THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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.” - Mt 28:18b-19

LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

“Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo”. - Mt 28, 18-19
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Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do Thou, O Prince  
of the Heavenly Host,  
by the Divine Power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who roam throughout the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.

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Anointing of the Sick: Call Parish Office—849-5121

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Saint Mary: Saturdays at 4:30pm and  
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Thursdays 9:00am - 9:00pm—Saint John the Baptist Chapel

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Mary’s. It is also very helpful if you tell care staff that you are a  
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### Readings for the Week of May 24, 2020

**Sunday:** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20  
7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a  
**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]; Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]; Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]; Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]; Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39.  
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Ez 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]; Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39.  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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### Mass Intenions for the Week

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week Ending May 15, 2020
WeShare Online Giving .................................................. $ 7,641.00
Mail in donations ........................................................... $16,211.00

Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate to our parishes during this difficult time. If you’d like to sign up for WeShare online giving, please go to www.stjb.org and choose either the St. Mary of the Lake or St. John the Baptist WeShare link on the main page. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 608-849-5121 ext. 118.

Please take an opportunity to pray for religious vocations by signing up to take the Traveling Chalice. You host the chalice for a week by displaying the chalice and praying for vocations each day.

Due to COVID 19 Ed and Roberta Gilkes will host the chalice until further notice. For more information or to sign up please call Ed Gilkes at 608-358-5096 or email at edgilkes@gmail.com

Saint Mary of the Lake

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Week Ending May 15, 2020
WeShare Online Giving .................................................. $ 495.00
Mail in donations ........................................................... $1,455.00

Please sign up TODAY!
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GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it’s not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

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We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, “that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.” It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don’t take the risk, we could lose more than we know.
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CONGREGATION ANNUAL RAFFLE

LUCKY 12
RAFFLE

WIN BIG!
12 CHANCES TO WIN!
12 CASH PRIZES! WORTH $5,000
Tickets $5.00 each

***PRIZES***
GRAND PRIZE - $1500
SECOND PRIZE - $1000
THIRD PRIZE - $750
FOURTH PRIZE - $500
Three (3) - $250 prizes
Five (5) - $100 prizes

We’ll miss seeing everyone at the FEST this year, but we couldn’t have a year without our famous raffle!

To raise money for our Parish and have a little fun we’re bringing you our new and improved Lucky 12 Raffle!

Pick up your raffle tickets in the Narthex between May 25th and June 5th. Extra tickets will be available in the Narthex and Gathering Room. Money and tickets may be mailed or placed in the school drop box.

YOU COULD BE ONE OF 12 LUCKY WINNERS!!
Our 9 Favorite Psalms for Kids

Psalm 23:4
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.

Psalm 121:1
I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD.

Psalm 37:1-2
Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not envy those who do wrong.

Psalms 37:4
Take delight in the LORD and he will give you
the desires of your heart.

Psalm 27:1
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life’s refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

Psalm 46:10
Be still and know that I am God!

Psalm 27:10
Even if my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.

Psalm 32:8
I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should walk;
Give you counsel with my eye upon you.

Psalm 25:9
He guides the humble in righteousness
and teaches the humble his way.

Why Kneel?

Question:
Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:
Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Saints Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture or reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the Holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the Holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

Ancient Prayer to the Virgin Mary

We turn to you for protection,
ho ly Mother of God.
Listen to our prayers
and help us in our needs.
Save us from every danger,
glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen
V ENCUENTRO PRAYER FOR EASTER AT A TIME OF CRISIS

God of life and healing, you sent your Risen Son To encounter the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

Grant us today a missionary spirit and send us forth to encounter our sisters and brothers by the ways that are within our reach:

to walk with them in this time of crisis, to listen to their concerns with compassion, to respond to their fears with sensitivity, and to proclaim your Word with hope, so that they might feel your presence in flesh and blood in their homes.

Nourish us today as missionary disciples, and stay with us always, as we dedicate ourselves this Easter season to rediscover love and share it in our families and with the whole human family.

We ask you this with burning hearts, filled with the Holy Spirit, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and under the loving protection of our Blessed Mother Mary Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Amen.

V ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO POR LA PASCUA EN TIEMPO DE CRISIS

Dios de la vida y la curación, enviaste a tu hijo resucitado Para encontrar a los discípulos en el camino a Emaús.

Concédenos hoy un espíritu misionero y envíanos a encontrarnos nuestras hermanas y hermanos por las formas que están a nuestro alcance:

caminar con ellos en este momento de crisis, escuchar sus preocupaciones con compasión, para responder a sus miedos con sensibilidad, y para proclamar tu Palabra con esperanza, para que puedan sentir tu presencia en carne y hueso en sus hogares.

Nutrirnos hoy como discípulos misioneros, y quédate con nosotros siempre mientras nos dedicamos esta temporada de Pascua para redescubrir el amor y compartirlo en nuestras familias y con toda la familia humana.

Te lo pedimos con corazones ardientes, lleno del Espíritu Santo en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y bajo la protección amorosa de Nuestra Santísima Madre María Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Patrona de las Américas.

Amén.

A PRAYER IN TIMES OF PESTILENCE

The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord drove away the plague of death which the first parents of man brought into the world. May this bright star now vouchsafe to extinguish that foul constellation whose battles have slain the people with the wound of death.

O most pious Star of the Sea, preserve us from pestilence; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

—Attributed to Saint Augustine in the Book of Common Prayer, Compline
Memorial Day during a pandemic: You'd think this would be a first. But it's not.

The first Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was celebrated on May 30, 1868. Since then, the world has experienced multiple pandemics, not even counting the one we’re currently experiencing. Remember, pandemic means a disease that is spread over a wide geographic area and affects a high proportion of the population.

So what’s a military family to do this Memorial Day? Here’s our list of do’s and don’ts.

Do go for a walk with your family. Lace up your walking shoes, grab the dog and head out for a nice, long stroll. Wave to your neighbors, and register your walk on the wear blue: run to remember website and honor the legacies of those who have sacrificed.

Don’t host a party. This is not the time for a backyard blowout. This isn’t even the time to invite the neighbors over. Maybe, just maybe, you can do a socially distant cookout in your yards as you shout over the fence to each other, but no large crowds. Not this year.

Do go camping. Some state and national parks are open, but you know what’s always open? Your backyard. So set up camp back there, break out the SkyView app to look at constellations, and enjoy the quiet time.

Don’t gather in large crowds at the lake or beach. Depending on where you live, the beach or lake may be open to you. But you must remember that, just because it’s open, doesn’t mean it’s the right decision. Small crowds in big spaces are good, as everyone can keep their distance.

Do order takeout. Definitely order takeout. Like some great barbecue from the place around the corner, doughnuts from the locally owned bakery or ice cream from your favorite place. Support your local economy and small businesses while you do it.

Don’t eat inside a packed restaurant. This is probably already a hard no based on your service member’s restrictions, but it’s also just not a great idea. If you do choose to eat outside of your home, grab takeout and head to a park or nice, wide-open space.

Do visit a cemetery. Take time to visit a cemetery this Memorial Day weekend. Aim for someplace less visited and, if going to a national cemetery, make sure you read up on the latest rules.

Don’t go to a parade. Just in case you were thinking you can head out to a small town gathering and sit six feet away from everyone else, it’s still not a good idea. Instead, watch a parade online or catch one of these virtual events.

Do decorate the sidewalk with chalk. I’m sure you’ve seen the kids doing it, leaving messages for their friends or just killing time. Get some chalk, text the neighbors and decorate the sidewalks of your street.

Celebrating this Memorial Day during a pandemic is something new for most of us. Get creative and resourceful, and remember the meaning behind the day.
WE NEED HELP!

Are you looking for some meaningful way of helping families within our community? The Waunakee Food Pantry is in need of Volunteers who are under the age of 70, in good health and not caring for someone with a health need at this time. We are still open our normal schedule but with drive up service only in order to maintain social distancing. Donations can be made at the Waunakee Food Pantry, 806B S. Division St. in the donation box outside the door.

Top Items Needed by the Waunakee Food Pantry
- Spaghetti sauce
- Snacks
- Crackers
- Breakfast cereal
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Toiletries (Soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Condiments (honey, mayonnaise, ketchup and mustard)
- Canned meats
- Canned fruit
- Boxed or bagged dinners (Hamburger Helper)
- Boxed potatoes
- Pancake mix, Pancake syrup
- Flour
- Sugar
- Snack items and crackers (Snack items that can be put into the Children’s luncheons, any type of cracker)

Please check expiration dates on food items before you donate.

Buying SCRIP is a great way to support our school and parish community. Shop with gift cards in everyday categories including groceries, gas, restaurants and more. Scrip cards are available in the parish office.

Breakfast for the Homeless—Cereal for breakfast, sugar and powdered coffee creamer is always needed. A designated box will remain in the Gathering Room at Saint John the Baptist Church for these items if you are able to donate. Your donations mean a great deal Thank you!

Diocese of Madison OEC—Marriage and Family–608·821·3000

Marriage Prep Weekend Retreats
Make the most of your marriage preparation!
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ESPAÑOL preparacion matrimonial
Spanish Real Life, Real Love Marriage Prep Session
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World Wide Marriage Encounter
"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Trust in the Lord that the Covid-19 pandemic will end soon. Take the stresses away by joining us on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on June 26-28 in Rockford, IL; Sept. 11-13 in Geneva, IL or Oct. 16-18 in Brookfield, WI. Visit our website at - alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653. Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815·375·4250.

Healing from Abortion
Healing from Abortion — One Weekend at a Time
Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats - offer Hope and Healing for any person, who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.
Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel or www.madisondiocese.org/projectrachel

UPDATES FROM PREGNANCY HOTLINE

Our Sharing Center may be closed to clients and donation intake, but all of our other programs are still running with modifications to ensure safety for our volunteers and clients. We have hired a part-time summer LTE for the Sharing Center but are also still actively looking for a half-time coordinator.

Our Phoneline is actively taking calls and referring women and families to get the help that they need. Babies are still being born and still need essential items! Safe Sleep and Baby Care Packages are being delivered to the doorstep of our clients.

Diaper Need has increased dramatically due to the pandemic! Even though we can’t directly distribute to our clients, our Diaper Bank is making sure that the agencies that can, are adequately supplied. We have made deliveries to ARC, RISE, Shelter from the Storm Ministries and St. Vincent de Paul. We are directing our clients to get diapers at St. Vinnies on Fish Hatchery. We will continue to supply them as we are able!

Thank you for your prayers and support during these challenging times. Visit: www.pregnancyhelpline.net

Brenda Collins, Executive Director
Pregnancy Helpline of Madison
Cell: 608-566-7021
The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe. The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere … except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate. We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to his resurrection through our stewardship. If he had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But he lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what his death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn’t look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS