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MASSES:

Saturday Morning Mass	8:00 A.M.
Saturday (Eve of Sunday):	4:30 P.M.
Sunday:	8:00 A.M.
	10:30 A.M.
Weekday:	12:10 P.M.
Holy Days, Eve of Feast:	5:30 P.M.
Feast:	12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:

Daily:	11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
Saturday:	3:30 – 4:15 P.M.
Anytime on request.	

Cathedral Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 20, 2012

If God so loved us, we also must love one another.

— 1 John 4:11

SCRIPTURE THEME:

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.

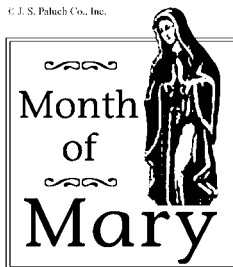
What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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MAY THE MONTH OF MARY:

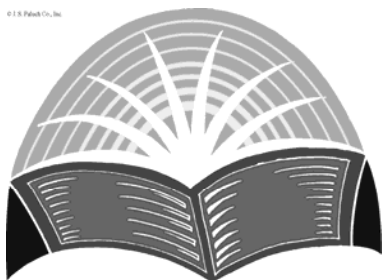
Our annual Lourdes Novena continues at noon on Monday. The Novena, which includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, will precede the 12:10 PM Mass and will conclude on Tuesday of this week.

Archbishop Rodi has designated Sunday, May 20, as the official celebration of Mary's Day. The celebration at the Cathedral will begin at 10:00 AM. preceding the 10:30 AM Mass. The Lourdes Novena will be after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday.



ARCHDIOCESEAN PRIEST RETREAT:

The priests of the Archdiocese of Mobile will be on retreat beginning Sunday afternoon, May 27 through Thursday May, 31. There will be no 12:10 PM Mass on these days. There will be a Communion Service at 12:10 PM only.



They went forth and preached everywhere

Mass Intentions Week Beginning Sunday, May 20, 2012

Sunday May 20	8:00 AM	Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb (L)
	10:30 AM.	Parishioners
Monday May 21	12:10 PM..	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Tuesday May 22	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday May 23	12:10 P.M.	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Thursday May 24	12:10 P.M.	Anna B. Crow (L)
Friday May 25	12:10 P.M.	John R. Cavanaugh
Saturday May 26	8:00 A.M.	Laura Allen
	4:30 P.M.	

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations of \$3,214.80. Thank you.



PARISH MEETINGS:

Cathedral Prayer Network:

Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 PM in the Cathedral Rectory. The prayer Network will meet earlier in the month for the month of June only and will resume their normal schedule in July. This Group meets the third Sunday of each month. Prayer Network Line 434-8291

Cathedral Altar Society:

Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Portier House.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

This group meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 PM in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue. If you, or someone you know needs assistance, please call 442-1122.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) follows the Holy Father's direction that we make good use of our digital presence in the world by making it easy to access the important ideals of the Catholic faith online and through television, radio and print media. Please give to this special collection.

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