

**Our Vision:** We seek to light the way to Christ as a strong military Catholic community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit and on fire with God's love.

**Our Mission:** We, the Catholic Community of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, serve to advance the spiritual growth and resilience of all bonded by love of Christ, and share experiences of service to country. Guided by our military chaplain, we actively participate in the living Body of Christ and persevere in our Savior's mission. We are grateful stewards of the gifts we have received and eagerly use them to show our love for God

**JBM-HH Catholic Community**

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**Mass:** 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday

**Daily Mass:** Noon M – F in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Reconciliation:** 11:30-11:45AM T – F in Room 112

**Catholic Coordinator:** Pam Ortiz [info@jbmhhcatholicparish.com](mailto:info@jbmhhcatholicparish.com)

**Registration:** Forms available on website or from an usher

**Sacraments and Sponsor Letters:** Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

**E-Bulletins:** Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday. Please add [@jbmhhcatholicparish.com](mailto:@jbmhhcatholicparish.com) to "safe sender" list. Contact Pam with registrations changes or to Opt Out of receiving the e-bulletin.

**Clergy Notes – Weekend of 7-8 May**

Dear Catholic Community:

Congratulations to our First Communicants and Confirmandi. Today we celebrate Ascension. We're quickly moving through the Easter Season. Today we're reminded that Jesus is in the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit; but we are called, not just to look up, but also to look ahead as we do Christ's work on earth. The Lord sends us forth. God bless this community in all its good works as we serve the Lord. We are his witnesses.

I want to thank you again, as a community of faith, for the many ways, both here at chapel and so many places, where you serve the Lord in word and deed. We're a blessed people.

In Christ,

Fr. Fred



Connect with us! In addition to our [website](#), we have a new group on [Facebook](#) and can also be found on [Twitter @JBMHHCatholic](#)

**May 7 – May 20 ~ visit the website to view full calendar**

SAT & SUN		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>The Ascension</i> Happy Mother's Day! 0900 Youth Mass 1030 CRE, EPIC	<b>9</b> RCIA resumes in August	<b>10</b> NO Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1900 Adult Ed: World Religions – CH(LTC) Dawud Agbere, guest speaker	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Pentecost</i> 1030 CRE, EPIC, TEEN CLASS 1030 Baptism Class AMS Memorial Mass - Basilica	<b>16</b> 1000 – 1400 Living Word Bible Study retreat RCIA resumes in August	<b>17</b> 1100 Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>Offertory Week 30 Apr – 1 May 2016</b>			<b>Online Resources</b>
1700 Vigil Mass:	124	\$1,954.52	<a href="#">Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA</a>
0900 Mass:	304	\$3,157.35	<a href="#">Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception</a>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>\$5,112.87</b>	<a href="#">Jubilee Year of Mercy</a>
<i>Please make checks payable to C.T.O.F.</i>			<a href="#">The Holy See</a>
<b>Next Designated Offering: 4-5 June; Wounded Warrior Transition Units</b>			<a href="#">United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)</a>

**Readings ~ The Ascension of the Lord**

**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.)

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

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23**

In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he reminds us about the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit. St. Paul is trying to make clear that one of the most important things we can do is gain knowledge of God. To do so, our lives should be centered around the purpose to know God.

**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; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps

**Healing:** Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Nimpa Bautista, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Hamlin Ortiz (father of Ham Ortiz), Randy Krug, Jack Doyle, Virginia Hoh, Jeff Lepak, Al and Marilyn Hanson, Russell Plaisance, Warren Krug, Betsy Plowman, Warren Efting, Barbara Nastro, Joe Franklin, Bob Daknis, Millie Nash, Maria Miani, Amanda Ciccone, Richard W. Kalb, Fran DeLoatche

**Community Notes**

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual AMS Memorial Mass**, honoring US service members, is on Pentecost Sunday, **15 May**, noon, at the Basilica. Open to the public; registration is available online at the AMS website: [milarch.org/memorialmass](http://milarch.org/memorialmass). If planning to attend, please register no later than **11 May**; AMS staff will assure reserved general seating for confirmed guests on a first-come-first-serve basis. Anyone wishing to submit names for prayerful remembrance at the altar may do so by emailing Jo Ann Redmond at [jredmond@milarch.com](mailto:jredmond@milarch.com) by noon on Friday, 13 May.

**Adult Ed "World Religions" Guest Speaker:** CH (LTC) Dawud Agbere, Islamic Chaplain, US Army will be the guest speaker at the World Religions class on Thursday, **12 May** at 1900. Chaplain Agbere will share with his experience as a Muslim chaplain in the US Army today, including his deployments to Afghanistan and work with Afghan soldiers. He will also share what it is like to be a Muslim living in the United States during a time of a time of misunderstanding and negative media attention.

**Living Word Bible Study's Year End Retreat:** All Memorial Chapel ladies are invited to this ecumenical event on **16 May** from 1000 to 1400. CH (LTC) Karen Meeker, a dynamic and challenging speaker, will lead a study of Proverbs 8:12, "Prudence with Courage; Applying Wisdom for Today." There will be a potluck salad lunch. For more information, call Nancy Jackson at 703-534-1956 or RSVP at [jacksonjn@verizon.net](mailto:jacksonjn@verizon.net).

**Congratulations** to Joseph Lepak who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout!

**Adult Ed Class Topics of Interest Opinion Survey:** Margaret Lepak, Adult Ed ministry coordinator, is conducting a survey to determine topics you would be interested in learning more about in the Adult Education classes. The survey will end soon. If you have a survey you'd like to turn in, please return the completed forms to the ushers.

**Attention Youths:** Any young people interested in training to become an Altar Server, please let Fr. Fred know. Remember that you must have received your First Communion.

Fr. Fred is looking for married couples who would be willing to assist him in preparing Engaged Couples for the **Sacrament of Matrimony**. Fr. Fred will provide the training for you to be involved in this ministry. The requirement is a willingness to meet 5 to 6 times with a couple for approximately one and a half to two hours each time. Fr. Fred is particularly looking for couples who have been married between 10 and 25 years. If interested, please contact Fr. Fred by email at: [alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil)

**Fr. Fred's "Practice Makes Catholic" Class begins 5 June:** If you are interested in being in that class, I'm asking your personally buy the book. It's called: "Practice Makes Catholic: Moving from a Learned Faith to a Lived Faith" by Joe Paprocki, DMin. The book is \$9.95 and is available through Loyola Press, (800) 621-1008 or [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com). I'll be offering this class on Sundays during the summer from 1030 to 1130 after Fellowship. ~ Fr. Fred