS WAS TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN

## THE GREAT COMMISSION

"He would be everywhere, whenever his friends gathered to pray.

He would continue to act through them just as he promised: forgiving sins, sharing mercy, bringing young and old into the embrace of eternal life through Baptism, and feeding their very souls with himself, the Bread of Life. He would remain on earth through his Church." (Great Adventure Kids Catholic Bible

Chronicles, by Amy Welborn, p 265)

There is one command at the end of the Gospel of Matthew; to go and make disciples. A disciple doesn't just believe, but acts. He imitates his leader. As we recognize in James 2:26 that faith without works is dead, we are called to live our faith out in our daily life. By doing so, we inspire others to follow similarly.

Catholic Social Teaching explains,

"No one can be a Christian merely for his own benefit. Coming to Jesus, seeking his friendship, and following him also means publicly professing faith in him, allowing him to speak to us and commission us. All of us must be 'messengers' and

'witnesses' of the Gospel." (DOCAT 235)

So that we might proclaim the Kingdom of God in word and deed, God gives us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Having wonder and awe of how good God is, we will seek to please Him by sharing this same goodness. We show what we believe by loving one another.

In the end, God will measure our lives by how much we love. How much we love Him will show by spilling over to how much we love those that he has placed in our path. Christ lives in us through our words, healing, sharing, acts of kindness and mercy. Unconditionally serving one another is essential to true love.



Let's Keep  
on  
Singing  
in Praise  
to God  
all summer  
long!



## Confirmation II Student/Sponsor Meetings with Fr. Jorge

REMINDER: All Confirmation II students must schedule their meeting with Fr. Jorge by June 7th in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 9th.

Set up your appointment using the link below:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/10C0F4FACAB2BA0F8C61-confirmation](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FACAB2BA0F8C61-confirmation)

Our  
Lady's  
Choir



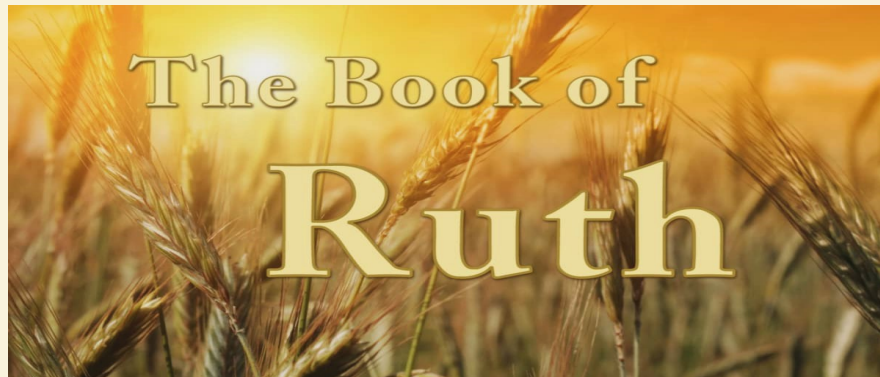
Practices held Wednesdays  
at 6:30pm in the choir loft.  
All voices are welcome to join in  
as we praise our Lord through song!



Holy Hour for Priests  
Monthly each second Tuesday  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Rosary, Prayer & Benediction



Our Lady of Grace Thursday Evening Bible Study returns  
June 8, 2023 with a study of



All are invited to read and explore the story of Ruth's journey in a 4-part study layered with unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. In this Old Testament story, we are reminded of God's covenant faithfulness and how he restores those who look to him with hope. This study delves into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and it contributes to the overall covenantal storyline that unifies the entire Bible. We are reminded to trust God in both tragedy and blessings. Come join us as we read about this remarkable woman and her important place in salvation history.

Thursdays June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29  
6:30 pm - 8:15 pm  
Guadalupe Room

Material needed: Bible, pen, paper  
For information and/or to register, please contact Linda Enriquez  
linda.lamar@yahoo.com ~ 210-387-4804





**10...9...8...The count down to Launch  
Our Lady of Grace's 2023 VBS has begun!**



**June 12th - 16th ~ 10am - 1pm  
\$50 per child or \$100 per family**

**Register your kids on this cosmic quest where they'll  
have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world.**

***DON'T DELAY, ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED!***

**Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world  
adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.**

***Volunteers urgently needed!***

**If you are an adult 18 years & older or if you are a Confirmation II  
Student that still requires service hours, grab your space suit  
and join the Launch Crew for this VBS Adventure.**

**\$15 gets you snacks, a T-Shirt and lots of fun!**

**Registration forms available at [olgsa.org](http://olgsa.org),  
in the church foyer or in the church office.**

