

# *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

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## WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.



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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (MAY 13TH - MAY 14TH)

Donation	\$4,913.00
Donation Online	\$1,170.00
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,103.00

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John 15:4-5

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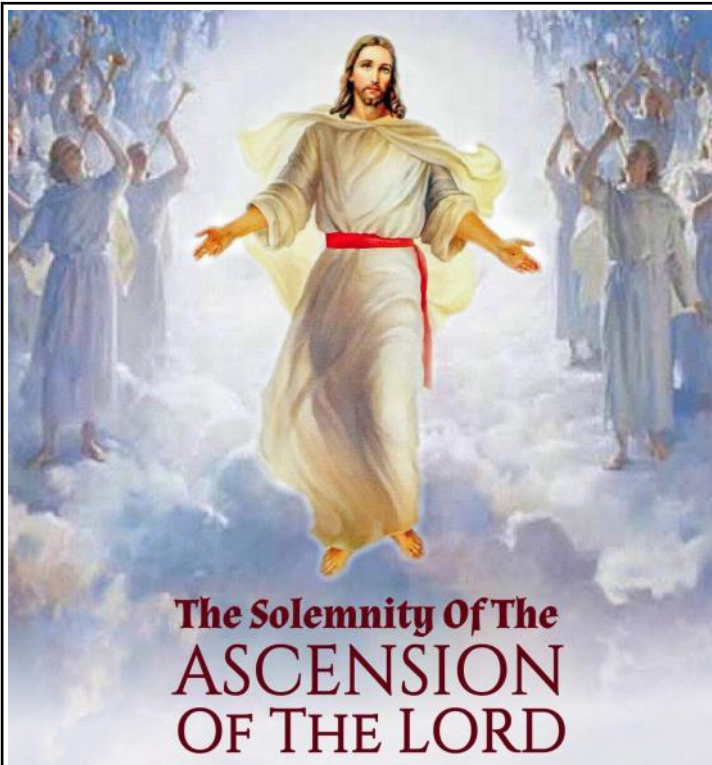
Guest Speaker  
Kevin D. Monette  
Encounter Ministries

Sunday, May 28 at 2:00-5:00pm  
St. Thomas Catholic Church  
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## The Church's Central Mission

We don't think enough about the Ascension. In fact, only those who pray the Rosary seem to think about it at all.

Yet, it is a crucial part of Christ's mission and message.

- It is the culminating moment, the finale, the final whistle, the moment in which his victory will be enshrined in heaven for ever.

- Jesus ascends into heaven as the living sacrifice that will continue to be the bridge between God and humanity until the end of time.

His words at this moment, therefore, are critical.

And what does he say? Two things.

First, he sums up the message of salvation.

- He reminds his Apostles that he had come to earth in order to preach salvation, and then to make it into a reality by his suffering, death, and resurrection.

- Only because of Christ's preaching and passion is it possible for mankind to experience the salvation

from sin and ignorance that they desire, the peace of soul that they yearn for.

Second, he gives his followers a job. He calls upon them to be witness of these things.

- They will not be able to carry out their witness all by themselves, they will need the Holy Spirit, and so he promises that at Pentecost they will be "clothed with power from on high."

- But then they are to go to "all the nations" as Christ's witnesses.

So, in the Ascension of our Lord, we come face to face with the core of the entire Gospel: Christ's saving message being transmitted to all people through the witness of the Church.

## Staying Close to Christ

This is our mission in life: to bear witness to Christ.

This will give us a share in the joy that the disciples experienced after Christ ascended: "They... returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

But we cannot be effective witnesses to Christ unless we stay close to Christ. We need his own divine strength in order to fulfill this divine mission.

This is why Jesus tells us, in the First Reading, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you..."

- Christ is true man and true God. To be his witnesses we must share not only his human nature, but also his divine nature.

- That was one of the main reasons he ascended into heaven. As today's Preface (II) for the Eucharistic Prayer puts it: "he... was taken up to heaven in their sight to claim for us a share in his divine life".

Today, as the Church reminds us of our mission and encourages us to take it up with renewed enthusiasm, let's renew our commitment to stay close to Christ:

- Let's renew our commitment to daily, heartfelt prayer.

- Let's renew our commitment to never stop studying the treasure of our Catholic faith.

- Let's renew our commitment to make frequent and sincere use of the great sacraments that Jesus died to give us, especially the Eucharist and Confession.

On Ascension Day, Christ is sending us out into today's world to be his witnesses, just as he sent out his Apostles two thousand years ago.

Success in that mission is the only thing that will satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts.

And all we have to do in order to be as successful as his first Apostles is to stay as close as possible to our Lord.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer,  
together with some women,  
and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.  
(Acts 1:14)

### Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in  
the land of the living. (Ps 51)  
Or Alleluia.

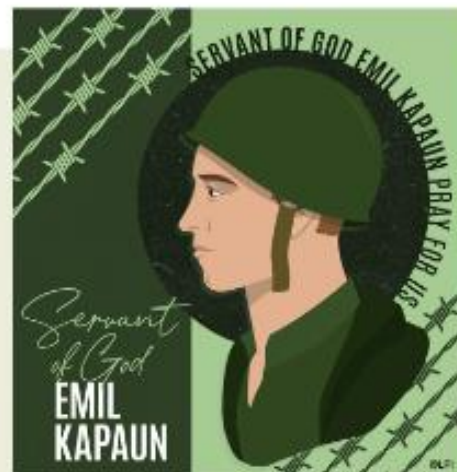
### Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are  
you,  
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.  
(1 Pt 4:14)

### Gospel:

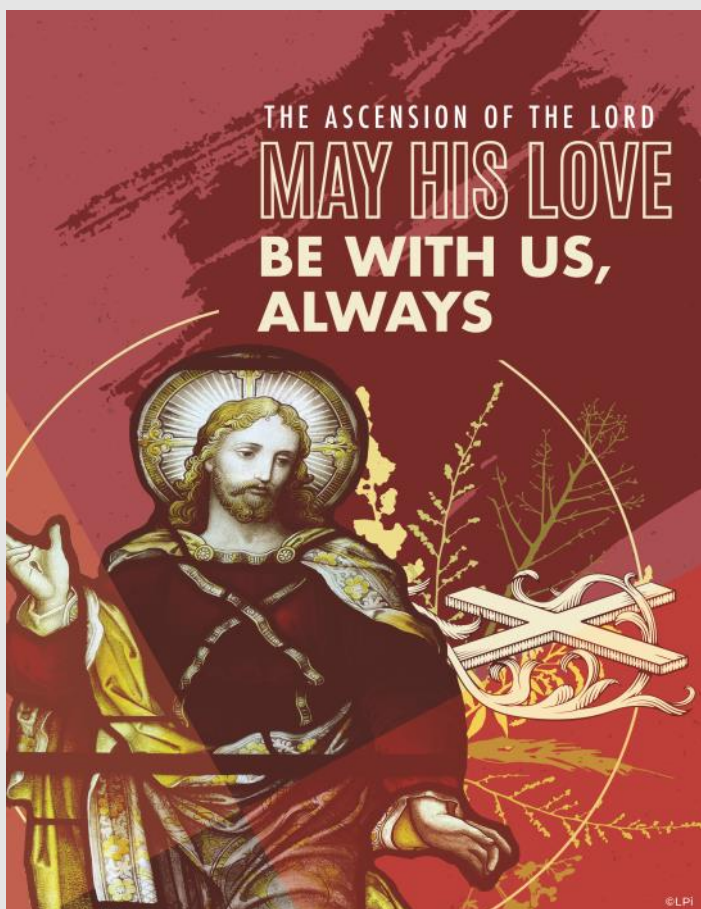
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,  
"Father, the hour has come.  
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify  
you." (Jn 17:1)

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## Saint of the week

Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun was an American military chaplain who served heroically on the battlefield as well as inside of a POW camp in North Korea until his death. While a POW, he cared for other prisoners bodily with stolen food and medicine, and spiritually as a priest.



God mounts  
his throne to  
joyful shouts:  
a blare of  
trumpets for  
the Lord.

*Psalm 47*

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When the world sees us, do they see to whom we belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice? Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do.