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“Men of Galilee,” They Said, “Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

- Acts 1: 11



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Daily Mass: TH, F - 8:30 AM**

**Wednesday 5:30PM**

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**Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:45 AM**

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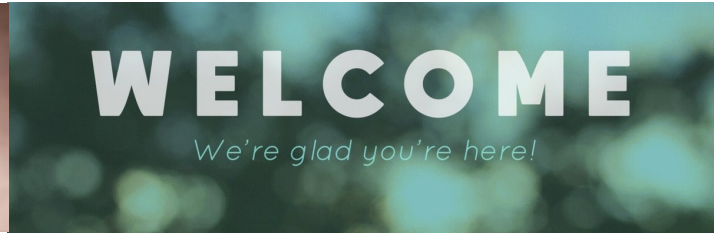
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**WEDNESDAY**

5:30pm  
Req. By:  
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Req. By;

**MAY 15**

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**+PENNY BOUCARD**  
Paul Boucard

**THURSDAY**

8:30 am  
Req. BY:

**MAY 16**

**+GLEN FERRIS**  
John & Joyce Schaefer

**FRIDAY**

8:30 am  
Req. By:

**MAY 17**

**+WILLIAM PLATZ**  
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**MAY 18**

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Michelle

10:45am  
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Reading 58 :Acts 1:1-11  
Psalms: 47:2-3,6-9  
Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23  
Gospel Reading: Mk 16:15-20

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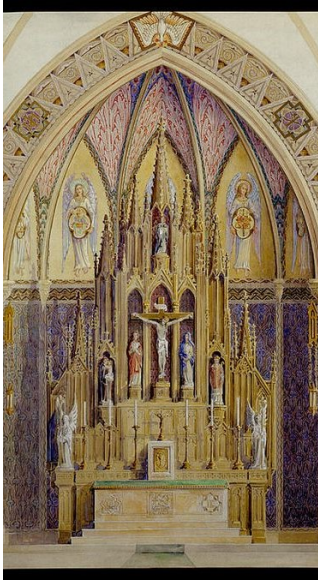
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK MONDAY OUR LADY OF FATIMA

297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b Jn 16:29-33

## TUESDAY ST. MATTHIAS

564: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

## WEDNESDAY ST. ISIDORE

299: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

## THURSDAY

300: Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26

## FRIDAY

301: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b Jn 21:13-19

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5/19/2024



Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*

St. Augustine of Hippo 390 AD

MAY 12, 2024

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## The Blessing of the Apocalypse by Stephen Beale

**Yes, Revelation**—the book that tells the story of the end of the world, complete with a seven-headed dragon, falling stars, and human-faced locusts—is full of blessings, seven of them to be exact.

In fact, the first of these seven blessings, or apocalyptic beatitudes, comes at the very beginning of the book—before we get to all that business about beasts, the whore of Babylon, and the battle between the woman and the dragon. Revelation 1:3 directly addresses the person in the pew: Blessed is the one who reads aloud and blessed are those who listen to this prophetic message and heed what is written in it, for the appointed time is near.

Like the above, each of the seven beatitudes of the apocalypse is an exhortation to the Christian on how to live his life, particularly in light of the dramatic events foretold in the book. The first beatitude, quoted above, is a call to keep the words of Scripture. What is translated above as 'heed' could actually be rendered as guard, observe, or watch over. Elsewhere in the New Testament the Greek word, which is *téreo*, is often used to describe keeping the commandments of God or Jesus. In the Gospel of John it is sometimes used to refer to the 'keeping' of the words of Jesus. In the account of the wedding at Cana, it is applied to the good wine.

To keep the commandments of God is to remember and obey them. To guard something is to maintain a sort of heightened vigilance over it. To keep wine is to protect it from spoiling, to let it mature, and to cherish it by saving it for a special occasion. These are all attitudes we should nurture towards Scripture—in this instance, specifically the beatitudes of Revelation. Because of the literary structure of Revelation the second and fifth beatitudes are closely associated—both have to do with death and the afterlife. The second beatitude is in Revelation 14:13, I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The second is Revelation 20:6, Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over these; they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for the thousand years.

While these are styled as blessings their subject matter is sobering. They concern our mortality. But there's a note of hope and hidden joy in these—and that is that by uniting ourselves with Christ we will finally find 'rest' and be spared the 'second death' in the afterlife. (The first death is the separation of the soul from the body. The second is the separation of the soul from God.)

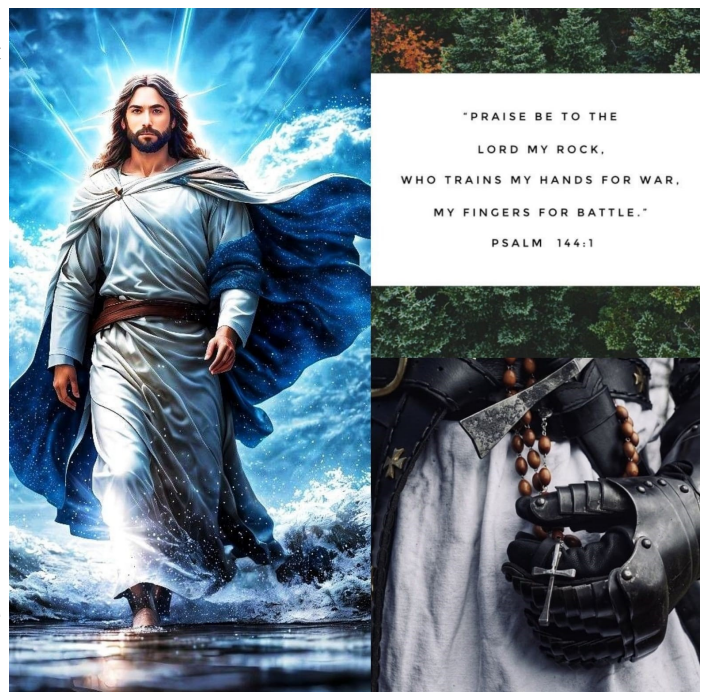
The third and fourth beatitudes are also intentionally paired: "Behold, I am coming like a thief." Blessed is the one who watches and keeps his clothes ready, so that he may not go naked and people see him exposed (Revelation 16:15). Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These words are true; they come from God" (Revelation 19:9).

At first, these above two lines seem completely unrelated. But as one writer explains, the context of the second verse explains the first. The key verses are Revelation 19:7-8,  
Let us rejoice and be glad  
and give him glory.  
For the wedding day of the Lamb has come,  
his bride has made herself ready.  
She was allowed to wear  
a bright, clean linen garment."

(The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)

We can develop this point a bit further. In Galatians 3:27 the baptized are said to have been 'clothed' with Christ. In Romans 13:14 this becomes an injunction—literally, 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ.' The message then is not just to persevere in faith and good works but to persevere by clinging to Christ.

The sixth beatitude essentially repeats the first: "Blessed is the one who keeps the prophetic message of this book."



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(The Greek word for 'keep' is the same as well.) A call to remember what has just been said naturally belongs here, at Revelation 22:7, so close to the end of the book.

But this is not the end. The beatitudes are structured in such a way so that the seventh is climactic. It comes in Revelation 22:14, Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

As one writer puts it, this definitely brings the themes of the book to a climax: Cleansing, sanctuary access, feasting with God by participating in Christ, dwelling in the garden-city, the authority of victory-rest are themes of completed battle, God-given renewal and eschatological security which emphatically associate with biblical teaching on the sabbath. Fullness of blessing indeed!



The number seven is quite significant. Not only is this number embedded in the structure of Revelation, but it harkens back to Genesis and the seven days of creation. It is a reminder that despite the fire-and-brimstone motifs for which Revelation is famous, God is not a destroyer, but a creator. Just as Genesis told of the creation of the world, so also Revelation depicts the creation of a new one where those who have kept the Word will have eternal life with God. This is the great blessing of the Apocalypse.

### **The Ascension, Jesu's Priesthood, and the Mass by Shane Kapler**

For many who read the Gospels, Jesus's ascension seems to be the completion of his ministry. They are sorely mistaken, though. At the ascension our Lord's ministry reached new heights; he serves as humanity's high priest before the Father in heaven. The Epistle to the Hebrews goes so far as to say that Christ "lives to make intercession" for us (Heb. 7:25). The very way that Jesus ascended into heaven speaks to this mystery.

Blessing was something familiar to every first century Jewish man and woman. Each day at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., as commanded in the Law, the Jewish priests celebrated the *tamid*, or "perpetual offering" (Ex. 29:38-41). One group of priests placed a lamb, cake of bread, and wine on the altar as another group of priests led the people in reciting the Ten Commandments and the Shema, and then signing the psalm designated for that day of the week. The *tamid* concluded with the priests gathering on the steps of the Holy Place, extending their arms out toward the people and invoking the blessing the Lord entrusted to Moses and Aaron: "The LORD [YHWH] bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace" (Num. 6:24-26).

When the apostles and other disciples saw Jesus begin to ascend into heaven, in the very act of blessing them, they understood that he was "climbing the steps" of the true Holy Place. Only one Jewish priest was allowed to enter the Holy Place at the time of the *tamid*, to burn incense before God's earthly throne room, the Holy of Holies. The only person who could enter that room was the high priest, and he did so only once a year on the Feast of Yom Kippur. When the apostles saw Jesus disappear into a "cloud," an Old Testament symbol of God's presence (Acts 1:9; Ex. 13:31-32, 24:16-18; Num. 9:15-23), they understood that Jesus had entered into God's *heavenly* throne room, the reality to which the Temple and the earthly Holy of Holies pointed (Ex. 25:9, 40; Heb. 8:5).

The worship of the Old Covenant — the Temple and its many sacrifices — find their fulfillment in Christ's priesthood: his death, resurrection, and ascension (Heb. 10:1-7). Jesus continues to offer himself to the Father, *in his humanity*, just as he has from all eternity in his divinity. Hebrews and the Book of Revelation show Jesus, the Lamb of God, making the true perpetual offering to the Father — himself, through the glorious wounds of his Passion (Heb. 7:25, 9:24; Rev. 5:6-14). Jesus draws all of heaven, the angels and saints, into this great heavenly liturgy, causing them to offer themselves through, with, and in him (Rev. 4:6-5:14).

This is the same liturgy that breaks through to earth, upon our altars, in the Eucharist. Through the sacrament of ordination, Christ presides in the person of his minister. As the fulfillment of Israel's *tamid*, the bread and wine we offer are converted into the Lamb. We receive Christ himself in Eucharistic communion, the same Christ who bodily entered into the glory of the Father. Our lives are to be compenetrated by his and every part united to his sacrifice to the Father (1 Cor. 10:16-18; Rom. 12:1). And when our priests pronounce the blessing over us before sending us forth, it is Christ who blesses — the same Christ who blessed the apostles before sending them out to convert the world.

To fully receive that blessing, the Pentecostal grace Christ poured out upon the infant Church, we should dispose ourselves in the same way they did — faithful prayer and meditation upon Scripture, in the company of the Blessed Mother (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:14-15). (Catholicexchange.com)



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