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**The Ascension of
the Lord**
16-17 May 2015

Dear Catholic Community:

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This is one of the great mysteries of our faith. The Lord returns to "sit at the right hand of the Father." As the Apostles watch Him ascend, an angel asks them why they are standing there. It's a reminder to us that our minds, eyes, hearts and lives are directed in two ways. First is towards God and secondly towards one another. We're reminded that we are pilgrims journeying through this life to God. As we live this gift of life, we are called to do so in a way that is pleasing to God. As we pray today, may we be about the business of living our faith, always mindful that our ultimate destiny is "life on high in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Blessings,
Fr. Fred

May 18 – June 5

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	18	19 Bible Study 1100	20	21	22 Chapel Closed No Noon Mass	23
24 Pentecost	25 Memorial Day Chapel Closed No Noon Mass	26 Bible Study 1100	27	28	29	30
31 Fr. Fred's Adult Ed class 1030	1	2 Bible Study 1100	3	4	5	

Offertory for 9-10 May 2015

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1700 Vigil: \$1,888.00 0900 Mass: \$2,684.00 **TOTAL: \$4,572.00** Attendance: 438

JBM-HH Catholic Community – Memorial Chapel

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Emergency Contact: Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525
Mass: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. **Daily Mass:** Noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Reconciliation: 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112
Catholic Coordinator: Pam Ortiz info@jbmhhcatholicparish.com
Parish Registration: Forms may be obtained from an usher or printed from the website. Notify Pam of changes or if moving from the area.
Sacraments and Sponsor Letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members
Bulletins: Available on website; advance copy e-mailed each Thursday
Archdiocese for the Military Services: www.milarch.org

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps; Kevin Voelker, USA

Deceased: Jimmy Daknis (brother of Bill Daknis)

Healing: Buddy Craven, Bob Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Richard Brysacz (father of Margaret Asten), Morris McGregor, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Bill Hubbard, Sue Higgins, Hamlin Ortiz (father of Ham Ortiz), Randy Krug

~ Please contact Pam to remove names from the Deployed and Healing prayer lists. ~

Introduction to Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Today's passage takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and sets forth the themes that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament. His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostles to be effective witnesses to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

Today's passage from Ephesians was chosen because of its references to Jesus' ascent to heaven, which is contrasted with his descent to the dead. Early Christians believed that those who died before the coming of Jesus awaited redemption in a shadowy existence described here as the lower regions of the earth. It is our Christian tradition that immediately after his death, Jesus went to these people to announce that they had been saved.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. Psalm 47

Announcements

Welcome Deacon Joe! Rev. Mr. Joe Pak is JBM-HH Catholic Community's new deacon, joining our community on 1 May. Deacon Joe, a self-described "baby deacon," will assist Fr. Fred in serving our community. Please join us after the 0900 Mass on **7 June** for a welcome reception in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to learning more about Deacon Joe and his ministry to us in the months ahead.



Next designated offering: 6-7 June Wounded Warrior Transition Units

June Pastoral Council Meeting - Guest Speaker and Brunch: We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, **14 June**, Mr. Jose Amaya, AMS Director of Faith Formation, will be speaking about the AMS Family Faith Assessment application – an online, interactive learning tool suitable for all age groups. After the presentation, attendees are invited to join us for brunch. We invite all parents, grandparents or adult family members to join the CRE teachers and the Pastoral Council for this great learning opportunity. Please RSVP by 7 June to Pam at info@jbmhhcatholicparish.com. More information about the AMS Family Faith Assessment application can be found at on the AMS website, www.milarch.org, click on the Office of Faith Formation link found under the "Offices" menu tab.

Nepal Earthquake Relief: Nepal suffered a devastating 7.8 earthquake on 25 April. The Archdiocese for the Military Services is taking donations to help the many in need. Checks should be made payable to the **Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA** and sent to **P.O. Box 4469, Washington, DC 20017**. To ensure that Catholic community and individual donations are properly credited, please indicate "**Nepal Earthquake Relief**" on the check.