



## Why Doesn't God Do Something?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, "I am now grown up." Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not "Why doesn't God do something?" but rather "Why do we not do something?" To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

### Reflect

***In what ways do I act like an adult?  
How is the world a better place because of me?***

[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8



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**St. Thomas More Site**  
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**Holy Trinity Site**  
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### Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

#### Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating  
between STM Site & HT Site  
in the Confessional between  
10:30 am-11:15am

#### Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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**Remember in prayer, family & friends  
of  
Anthony "Tony" Panizzi**

#### St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 2, 2025

Monday	6/2			† No MASS
Tuesday	6/3	9:00 am	STM Site	† Josephine Weberski
Wednesday	6/4	5:30 pm	HT Site	† NO MASS
Thursday	6/5	9:00 am	HT Site	† NO MASS
Friday	6/6	9:00 am	STM Site	† NO MASS

#### St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 7-8, 2025

Saturday	6/7	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More Site	† Norma Templeton
Sunday	6/8	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† For the Parishioners

## Between Ascension and Pentecost

In the Christian holy day tradition, two days appear as post-Resurrection Day commemorations. They are linked to Resurrection Day (Easter) by the number of days following this pinnacle event remembered each Spring. They are often overlooked and can be misunderstood; therefore, let us consider both Ascension and Pentecost.

The Ascension of Jesus Christ transpired 40 days following His resurrection from the dead. Pentecost at Jerusalem, as recorded in chapter 2 of Acts of the Apostles, occurred 50 days following Jesus' resurrection. Jesus ascends to His throne; He returned to the glory He had set aside in His condescension (incarnation) and humiliation (Philippians 2:5-11). His atonement work on earth was finished; but His work in heaven resumed.

Jesus' coronation positioned Him at the right hand of God the Father, as the exalted King/Priest, as prophesied in Psalm 110, by King David some 1,000 years prior. All authority in heaven and on earth were entrusted to King Jesus (Matthew 28:18). From the throne of God in heaven, God the Father and God the Son sent God the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples at Jerusalem, as foretold by Jesus Himself (John 14:17, 26; 15:26). This happened on the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon Christ's Church, assembled with the Apostle Peter as the primary preacher (Acts 2).

The heavenly mission of Jesus, on His majestic throne, includes His intercession for His people (Hebrews 7:25). We pray to God the Father, in the Holy Spirit, sent in a special way at Pentecost, and in the name of Jesus Christ – the ascended King of glory.

Each year, our religious calendar is filled with special days to remember significant events in the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. In May 2025, we remember the Ascension into heaven of the God-man; and we remember His sending of the Holy Spirit into the world. Feast and festival days are celebrated as days to remember all our Lord has done for us in overcoming all that is wrong in the world. By these, our faith and hope are renewed. (Excerpted from David Norczyk "davidnorczyk.medium.com")

### Office Announcements

Fr. Thaddeus will be on vacation starting June 4<sup>th</sup> - June 19<sup>th</sup> 2025. The Parish office will continue to be open but there will be no weekday Masses or Saturday Confessions during his absence. The Weekend of June 7 & 8 Rev. Martin Mwongyera from Chillicothe, IL will celebrate Masses; Fr. Michael Schaab from Putnam, IL will celebrate Masses the weekend of June 14 & 15. Please help make these two visiting priests feel welcome.

### Next Weekend Second Collection Announcement

Please be reminded that next weekend June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Rev. Martin Mwongyera will be celebrating Masses and also here for his missionary work. Parishioners are encouraged to consider donating generously to his community's missionary efforts.

### Latest Offering's

May 25th Weekend

St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections: \$1,538.00

HT site \$ 825.00

STM site \$ 713.00



### Confessions

No Confession on

Sat. June 7th



The marking of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Peoria is meant to be a time of great spiritual, ecclesial and social significance in the life of the local Church. Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Regional Mass for the LaSalle Vicariate to celebrate the anniversary at St. Hyacinth Church on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to attend!

# Dear Padre,

## What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

Christ’s multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus’ miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church’s credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va).) ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives?... Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 29, 2022

### Monday

June 2  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 19:1–8  
Jn 16:29–33

### Tuesday

June 3  
*St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*  
Acts 20:17–27  
Jn 17:1–11a

### Wednesday

June 4  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 20:28–38  
Jn 17:11b–19

### Thursday

June 5  
*St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*  
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11  
Jn 17:20–26

### Friday

June 6  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 25:13b–21  
Jn 21:15–19

### Saturday

June 7  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31  
Jn 21:20–25

### Sunday

June 8  
*Pentecost*  
Acts 2:1–11  
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13  
or Rom 8:8–17  
Jn 20:19–23 or  
Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26