

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO (LODGE GRASS), ST. CHARLES BORROMEO (PRYOR),
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The Ascension of the Lord

OPENING SONG

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid #195

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 150

MASS PARTS Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG

Akbaatatdía Jesus Baleiláaxbaaxpeesh

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM** Saint Dennis
[**9:00 AM** beginning June]
10:30 AM Saint Charles Borromeo
12:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto
[**12:30 PM** beginning June]
4:00 PM Saint Francis Xavier

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

6:00 PM Saint Dennis

FRIDAY

6:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto

CONFESSIONS

Before mass and on request.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS

- 6:00 PM** Sewing Group
Meeting Room in Small Hall
(St. Dennis)
6:00 PM Women's Group in Classroom
(Our Lady of Loretto)

WEDNESDAYS

- 6:45 PM** Cash Bingo
Main Hall (St. Dennis)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

JUNE 3RD (SATURDAY)

6:00 PM OL of Loretto

JUNE 4TH

9:00 AM St. Dennis

There will be no other masses that weekend.

JUNE 11TH (CORPUS CHRISTI)

2:00 PM St. Dennis

There will be no other masses that day (see page 4 for more information).

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to

baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.



Family Connection

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life

of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

“Rejoice, Give Glory and Believe that you will see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living”.

It is a good day to be alive and to reflect on the blessings in our lives. Whether you have been married 3 years or 53 years, the Marriage Encounter Experience is a great opportunity to reflect on gift that is your spouse, to cherish it and to continue to grow in that most important relationship. Take a weekend alone together to do just that in Malta, June 9-11. Application fee is \$100.

To learn more, watch bit.ly/wwme2023, visit the website wwme.org or apply today by calling 307-215-9444.

CORPUS CHRISTI - SUNDAY 6/11

This year's Corpus Christi celebration will be hosted at St. Dennis on Sunday, June 11th, at 2 PM. **This will be the only Mass that day on the reservation.** We would like to have a family from each of the parish locations sponsor an altar/tetpee. If your family is interested, please contact one of the priests.

St. Dennis Church will provide the meat. We are asking for the following from each location—St Dennis (drinks), Our Lady of Loretto (salads), St. Xavier (chips), and St. Charles (desserts).

BINGO CONCESSIONS

We're still in need of volunteers for the last two Wednesdays of this season. Please see one of the priests or sign up at the foyer in the back of the church. Thanks!

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISMS (UNDER 7)

Our next class for parents/godparents is on Saturday, **June 3rd** from **10:30-11:30am** at St. Dennis with baptisms to follow for families having theirs done afterwards inside the chapel. Other dates and locations will be scheduled accordingly.

Please visit crowcatholicparishes.com or contact one of the priests to register.

CLOSING SONG



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Ak-baa-tat-dí-a Je - sus Ba-le - i-laax-baax-peesh E - WE -LE
God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit,



An dii baat-cháa-cheesh ba-lee híih-kaa - wa- li - kkuuh WE-LE
Your power, let it come to us.