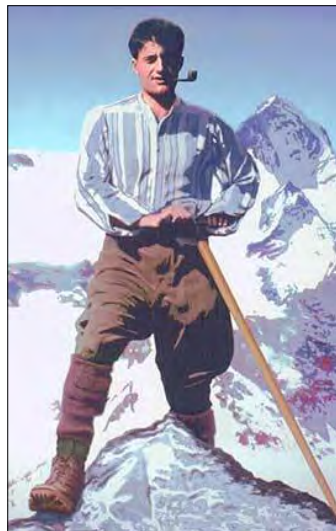




**The Ascension** Last Thursday was Ascension Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter. I've often recalled how, in the 1970s, my mother would take all six of us

children out of public school on Ascension Thursday for a hike and picnic in the mountains. Those mountaintop experiences instilled in me a love for climbing and ascending to the heights. Everyone's desire to "climb" orients them for our final climb up the mountain of Purgatory into Heaven. You may know that Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized next year, and his famous saying was *verso l'alto*, or "to the heights!" Pier Giorgio loved to climb the alps of Northern Italy, where he grew up, but more fundamentally by *verso l'alto* he meant "towards heaven!" The mystery of the Ascension (the Second Glorious Mystery) points us toward the supreme summit of our lives, where Christ reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, his holy Mother beside Him, and all the angels and saints. That, my friends, is where we all must go to, and so ... *verso l'alto!*

**Novena to the Holy Spirit** Our parish is most blessed to be able to follow the older calendar, along with the newer calendar (the best of both worlds!). That is how we were able to celebrate the Ascension on the day it actually happened. Fr. Konopik celebrated a quiet Mass of the Ascension last Thursday at 7am, and Fr. Rocha celebrated a sung Mass of the Ascension at 6pm. Celebrating the Ascension on Ascension Thursday also gives us the great benefit of beginning the Novena to the Holy Spirit nine days before Pentecost, which will be next Sunday, the great conclusion to our 100 days of Lent and Easter. I emailed everyone with the novena



Pier Giorgio Frassati

prayer last week, but if you have not yet begun the novena to the Holy Spirit you can get going today. Pray that prayer every day, as the Apostles did in the Upper Room with our Lady, begging God to send the Holy Spirit upon the Church. We need the Holy Ghost now more than ever, so pray for this supreme gift. Let us pray: *Come O Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be recreated, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of*

*the faithful, grant us by the same Holy Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**May Crowning** Next Sunday is not only Pentecost, but also **First Holy Communions** for our Stella Maris and homeschool children. At our monthly 9:30 school Mass next Sunday, several students will receive the Holy eucharist for the first time, and one of them will be lifted up to crown the statue of Our Lady of Grace, blooming with dozens of roses. This statue goes back to the 1950s, when it was placed in our school (then overflowing with 400 students). Today this statue stays in our adoration chapel,

but for the month of May she takes her place in the sanctuary as the most venerable statue of Our Lady in our parish.

**Eucharistic Pilgrimage** Finally, today (Sunday) you are invited to walk with the Archbishop from the Cathedral to the Golden Gate Bridge, carrying the Blessed Sacrament on the first leg of its journey to Indianapolis for the nation's Eucharistic Congress in July. We depart from the Cathedral at 12:30pm today.

Fr. Joseph Illo



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## LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions, 20 min. before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm.

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Devotions: Sacred Heart First Friday 12noon, 6pm Latin. Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

# The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo (Acts 1; 1-11; Eph 4: 1-13; Mk 16: 15-20)

**Taken Up** Today the Lord is “taken up” to His Father, where he was before and where He wants ever to be. So it is with us: we long to be taken up from this imperfect and lonely planet to our true homeland. The other day KDFC played the musical score for the movie “Up,” and the lilting music made me think how everyone, believer or not, wants to go “Up.” Where He has gone, we hope to follow!



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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The feast day of St. John of Avila (1499-1569) is May 10th. He was a preacher and writer to priests directing them to grow in the Word

and in The Eucharist with Marian devotion; and to all laymen and clergy alike, toward holiness.

He is quoted: “Open your little heart to that breadth of love by which the Father gave us his Son, and with him gave us himself, and the Holy Spirit, and all things besides”

You can do this with a weekly Holy Hour. Sign up at [www.adorationpro.org](http://www.adorationpro.org) or be a sub!



## FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS (Sign up to Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

Find the titles below at: <http://watch.formed.org>

**The 13th Day** In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13. Abducted from their homes, thrown into prison, and interrogated under the threat of death in the government's attempt to silence them, the children remained true to their story about the crucial messages from Mary of prayer, repentance, and conversion for the world. *We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.*

# Mass Intentions

Sat 05/11	8:30am	† Stephen Udoka
	12noon	† Stephen Udoka Unachukwu
	4:30pm	† George Godfrey
Sun 05/12	8:00am	† Maria Leonor Eulofia Najarro
	9:30am	Int. of Brian Galloway and Family
	11:30am	Int. of Felix, Lucy and The Tai Family
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 05/13	7am	† Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	Int. of Raul Vilda Int. of Felix, Lucy and The Tai Family In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima † Duval Nicolas † Georgia Manuel † Ramon Vasquez Ferrel † Matt and Eileen Walsh
	6pm	Int. of Dr. Gavin and Danielle Colvert † Jorge Rondon † Max Ying Ron Lau † Craig Davis Blackhurst † Yacsely Mendoza Rondon
Tue 05/14	7:00am	† Joseph Nunes
	12noon	Timothy Dell Selway
	6:00pm	† William Flora
Wed 05/15	7:00am	† Teresa Fidalgo Vieira
	12noon	† Susana So Tiu
	6:00pm	Int. of Siena Perez (bday)
Thu 05/16	7:00am	Manuel Rogelio Ormonde
	12noon	† Maria Candida Garcia
	6:00pm	Int. of Eva Olga Svobodova
Fri 05/17	7:00am	† Alexander Rusell Frobe
	12noon	† Juan Pablo Novoa Grandez (anniv)
	6:00pm	† Enrico Rocha Dias
Sat 05/18	8:30am	Int. of Aida Nicolas
	12noon	† Souls in Purgatory
	4:30pm	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family

**Prayers for the sick:** Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Brian Walsh, Oonough, Kim Edwards, Patty Turok, Jeannie Borges, Mary Ann Brautigan, Mrs. Vu and all sick parishioners.

## DEVOTIONS

**Monday-Saturday**, Public Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

**Tuesdays**, Holy Face Devotion, 6pm in the chapel.

**Tuesdays**, Holy hour 7-8pm. Public Rosary prayer for priests, seminarians, and the catholic church. Confessions. Benediction. Foundation of Prayers for Priests.

**Saturdays**, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm in the church.

**Sundays**, Latin Rosary, 11am in the church. Pamphlets with the Latin words will be provided.

**Sundays**, Rosary Walk, 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>.

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ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE!

11am Mass presided by Archbishop Cordileone.  
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