

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father of glory, and so we confidently lift our hands in prayer for the needs of all the world.

- ☺ For all Christians, as we seek to make disciples of all nations, starting with our own neighbors, we pray;
▶ **Risen Savior, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For a world united in love and peace under the dominion of our risen and ascended Lord, we pray;
▶ **Risen Savior, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For all those who have celebrated sacraments of initiation this Easter season, as they go forth to evangelize by the way they live, we pray;
▶ **Risen Savior, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For all those who are in need of the many services our Church is called to provide, especially those who are hungry and homeless, we pray;
▶ **Risen Savior, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For graduating students everywhere as they seek to develop their knowledge and skills for the good of all, we pray;
▶ **Risen Savior, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For our dead, especially Edward Levandowski, that they may ascend to glory with Christ our priest and king, we pray;
▶ **Risen Savior, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ That God hears the intentions of our baskets, the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, In Thanksgiving, Fr. Rex Zimmerman, Jubilee Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood and the continued success of the Renovation projects, we pray;
▶ **Risen Savior, hear our prayer.**

(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)

Presider: Gracious God, you have given us a Spirit of wisdom that we may know you and serve you. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts and give us hope in what you have called us to do. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord.

ALL: **AMEN!**

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 27-28, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS:

The Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes

In Thanksgiving, Fr. Rex Zimmerman,
Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination to the
Priesthood

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you are the eternal Son of the Father:
Lord have mercy; **.....Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, your presence fills the universe:
Christ have mercy; **.....Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you guide us home with you into bright
glory;
Lord have mercy; **.....Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The beginning of the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#81, Spirit & Song - Psalm 118
Let Us Rejoice And Be Glad

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, “all power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.