Parish Mission Statement
As a branch of the one vine, as the family of our Lord Jesus, it is our mission to follow the way of the Lord, by extending welcome, embracing in healing love, and sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Mass Schedule
Weekday Masses: No Public Masses are currently being celebrated.
Friday Mass: No Public Masses are currently being celebrated.
Sunday Masses: 9AM Livestream Mass

Ascension Day

While He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into Heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Presider:
5:00PM  No Public Celebration of Mass
7:00AM  No Public Celebration of Mass
9:00AM  Livestream Fr. Paul Presiding
11:00AM No Public Celebration of Mass

(Please Note: Masses are said every day for your Intentions, we are only livestreaming the 9AM on Sunday mornings. Mass Intentions are being prayed for daily. For the 9AM Livestream Mass on Sunday mornings, please log on to our website, www.ourladyofhumility.org, and click on the link.)

Readings For The Week Of May 24th, 2020

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

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This Sunday we celebrate the Mystery of Jesus’ Ascension into Heaven; we recall His rising up into Heaven, body and soul, on the fortieth day after the Resurrection. The Ascension is the concluding work of our redemption. In his “Modern Catholic Dictionary” (1980), Fr. John Hardon states, “According to the Church’s common teaching, the souls of the just from the pre-Christian era went with the Savior into the Glory of Heaven. Christ’s Ascension is the archetype and pledge of our own ascension into Heaven.”

As I mentioned during online Mass last Sunday, I would like to remind all of you of a great Catholic resource provided to you by our Parish: the FORMED Program. Simply go to: http://www.ourladyofhumility.formed.org and register; enter our Parish Code: QHVFMY. You will have Free Access to numerous video programs: Exploring the Catholic Faith, Bible Studies, Sacramental Preparation, Parish-Based Programs, Youth and Discipleship Programs, and even a number of programs in Spanish. There are many DVD movies to watch, many CDs to listen to (downloadable as MP3 files), and a number of books to read via kindle and other devices. Again, all of these features are Free. This is a great resource that can help you grow in the knowledge and love of our beautiful Catholic Faith; as St. Peter wrote in his First Letter which we heard proclaimed at Mass last Sunday: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.”

As I write this, I am planning to meet with our Parish Reopening Team. Special thanks to our Co-Leaders: Dennis Holley and Winnie Webber, and to our Team Captains: Christine Rivera, Mike Jones, and Vicky Rivera! A number of parishioners have offered to volunteer; nevertheless, so many details have to be covered. My hope is to be certified to be “open” for Phase I (baptisms, weddings, funerals, and confessions) services of ten people or less by this Saturday, May 23rd, but there are challenges. Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic!

Speaking of prayer, please pray that the newly opened Planned Parenthood Abortion facility in Waukegan will have to close due to mothers choosing to have their babies. Prior to this opening, there were no abortion facilities in Lake County, the third largest county in Illinois. Sadly, this new abortion facility is near many schools.

Please also continue to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost next Sunday; you may find this link helpful:

https://catholicnovenaaapp.com/novenas/holy-spirit-novena/#

God Bless,
Fr. Paul
First Reading:
When He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. (–Acts 1:9)

Psalm:
God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (–Ps 47) or Alleluia

Second Reading:
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. (–Eph 1:17-23)

Gospel:
“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.” (–Mt 28:19)


Important: Religious Education Classes Update

All Religious Education Classes have been Cancelled for the rest of this School Year. First Holy Communion and Confirmation have been Cancelled, and will be rescheduled once the Social Distancing Order has been removed.

May 24, 2020
The Ascension Of The Lord

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her “crying”, mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us, and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle, or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious Feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up, and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation, and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus’ friends know who He would become? If we can find the Christ present within, and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth, and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God, gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be, and transform you into who you really are.

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Please Consider
Online Donations Or
Donations Via Mail
While we know it is difficult for many of our parishioners during these days and weeks of dealing with the uncertainty due to the Corona Virus, and the ever changing rules and regulations being put in place to try to help slow the spread, please be aware it is difficult for the Church as well. We do continue to incur expenses, and weekly contributions are the primary source of income to pay those expenses. If you are able, we would ask that you consider continuing your regular contributions so we can ensure we are prepared when we are once again allowed to offer Masses to our parishioners. Thank you to those who are already giving online!

Online donations can be made at:


Please be sure to search for Our Lady of Humility when using Give Central to ensure donations are sent to the correct Parish.

We are keeping all of you in our prayers, and hope to see everyone again soon!

Your Son died for our eternal life in Heaven.
So too, Your children died protecting us here on earth.
Help us be mindful this weekend, and always of the sacrifices made by those in uniform for all of our freedoms.

Let us never forget to pray, not only for the dead, but also for those still living and working in the cause of freedom around the world. As we celebrate and enjoy this time, give comfort and grace to those men and women who have sacrificed so much for our sake.

St. Martin, St. George, and St. Joan of Arc:
Pray for the protection of our soldiers in their efforts, and bring them home safely at the end of their duties wherever that home may be.

Amen.

Happy Memorial Day!
Fr. Paul, all of the Deacons, and all of the Parish Staff would like to wish each of you a Happy and Safe Memorial Day Weekend!

Memorial Day Prayer
Dear Lord,
On this day, we remember those who have served us by protecting our freedoms. And we remember the sacrifices made for us by those who were willing to give their lives to ensure that our own would be spent in freedom.

When we celebrate our long weekend with our friends and family, help us remember, that our freedom to speak of You, and our freedom to worship You, and our freedom to do that which we ought to do, have all been bought at the price and sacrifice of many lives.

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Week At A Glance

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 24th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/School Buildings Closed

Monday, May 25th — Happy Memorial Day!
No Masses or Activities—Parish/School Buildings Closed

Tuesday, May 26th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/School Buildings Closed

Wednesday, May 27th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/School Buildings Closed

Thursday, May 28th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/School Buildings Closed

Friday, May 29th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/School Buildings Closed

Saturday, May 30th
No Masses or Activities—Parish/School Buildings Closed

Sunday, May 31st
No Masses or Activities—Parish/School Buildings Closed

Archdiocese of Chicago
Catholic Cemeteries
Together in Prayer
Online Memorial Day Masses
Monday, May 25th, 2020
Masses in English, Spanish & Polish will be accessible at 8:30 a.m. at: www.CatholicCemeteriesChicago.org

May 24, 2020 • The Ascension Of The Lord Sunday
Welcome to Our Lady of Humility Catholic Church

RE: Parish Financial Update

Dear Friends,

It is encouraging to see so many people engaged in the life of our Parish, supporting one another during this difficult time. From our online, livestream Mass attendance, to continued support of our Food Pantry and Helping Hands Programs, as well as participation in the online Auction Fundraiser for our School, our Parish Family remains united as we bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our community.

The Finance Council and I want to ensure you have a clear understanding of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Parish and School operating income and expenses. We project a shortfall in this year’s budgeted income of approximately $50,000 due in some part to reduced weekly collections, but primarily due to the cancellation of our Annual School Fundraising Auction, and the withdrawal of some of our pre-school families during the closure. While our Auction is going online this year, we are only expecting to net about 1/3 of the profit we normally see, as many of the profits are due to games and alcohol sales on the evening of the event, as well as additional raffle ticket sales at the live event. Many of our Auction items would come in closer to the event in the past as well, and some of our previous donors are simply not able to give what they have in the past. Many are small businesses who have a very uncertain future at this point. Our Sunday Collections from March 15th through May 3rd are down approximately 12.6% from the same period last year, which, given the situation is not surprising, thanks to many very generous donors who have continued to support the Parish at their same or increased levels. We have also lost any Bingo income, and it remains uncertain when the program will be able to re-open as we are certain there will be restrictions regarding attendance at any events when things are able to start opening back up.

While we have been able to lower some expenses, such as utilities and supplies, the wages and benefits of the Parish and School Employees continue to represent the largest share of our operating costs. Our staff are working hard to maintain the life of our Parish and School, while practicing the social distancing guidelines, and following the recommendations and requirements of the State and the Archdiocese, and trying to address the needs of our more than 1,600 registered Parish Families and over 270 Students. Please know you can always call or E-mail if you need to speak with someone at the Parish. While you will get an automated voice message if you call, you will be put through to the person you are attempting to reach at the Parish. All School personnel have Google voice numbers they can be reached at which have been conveyed to the parents.

With the assistance of the Archdiocese of Chicago, our Parish was able to apply for, and receive, a CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program Loan. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, we must only use these funds to pay payroll and utility expenses over the next two months. Any unused funds will be returned at the end of the two-month loan period. In addition, we are hopeful that much of the CARES Act Loan will be forgiven.

The Finance Council and I understand that this is a time of economic uncertainty, and are truly grateful to those who have been able to continue supporting our Parish. We remain one family of faith, and everyone’s contributions of time, talent, and treasure are vital to the life of our Parish.

May God bless you, your loved ones, and our entire Our Lady of Humility Family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul
Phil Tobin, Finance Council
Noreen Paulsen, Finance Council
Steve Johnson, Finance Council
Mike Bruno, Finance Council
Richard McFarlin, Finance Council
LeRoy Shea, Finance Council
May is the month of Mary. Behold Mary as your mother, and consider honoring her in a special (perhaps even new) way this May. When you do, she will keep her promise of praying for you, both now, and at the hour of your death.

**Create a May Altar at Home:** May Altars are a tradition that date back hundreds of years, and were prevalent in many homes throughout the world. In simplest terms, a May Altar is a small surface in your home that is dedicated to honoring Our Blessed Mother during the month of May. It is a place for focusing on Marian devotions, and joining with Our Lady in prayer.

May Altars may consist of nothing more than a meaningfully selected image, an icon or statue of Mary, and a spray of May flowers which are placed in a prominent place. Depending on the ages and interests of your family, you may want to include some other items such as:

- Blue or White Linens (colors often associated with Our Lady)
- Real or Artificial Flowers
- Holy Cards with Images of Mary
- Candles
- Rosaries
- Holy Water
- Picture Books and Devotionals about Mary
- Words to Hymns or Recordings of Songs about Mary
- Cushions, a Kneeler, a Chair, or a Stool nearby to Encourage Prayer

Of course, the most important thing is that your May Altar gets used. It should be a daily reminder of Mary saying “Y-E-S” to be the Mother of the Savior.

**Pray the Rosary:** The Rosary is the Marian devotion par excellence. When people think of Marian devotion, they usually think of the Rosary. If you do not pray the Rosary regularly, then consider making May the month when you commit to praying it every day.

**Pray the Regina Caeli:** You might hear Church bells ring daily at 6AM, 12PM – Noon, and 6PM. Those bells indicate the traditional time of praying the Angelus, a prayer which focuses on the incarnation. From Easter Sunday through Pentecost, the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus Prayer. The Regina Caeli focuses on Easter joy, and the resurrection of Jesus. Try praying it at least once each day, if not all three times. If you cannot observe the traditional Church times, then consider praying it before breakfast, lunch, and supper.

**Regina Caeli**

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia*

*The Son, whom you merited to bear, Alleluia*

*Has risen, as He said, Alleluia*

*Pray for us to God, Alleluia*

*V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia*

*R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia*

Let us Pray: O God, who through the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant, we pray, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ Our Lord.

*Amen.*
Our Lady Of Humility’s Food Pantry

Is in need of any items you are willing and able to donate at this time. We are in unprecedented times, and are trying to ensure we are able to continue to serve those who are most needy in our community. By mandate of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in conjunction with the State of Illinois based on CDC guidelines, our Offices will be Closed for any normal business. Please drop off any donations at the entry to the Hayes Community Room, and they will be collected for distribution. You may also donate by check, or via online giving through our link on the website. Funds collected will be used to stock the pantry shelves via either orders from the Food Bank, or purchases made at local stores of items we are running short on.

For the time being, please recycle all of your plastic and paper bags, we have an overabundance of them right now.

Thank you for the continued generosity, especially now when so many people are in greater need!

Mary’s 15 Promises For Those Who Pray The Rosary

❖ To all those who pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.
❖ Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive signal graces.
❖ The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against Hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin, and dispel heresy.
❖ The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its’ vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
❖ Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
❖ Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly, reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God, nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace, and merit eternal life.
❖ Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
❖ Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death, the light of God, and the plenitude of His graces, and will share in the merits of the blessed.
❖ I will deliver promptly from Purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary.
❖ True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in Heaven.
❖ What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
❖ To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
❖ I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
❖ Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
❖ Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.

In addition, many miracles are associated with praying the Rosary. You can read about some of them in two pop books: “The Secret of The Rosary” by St. Louis de Montfort (ask the Legion of Mary for a free copy) and “Champions of The Rosary: The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon” by Fr. Donald Calloway.

(Note: A partial indulgence under the usual conditions can be earned for praying both the Angelus and the Regina Caeli. A partial indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due for sins which have already been forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned.)

Knights Of Columbus
2020 Raffle Winner

05/18/20 – Gaston Placa – Pick 3 #746

Congratulations!

Note: If you see your name printed in the bulletin as a Raffle Ticket Winner, and have not received your check, please contact Richard at: (847) 249-4813.

Mass Intentions Are Available

We have several weekly Mass Intentions available both during the week and on the weekends. Masses can be said for a family member or loved one who is living or deceased. For a $10.00 donation your loved one will have a Mass said for them, and be listed in our weekly Parish Bulletin. If you have any questions, or would like to request a Mass for a loved one, please call Peggy at the Rectory at: (847) 872-8778, and leave a message, or E-mail Peggy at: preid@ourladyofhumility.org, or you can also mail your Mass Intentions to the Parish Rectory.

Sanctuary Light Intentions – 05/24/20 – 05/30/20
+Jim Girard

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments – We Are Family

I am looking forward to an empty nest. It isn’t that I do not love my children, or that I will not miss them. I am simply looking forward to catching up on life. I look forward to times when there is no one else there except for my wife. It will be a time to ourselves that I hope will be time well spent. I look forward to the days when my children will visit (with grandchildren, I hope!). There will be occasions we visit them as well (to see grandchildren, I hope!). The truth is, even though we will not be living in the same house, we will never be too far from one another. We belong to each other no matter what.

That is how it is with family. When we become disciples of Jesus Christ, we belong to Him. We are family. Our greatest gift to give, is our very selves to one another. Jesus gave all of Himself to us. Even though He ascended to His Heavenly Father, He remains with us in love and grace, especially in the Holy Eucharist. He has shown us how to love, and how to be family. Even when we cannot see Him, Jesus remains with us. Hopefully, we can follow in that example, and give of ourselves fully, and be there for those we love whenever they need us, especially if they need us to watch the grandchildren. (It is a ways away, but I want to plant the seeds now!)

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Prayer For The Fallen

God our creator and sustainer, today our country brings to our memory those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores from those who would limit our freedoms, or enslave us to ways that are against Your will. Bring all those who have died in service to our country, into Your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down Your blessing on those still serving; grant Your heavenly protection to these men and women, and open Your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

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

Amen.

Weekly Parish Contributions For May 17, 2020

$6,281

This chart reflects where we are compared to our fiscal year budget. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, 2020. Our budget reflects a weekly goal of $9,600 in contributions. Thank you so much for your continued generosity to our Parish!
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30PM

Sacrament of Marriage:
An appointment, at least 6 months in advance (Diocesan Policy), is made with the Pastor prior to setting a date. Catholic persons will have to obtain new Certificates of Baptism.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Baptisms are scheduled the 1st Sunday of every month. Attendance is required at a Preparation Session. Please call the Parish Secretary for arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is in the hospital or sick at home, and wishes to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Phone the Rectory for home communion calls.

Welcome New Parishioners:
We would like you to become a parishioner. Registration packets are available at each Church door.

The Rosary:
Prayed Daily at 7:30AM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (during the summer only) before Mass. On Fridays (during the school year) prayed at 8AM before Mass. Prayed on Sundays after the 7AM Mass.

Handicap Accessibility:
There is an access ramp on the west, and a lift on the east side of Church. Handicap parking is available.

Quinceaneras:
Call the Rectory 9 months prior to setting a date. It is required that you are Registered Participating Parishioners for at least one year prior to requesting a date for the Quinceanera celebration.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Thursdays 1-6PM.

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Any Questions or Ideas for PPC, FC, or the PAC?
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Welcome to Our Lady of Humility Catholic Church
May 24, 2020 • The Ascension Of The Lord Sunday

Please Remember In Your Prayers

For The Deceased:
+Tracy Bugner
+Roger Heiny, Sr.
+Ken Savage (Son of Kate Savage)
+Joyce Schutz (Mother of Laurie Christianson)

If someone is in need of healing prayers, please call the Rectory at (847) 872-8778 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 3:30PM.

Thank you!