

Happy Ascension Sunday, Team Grace!

Today, we celebrate our Lord's glorious ascension back to the Father. After spending 40 days with his apostles and disciples, re-teaching them the Gospel, the Lord ascends. He promises to send us an Advocate to help us understand his message and to live his way of life. This promise is fulfilled next Sunday on Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles and Our Lady as tongues of fire!

As a way of celebrating Pentecost, I'm asking all parishioners to please wear red next weekend! This includes the digital portion of our parish! Please wear red at home and send in your pictures! We want to celebrate this birthday of the Church as a full parish!

This weekend, as Americans, we pause and remember our fallen heroes. We pray for all those who have died in defense of our country and our freedoms. May God bless them for their sacrifice! Our Memorial Day Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Monday (please note the earlier time for our daily Mass). In observance of the holiday, our Parish Office and Church Building will be closed on Monday.

In other areas, I'd like to update you on some developments within our senior staff.

In a desire to spend more time with family, as well as begin her doctoral studies, Natalie Jackson recently requested to move to part-time and to focus solely on our pastoral effort (and to move away from operations). I completely support Natalie on this decision! I'm thrilled that she is staying on staff and will begin some doctoral studies in theology! As such, Natalie's new title is *Director of Pastoral Outreach*. Thank you, Natalie!

Natalie is now in our "Pastoral Office," along with Deacon Doc. This is the office next to the Front Office.

As Natalie is transitioning out of operations, Ryan Kubic's duties are being extended and he is receiving the new title, *Director of Operations*. He has moved into Natalie's old office, which is now the office for the Director of Operations. Congratulations, Ryan!

Please NOTE: This change is in process. It is happening slowly. For now, Natalie is still with us on a full-time basis, as she assists in our re-opening and in training Ryan on operational duties. The full transfer will not happen until mid-June, but I wanted to make you aware of these developments now.

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More updates next weekend. Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!