

Padre Serra Parish-Camarillo, California
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Solemnity – The Ascension of the Lord
May 11 & 12, 2024

Introductory Rites

After reverencing the altar at the end of the entrance procession the presider goes to the blessed water. Deacon(s) will assist with the sprinkling rite.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: A warm welcome to any visitors today. On the first celebration of the ascension, our Lord Jesus commissioned his disciples to baptize in his name. To this day, we carry out the call we received.

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Standing in front of the blessed water the presider says:

Presider: Recalling our baptism, we pause to pray...

Almighty and ever-living God,
you willed that souls be cleansed
and receive the gift of eternity
through water, the fountain of life.
On this, your day,
we seek your protection through this water.
Renew the living spring of your grace within us,
and defend us from all ills of body and spirit,
so we may approach you with hearts made clean
and receive your salvation.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

To Sung Gloria & sprinkling

The presider sprinkles half the community and the deacon sprinkles the other half.

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Collect

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

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God of majesty,
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yours is the power that raised Christ from death,
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yours is the glory that exalted him to your right hand.
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By the mystery of the ascension,
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sustain our hope
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as we bear witness to our baptism.
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By the perpetual outpouring of your Spirit,
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confirm your Church in its mission of salvation.
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Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
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who lives and reigns with you now and always
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in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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God forever and ever.

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General Intercessions

Presider: Our ascended Savior intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father. With confidence, we make our needs known.

Lector: That the Church will succeed in Jesus' commission to teach and baptize the entire world... We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: That world leaders receive the wisdom, discernment and commitment to pursue harmony and unity... We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: That our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers and all motherly women are blessed beyond measure with strength and courage, tenderness and wisdom, generosity and faithfulness... We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: That we parishioners of Padre Serra may come to know, with ever greater confidence, God's eternal plan for us... We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Intention - Mother's Day Novena

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Lector: That all those who are sick might find comfort and healing, especially Mel Pajo (Mel), Lorna Pajo (Lorna), Baby Aarav Hooper (Aarav), Glenna Wilkes (Glenna), Jeannie Wilkes-Wright (Jeannie), Sharon Mendelsohn (Sharon),

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and for all those included in our parish book of intentions...

We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: That all those who have died find rest, especially Manny Namoc (Manny), Victor Foster (Victor), Andrew Farmer (Andrew), Tillie Martinez (Tillie),

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All masses: Mother's Day Novena

We pray to the Lord:

Response: O Lord, hear our prayer, Lord hear us, O Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Almighty God, you drew your Son to yourself and sent the Spirit to all who believe. Hear our prayers and grant us all we need to continue your Son's mission here on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded

Almighty ever-living God,
you allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries.
Grant that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.
Through Christ our Lord.

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Almighty and eternal God,
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you have entrusted to us here on earth
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the mysteries that foreshadow heaven.
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Draw our gaze upward
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where Christ, who shares our human nature,
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sits in glory at your right hand
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and lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

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Following a period of silence – the Presider will invite the mothers to stand and then begin the Blessing of Mothers

Blessing of Mothers

Presider: At this time, I invite all mothers to please stand for a special blessing and I ask the rest of you to extend your hands in blessing with me.

(with hands extended)

Loving God,

Embrace these mothers with your care.
We are so grateful for all they have done.

Shower them richly with the
gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Bless and strengthen them in their
vocations as mothers.

May their example of faith and love
be a source of courage and inspiration
to their children and their children's children.

Grant that they may always be enriched by our
love, respect and devotion.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Announcements

Lectors: please step down as soon as you finish the announcements. Do not wait for the final blessing or dismissal. The cantor needs time to get in place for the closing song. Thank you!

Treat your motherly figure to a beautiful corsage for Mother's Day today after Mass.

A weekend silent retreat is a lovely gift for the woman in your life. Registration is still open for our retreat June 7-9. Eileen is in the courtyard after Mass with details.

Many of us have loved ones who no longer practice their Catholic faith. Join Pastoral Associate Teresa Runyon this Tuesday evening, May 14, in the Serra Center to explore contributing factors and constructive ways to respond when a loved one leaves the Church.

Fr. Tom Elewaut, pastor of San Buenaventura Mission, will share about the history of the mission and St. Junipero Serra, at the senior meeting this Wednesday morning, May 15, in the Serra Center.

Next Saturday, May 18 at the 5:00 PM mass, Padre Serra will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for approximately 80 teens and adults. We expect an especially full crowd. The liturgy will be beautiful but lengthy.

Please visit the bulletin and website for details on these events.

Attention: Prior to adding an announcement please contact Dominic MacAller or Fr. Patrick Mullen.

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Concluding Rites

Greeting

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: **Please, bow down for the blessing.**
(if present)

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Presider: On this day, Christ took his place with the Father in majesty and opened the way for us.

May almighty God grant that, where Jesus is, we also may be. Amen.

May God grant that when Christ comes to judge the world his face may shine upon us in lasting mercy. Amen.

May God grant joyous fulfilment of Jesus' promise to remain with us even to the end of time. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

Deacon: **Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.**
(if present)

All: Thanks be to God.