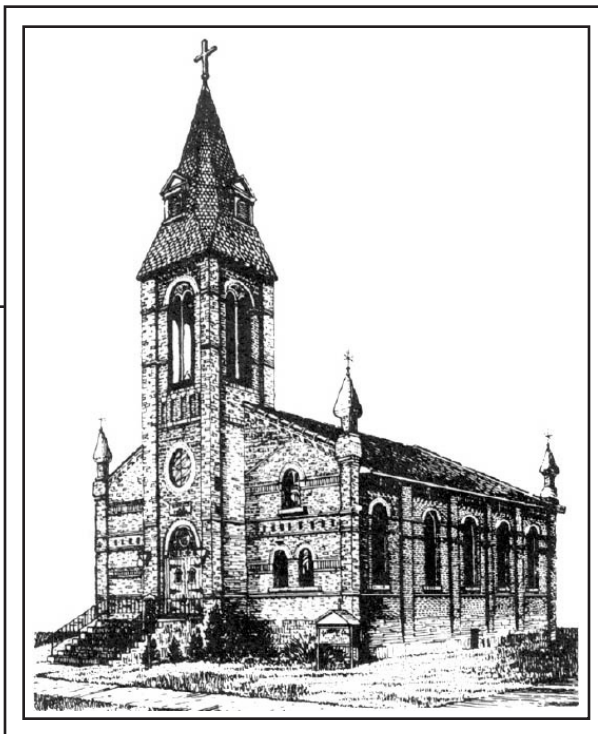


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Then God’s temple in heaven was laid open,
and within the temple was seen
the ark of his covenant.

There came flashes of lightning and peals of
thunder, an earthquake and a storm of hail.”

Rev. 11:19



Jesus, the living word of God, the Bread of Life and the ruler with a rod of iron who would also come back to life.

So, when St. John sees in his vision ‘the Lamb with the marks of slaughter on him’, we know this is Christ. Then he sees the ark of the covenant, and it’s the Blessed Mother and not the earthly ark which was a symbol of God’s presence whereas our tabernacles are not symbolic but sacred vessels which contain the Sacred Body of Christ.

In the picture (left), you can see the monstrance that is in St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic church in Chicago, Illinois. It is a creative yet evident display and depiction of Mary as John’s revelation of her in heaven as the ark. The image shows two winged angels bowing in adoration facing the ark of the covenant yet seated above it is Our Lady, with the moon beneath her, and the Sacred, consecrated host displayed in the Luna containing the Real Presence of Jesus. This is a fitting presentation of who Mary is as the Christ bearer who intercedes on our behalf, we her children, that we too would bear Christ in our lives. Of course, the adoration that is fitting only of Jesus, God in the flesh, is not at all for Mary herself for she is a creature of God’s creating hand and yet, the One she bore, Jesus, is the focus of our worship, adoration and praise always and everywhere.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, became the New Ark of the Covenant at the Annunciation when she willed, said yes to be the Mother of God and at that moment became the Ark containing Jesus.

Dr. Scott Hahn, the former Protestant minister, who converted to Catholicism and is a well-known Theologian and apologist writes in his 2001 *Hail Holy Queen*,

“To Jews of the first century, the shocker in the Apocalypse was surely John’s disclosure at the end of chapter 11. It is then that, after hearing seven trumpet blasts, John sees the heavenly temple opened (Rev 11:19) and within it—a miracle! —the ark of the covenant. This would have been the news story of the millennium. The ark of the covenant—the holiest object in ancient Israel—had been missing for six centuries. Around 587 B.C., the prophet Jeremiah concealed the ark in order to preserve it from defilement when Babylonian invaders came to destroy the temple.”

“Yet the first Jewish readers of the Apocalypse knew these details only from history and tradition. (1) Since Jeremiah’s hiding place had never been found, the rebuilt temple had no ark in its holy of holies, no shekinah, no manna in the ark, and no cherubim or mercy seat. Then along came John claiming to have seen the shekinah (the “glory of God,” Rev 21:10-11, 23)—and most remarkable of all, the ark of the covenant.”

“The woman of the Apocalypse is the ark of the covenant in the heavenly temple; and that woman is the Virgin Mary. This does not, however, preclude other readings of Revelation 12. Scripture, after all, is not a code to be cracked, but a mystery we could never plumb in a lifetime.”

This last quote from Dr. Hahn about this mystery of the Blessed Virgin Mary being the ark of the covenant as see in heaven sums up beautifully the relationship we have been given in Christ through His Mother, in an ongoing but present mystery. (FrC)

When we hear the phrase ‘The Ark of the Covenant’ we can’t help but find our memories going back to the movie, Raiders of the Lost Ark, the 1981 Stephen Spielberg movie starring Harrison Ford. The archeological fantasy takes the ancient Ark of the Covenant and bases its fictional finding by the Nazi’s, as giving them supernatural power for nefarious and evil ends, (as if God’s hands could be tied). The Ark of the Covenant, (not Noah’s Ark), which God commanded Moses to build around the year 1490 BC. was to be a sign of God’s presence among the people and in the holy temple. Brother Andre Marie writes of this Ark in saying:

“It was built by men handpicked by God — Beseleel and Ooliab — who were given supernatural wisdom for the task. It was a box made of setim (or acacia) wood, about three feet long and two feet wide and high, overlaid with gold on the inside and outside, with a golden ring at each of its four corners. Through these rings were thrust two poles of setim wood, also overlaid with gold. The ark could be carried using these poles, just as a king or important personage might be carried on a movable throne (as in pre-“popemobile” days, when the Holy Father had the *sedes gestatoria*.) Around the top of the ark was a rim or crown, and covering it was the “mercy seat” or propitiatory, a lid of pure gold which was where God’s glory dwelt, and from which God would speak to Moses. This propitiatory had two cherubim on it, facing each other, with their wings spread over the top.”

The Old Testament contains “types” that are fulfilled in the New Testament. Adam is a type for Jesus and Eve the type for Mary; Christ being the New Adam and Mary, the New Eve. The high priest Melchizedek is the type for Christ for just as this high priest offered bread and wine (apart from himself) so Jesus offers not only bread and wine but offers it to us as Himself. So, the Old Testament Ark of the Covenant, described above, is fulfilled in the New Testament, specifically in the Book of Revelation as Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Just as the OT Ark contained three objects: The Word of God in stone tablets (Ten Commandments), the Manna (bread) from heaven, and the rod of Aaron that blossomed and grew back to life, so Mary’s womb contained



MASS *SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS*

Tuesday May 23rd	8:30am	Intentions of Patrick Prevost Requested by The O'Hearn Family
Wednesday May 24th	7:00pm	+Diane Huver Hall Requested by Rika & Nick Huver
Thursday May 25th	8:30am	+Frances O'Hearn & Florence Dagenais Requested by The O'Hearn Family
Friday May 26th	7:30pm	Holy Hour
	8:30am	Intentions of Dr. Jim Armitage Requested by Ken Wright
		Intentions of David Idel Medico Requested by the Lassak Family
Saturday May 27th	3:30pm	Confessions
	4:30pm	+Maria Amparo Lat Requested by the SSVDP
Sunday May 28th	9:00am	Intentions of Tony Panici Requested by Family & Friends
	11:00am	The People

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Janine Wright, Emilie Gosselin, Mark Zalter, Francesco Hoedl & Family.

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Ascension of the Lord
May 21, 2023



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