

CHRIST THE REDEEMER CHURCH

SUNDAY MASSES:

07:30 (in English) 09:30 (in Vernacular)
(CONFESSION - before each Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 17:00hrs
SATURDAY: MASS: 08:30 (+ catechism classes)
FRIDAY : Adoration/Benediction: 16:00-17:00
(CONFESSION)

USHERING - MAY (2024)—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PRAYERS BEFORE SUNDAY MASSES (MAY) 2024 :

07:30HRS—NAZARETH GROUP. 09:30 HRS—CATHOLIC ACTION GROUP (SENIOR & JUNIOR).

MONDAY 13TH MAY : ST. JOSEPH SCC

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (DAY 4)

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION

16:30HRS ; PROCESSION & ROSARY

17:00HRS : MASS

TUESDAY 14TH MAY : ST. KIZITO SCC

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (DAY 5)

ST. MATTHIAS, THE APOSTLE (FEAST)

17:00HRS : MASS

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY : ST. MARTIN SCC

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (DAY 6)

17:00HRS : MASS

THURSDAY 16TH MAY : CHRIST THE KING SCC

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (DAY 7)

17:00HRS : MASS

FRIDAY 17TH MAY : ST. AUGUSTINE SCC

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (DAY 8)

16:00HRS : ADORATION & BENEDICTION TO BE LED BY ST. AUGUSTINE SCC

17:00HRS : MASS

SATURDAY 18TH MAY

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (DAY 9)

DUTY : CATECHISERS & CANDIDATES

08:30HRS : MASS

PENTECOST VIGIL MASS

19:00HRS

SUNDAY 19TH MAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

DUTY : ST. AUGUSTINE SCC

07:30HRS : MASS

CHOIR : YOUTH

READERS: MS. NELLY MTONGA

MISS CAROLINE NKOWANE

(STANDBY—MRS. KANGWA MWAMBA)

09:30HRS : MASS

CHOIR : NYANJA MAIN

READERS: MRS. ANNA MWAPE (BE)

MISS MUMBI CHINYIMBA (NY)

(STANDBY—MR. JOSHUA MWEWA)

(OFFERTORY : ST. AUGUSTINE SCC, THIRD ORDER & CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE)

TUESDAY 21ST MAY : ST. ANTHONY SCC

ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS (MEMORIAL)

17:00HRS : MASS

WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY : ST. MONICA SCC

17:00HRS : MASS

THURSDAY 23RD MAY : ST. PAUL SCC

17:00HRS : MASS

FRIDAY 24TH MAY : ST. FRANCIS SCC

16:00HRS : ADORATION & BENEDICTION TO BE LED BY ST. FRANCIS SCC

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH (MEMORIAL)

POPE FRANCIS' MAY PRAYER

INTENTION:

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Lord, Hear Us!

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER

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PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. Sunday 12th May, 2024.

READINGS : ASCENSION OF THE LORD (CYCLE B).

1ST READING : ACTS 1:1-11. AS THEY WERE LOOKING ON, HE WAS LIFTED UP.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 47 : GOD HAS GONE UP WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.

THE LORD GOES UP WITH TRUMPET BLAST.

2ND READING : EPHESIANS 4:1-13. TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST.

GOSPEL : MARK 16:15-20. HE WAS TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN AND SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

TODAY'S REFLECTION / INSPIRATION

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.



Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8. Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending. There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. (Continued on Page 2....)

Next Sunday : ACTS 2:1-11. GALATIANS 5:16-25. JOHN 15:26-27. 16:12-15.

POPE'S INTENTION (MAY 2024) - FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS.

(Today's Reflection/Inspiration continued from Page 1.....) There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE MIRACULOUS DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

Our Lady of Fatima is one of the most revered apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church!

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima marks the date she first appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. The messages delivered during these apparitions included a call to repentance, prayer, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of

Mary.

Here are 10 things to know and share about Our Lady of Fatima:

- 1) In 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared six times before three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal.
- 2) Before Mary appeared to the children, they claimed the "The Angel of Peace" visited them three times. The angel said to pray, make sacrifices, and visit the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
- 3) The children described Our Blessed Mother as brighter than the sun, wearing a white mantle with gold trim, and holding a rosary.
- 4) During each visit, Our Lady repeatedly asked the children to pray the Rosary for world peace.
- 5) On May 13, 1917, Mother Mary introduced herself as the Lady of the Rosary.
- 6) During her second visit, Our Lady showed the children a vision of hell.
- 7) On Oct. 13, an estimated crowd of 70,000 gathered at Fatima to witness the sun dance—the Miracle of the Sun!
- 8) During her visits, Our Lady of Fatima revealed three secrets. These became a topic of heated discussion and curiosity.
- 9) After the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II, he publicly credited Our Lady of Fatima for saving his life.
- 10) Located in Portugal, the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is one of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage sites.

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PARISH PRIEST'S OFFICE

Wed. : 14.00-16.00;
Thurs. : 09.00-12.00 & 14.00-16.00: Fri.: 14.00-16.00

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HOME BASED CARE - Thursday & Friday: 12.00-16.00

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Here is the Litany of Our Lady of Fatima for her intercession:

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for our dear country.
Our Lady of Fatima, sanctify our clergy.
Our Lady of Fatima, make our Catholics more fervent.
Our Lady of Fatima, guide and inspire those who govern us.
Our Lady of Fatima, cure the sick who confide in thee.
Our Lady of Fatima, console the sorrowful who trust in thee.
Our Lady of Fatima, help those who invoke your aid.
Our Lady of Fatima, deliver us from all dangers.
Our Lady of Fatima, help us to resist temptation.
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us all that we lovingly ask of thee.
Our Lady of Fatima, help those who are dear to us.
Our Lady of Fatima, bring back to the right road our erring brothers.
Our Lady of Fatima, give us back our ancient fervor.
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us pardon of our manifold sins and offenses.
Our Lady of Fatima, bring all men to the feet of thy Divine Child.
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain peace for the world.
O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

SCC MEETINGS @ 14:00HRS

Christ the King SCC: Mrs. Chibole Siyachaba
St Anthony SCC: TBA
St Augustine SCC: Church
St Francis SCC: Church
St Joseph SCC: Nyawa's
St Kizito SCC: Ms. Charity Kapenda
St Martin SCC: Church
St Monica SCC: Mr. Musonda Ngoma
St Paul SCC: Bayuni School

* Meetings should not exceed ONE (1) hour.*
COVID & CHOLERA Preventive measures MUST be followed.



**ARCHDIOCESE OF LUSAKA
Small Christian Community
GOLDEN JUBILEE PRAYER.**

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of our faith. As we joyfully commemorate 50 years of fulfilling the

experience of "Small Christian Communities" as "a new way of being a church", we recall and give thanks to the founding bishops, who out of their love for Jesus, your Son and the Catholic Church, generously introduced this new pastoral model of the Church.

God our Father, as we celebrate and look to the future, we pray that the fruits of the Synod on Synodality find fulfilment through reinvigorated Small Christian Communities.

Enkindle in us the spirit of listening, discernment and communion for active participation as we journey together in the mission of evangelization.

Almighty God, strengthen us in our faith, hope and charity, so that the seeds of Christian discipleship experienced through functional Small Christian Communities may ever remain a gift to the Church and the World.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Let Us Pray: O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in Thy dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May we continue to look to Our Lady of Fatima as a beacon of hope, guidance, and grace!

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