







May 24, 2020

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.



Holy Cross Church is open for private prayer.  
Monday - Friday  
10 AM - 4 PM

Outdoor Live Streaming  
Weekday Mass  
9:00 AM

Sunday  
Outdoor Live Streaming  
10:30 AM Mass

In case of rain, mass will be private, indoor live streamed.  
Communion outdoors 30 minutes later.

# The Ascension of the Lord

It's not a bad job of cropping on the bulletin's cover image which has included only Jesus' feet in the picture, it's the intent of the artist.

I like it for its literal interpretation of the Ascension, not only for the impression it gives of Jesus disappearing from sight, but for Mary and the Apostles' expressions of astonishment, puzzlement and no small amount of anxiety.

Feelings we too may have when we're tempted to think Jesus has left us all alone in this world, even if as He promised, He goes to open the next world for us.

He left us with a task to accomplish - spread His word, gain believers for Him through Baptism. We have minimized

or forgotten this charge since Vatican II, even become somewhat embarrassed by it at the highest levels in the church. The very least we can do is spread the message in our own families, but even there we tend to stop when children have made their sacraments, even though they still depend on us for moral guidance. Most of us could use a good shot of missionary zeal.

But Jesus also left us with encouragement - He is always with us, even until the end of time. He accomplishes this through His Church and in its sacraments, especially Baptism and the Eucharist.

How joyful we can be that the very lifeblood of the Church is beginning to flow again.



The original woodcut by Durer is shown above. A student, Hans von Kulmbach adapted this woodcut for his painting on the cover.

## Church of the Holy Cross

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Very Rev. Michael Manning, STL

Rev. John McGowan, CSsR, Assistant  
Tom Dooley, Business Administrator  
Mrs. Lori LaPlante, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Sallie Kabash, CRE  
Jill Ramme, Music Director  
Ms. Susan Symington, Sacristan



## From the Pastor

## Parish Offertory

Online Giving

\$ 5,495.75

Thank you to our faithful givers!

### Thank You For Supporting Holy Cross

A sincere thank you to those who are continuing to support Holy Cross Church with online giving or by sending donations through the US mail.

### Church Visits

Holy Cross Church is open for private prayer weekdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Votive candles are available.

### Confirmations and Holy Communion

No specific plans to announce at this time. Mrs. Kabash will work on scheduling the sacraments as soon as we have more details on what kind of gatherings are allowed and the number of congregants permitted. Fr. Manning will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation. No visiting clergy are permitted at any of the sacraments this year.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Wedding preparation can still be done online, but details about potential dates and kinds of ceremonies allowed are not available at this time. Online Pre-Cana classes are limited; interested couples may contact the parish office or the diocese for further information.

### Baptisms

Baptisms will resume as soon as we are able, subject to restrictions imposed by civic and church leaders on size of gatherings.

### So What's Different This Weekend?

Well, this has been an eventful Friday for churches trying to make plans for worship services. FINALLY, the federal government is beginning to put some restraints on state's arbitrary classification of essential and non-essential businesses and lumping religious assembly in with movie theaters and sporting events.

It's disheartening, but not astonishing to see the level of hatred these comments have brought out against religion.

Bishop O'Connell has asked us not to do anything drastic like scheduling indoor masses this weekend until a careful plan can be drawn up, which he anticipates "very soon." There may be an update over the weekend.

### Outdoor Mass on May 24

Tomorrow's weather reports are favorable for an outdoor mass. Please park in every other spot and roll down windows to hear the sound system.

Communion will be distributed after mass in the parking lane closest to the church. Drive up the communion station heading toward the tennis club and exit the same direction via Rumson Road. Fr. Manning will be distributing Eucharist on the driver's side of the vehicle.

There will be an usher with a collection bucket in the exit lane. Please be generous.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

24-May	8:00 AM Louise Lista	Debbie Kelly
24-May	10:30 AM Kevin Conery	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Skinner
31-May	8:00 AM Louise Lista	The Donlon Family
31-May	10:30 AM Antonio Perez	The Peake Family