

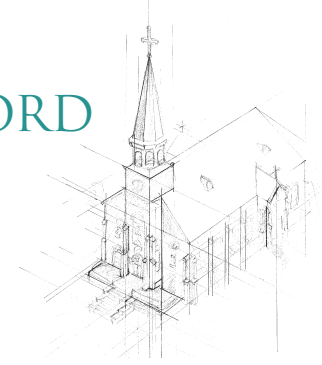
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MAY 16, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Welcome!

We are delighted you are here.



Pastor C. Hightower, SJ

Associate Pastors:

Steve Lantry, SJ

Tom Lankenau, SJ

Victor Cancino, SJ

Prayers

May ---

**Sharon Dana, Chris Graves,
Dusty Seybert, Steve Pinsonneault, and Pat O'Conner**
receive His healing and consolation.

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2021

Saturday 5/15 Acts 18:23-28
Ps. 47

Sunday 5/16 Acts 1:1-11
Ps. 47
Eph. 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20

Monday 5/17 Acts 19:1-8
Ps. 68

Tuesday 5/18 Acts 20:17-27
Ps. 68

Wednesday 5/19 Acts 20:28-38
Ps. 68

Thursday 5/20 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps. 16

Friday 5/21 Acts 25:13b-21
Ps. 103

Saturday 5/22 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps. 11

Sunday 5/23 Acts 2:1-11
Ps. 104
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

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St. JOHN I

St. RITA OF CASCIA

PENTECOST

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021

Saturday 5/15	Phil Englert
Sunday 5/16	Ron Cloninger Phil Englert Martin Kearney
Monday 5/17	June Marie Susen
Tuesday 5/18	Cara Wherley
Wednesday 5/19	Sheila Combo
Thursday 5/20	Mark Thompson
Friday 5/21	Lisa Sorenson - Wilson
Saturday 5/22	Mickey Elliot
Sunday 5/23	John & Edna Becker Ed Moriarity Marie Hartman
Monday 5/24	Sam Sparks
Tuesday 5/25	Joann & Ralph Kester
Wednesday 5/26	Tony Goeres
Thursday 5/27	Steve Smith*
Friday 5/28	William Kohout
Saturday 5/29	Marie Cloke O'Neill
Sunday 5/30	Margaret Houldson

Collections for May 9, 2021 Regular - 4590.50 Loose - 1245.00 Maintenance - 650.00 Online - 5810.00

Thank you for your generosity!

- Celebrate with us Sunday, May 16th at the 10:00 am Mass as Bishop Austin Vetter will consecrate our new altar beautifully created by our own Richard Keller!**

COVID -19 update Social Distancing and Mask requirement

Following the May 10th Missoula County guidelines we recommend that the wearing of a mask be according to your comfort level. Please note that the processional, recessional and during the distribution of Holy Communion masks will be worn by Celebrants and Eucharistic Ministers.

- We will continue to live-stream the 10:00 am Mass and Reidy Hall will be open ONLY during the 10:00 am Mass for those wishing to social distance.
- The dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass remains in place.
- The Diocesan liturgical guidelines regarding the use of hymnals, the Sign of Peace, Holy Water, and Communion under both forms is still not permitted at this time.

- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** This September, we will add to our Level 1 Atrium for 3 to 5 year olds a new Level 2 Atrium for children ages 6 to 9. Each week I will introduce to you, in a short paragraph, what the Atrium is all about.

The child, particularly the religious life of the child, is central to the commitment of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. In the words of one very smart child, the program helps children “come close to God all by myself.” We say that the true teacher in the Atrium is the Holy Spirit – not the adult. We honor the child and his or her relationship with God by getting out of the way.

More next week...

- **Ministers of Care** We are now allowed, once again, to bring Communion to peoples’ homes. If you or someone you know is interested in having a Minister of Care bring Eucharist, or if you are interested in being part of this ministry, please let Pam know in the parish office. At this time, assisted living homes are not yet allowing this type of visit.
- **The Missoula Interfaith Collaborative** is hosting a virtual fundraiser for their community organizing group, Common Good Missoula. It will be held over zoom on June 3rd from 12 - 1 pm. If you are interested in attending or donating, please call Pam or Fr. Hightower in the parish office. To learn more go to www.micmt.org
- **Bag Lunches** the St. Francis Xavier volunteer group preparing bag lunches for the Poverello center is looking for help! They meet at the POV Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.
- **Vacation Bible School!** June 21 - June 25 8:45 am to Noon for children entering 2nd through 5th grade. Register online on our website sfxmissoula.org Climb aboard the Rocky Railway for New friends, Amazing experiments, creative games, super - fun snacks, surprising adventures, and incredible music! We are looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School! Lots of opportunities to help including crew leaders and station leaders, making decorations, or setting up and taking down before and after VBS. If you are interested, please call or email Autumn in the Parish Office!
- **Are you looking for a First Communion gift?** Items are available for purchase in the Parish Office. Please contact Autumn if you are interested in purchasing a gift for a loved one!
- **NCYC November 18-20, 2021** registration is now open for this in person event. Young people in grades 9-12 and their adult chaperones are welcome on this incredible journey! Learn more at dohyouth.org/ncyc
- **Lost & Found:** Glasses with Purple Frames. Please stop by the Parish Office to claim.
- The annual **Baby Bottle Boomerang** fundraiser, benefitting Care Net Pregnancy Center From Mother’s Day to Father’s Day, we will have a bassinet in the front of the church with empty baby bottles for you to take home, fill up with change and return during Masses or to the parish office during business hours.
- **Witness to Hope** A note of thanks to all who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity supports many Diocesan ministries such as Youth, Young Adult, and Priestly formation. Contact diocesehelena.org to learn more.