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May 16, 2021

MASS TIMES

MONDAY — FRIDAY 8AM

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A large image of a sunburst breaking through a layer of white clouds against a blue sky.

*After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them,
he was taken up into heaven and he sat at
the right hand of God.*

Mark 16:19

Adoration: Tuesday 9:00am—7:00pm

Confession: Tuesday 6:00pm—6:50pm, Saturday 4:15pm—4:50pm,
Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am

Baptisms: Parishioners are asked to please call the Parish Office.

Marriages: Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the
priest at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 12:00pm

The Ascension of the Lord

Hello and Happy Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord! Today we celebrate how, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus ascended by His own power into Heaven where He remains until He returns at the end of time.

This event is very much associated with the reality of patiently and prayerfully waiting for God. Before He left earth, Jesus "enjoined (His Apostles) not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water,

but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

"A few days..." my question would be "Jesus, how long is 'a few days?'" I need to plan and prepare! I have things to do and people to see, so I want to be able to put it on my calendar!"

When one of the Apostles pressed Jesus by asking Him what His plan was, Jesus responded by saying, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by His own authority."

To paraphrase, "Thanks for asking, but you don't need to know."

It is not as if Jesus is playing some game or toying with His Apostles, though. Rather, He is teaching all of them- and all of us- the importance of prayerfully waiting in Faith. What is most important is not *how long* they would be waiting for the Holy Spirit but simply *how* they were waiting. Did they wait with Faith, believing that the Holy Spirit would eventually come? Did they wait in hope, desiring what the Lord planned to give to them? Did they wait in love, praising and thanking God for His goodness to them?

The Apostles waited for nine days...and I think about day four or five I would have been getting a little worried and annoyed that God hadn't acted yet! We so often want God to act in a particular way according to our time and plan, but this event of the Apostles waiting following the Ascension teaches us that we are invited to wait according to God's plan.

Such waiting can be very difficult and even seem like God is not acting, but quite often such a period of patient and prayerful waiting is God's way of increasing our Faith so that we can receive what He intends to give.

Mary, the Blessed Mother, is a tremendous assistance during times of prayerful waiting. She was with the Apostles for all nine days that they were waiting for the Holy Spirit, and I have no doubt that she was a perfect model and encouragement for them during those days. For this reason, the feast of Mary, Queen of Apostles was traditionally celebrated on the Saturday between the Ascension and Pentecost.

Mary will certainly be a model and encouragement for each of us when the Lord invites us into a time of prayerful waiting. We can turn to her each day and ask for her help and guidance to wait patiently as she waited so patiently. The praying of the Rosary and the "Three Hail Marys" devotion (saying three "Hail Marys" when you first wake up and three more immediately before going to sleep) are excellent ways to allow Mary to help us wait patiently for the Lord.

We so often want God to act when and how we think best...but today's Solemnity of the Ascension invites us to wait with great Faith for the Lord's time and plan to be manifest.

Let us ask Mary's assistance in waiting like the Apostles so that we can receive what the Lord desires to give to us.

In Christ,

Fr Burkemper

St. John I, Pope and Martyr (Feast day - May 18)

A native of Tuscany in Italy, John was elected Pope while he was still an archdeacon upon the death of Pope Hormisdas in 523. At that time, the ruler of Italy was Theodoric the Goth who subscribed to the Arian brand of Christianity, but had tolerated and even favored his Catholic subjects during the early part of his reign. However, about the time of St. John's accession to the Papacy, Theodoric's policy underwent a drastic change as a result of two events: the treasonable (in the sovereign's view) correspondence between ranking members of the Roman Senate and Constantinople and the severe edict against heretics enacted by the emperor Justin I, who was the first Catholic on the Byzantine throne in fifty years. Spurred on by the appeals of Eastern Arians, Theodoric threatened to wage war against Justin but ultimately decided to negotiate with him through a delegation of five Bishops and four senators. At its head he named Pope John - much against the latter's wishes. Little is known for certain about the nature of the message which the Pope bore and the manner in which he carried out his mission. What is known is that he succeeded in persuading the Emperor to mitigate his treatment of the Arians and thus avoid reprisals against the Catholics in Italy. The Pope's visit also brought about the reconciliation of the Western and Eastern Churches which had been plagued by a schism since 482 when-Zeno's Henoticon had been published. However, Theodoric had been becoming more suspicious with each passing day. While waiting for the delegation to return, he ordered the execution of the philosopher Boethius and his father-in-law Symmachus on a charge of treason; and as he got word of the friendly relations between the Pope and the emperor, he concluded that they were plotting against him. Hence, on the delegation's return to the capitol city of Ravenna, Pope John was imprisoned by order of Theodoric and died a short time later as a result of the treatment he experienced there.

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Deacon's Corner

Q. Isn't the Catholic Church acting like a bully by forbidding its members from being members of certain groups, like the Masons?

A. No. Let me give an example from secular life which may make it more clear for you. If someone wishes to join a club, he/she is presented with a book of rules and regulations. They have the right to say, "Look, you can't bully me like this. How dare you make me follow your rules?" The club officials would rightly reply, "Nonsense. If you wish to be a member of this club, these are our rules and they must be followed. We aren't bullying you. You want to be a member of our club; these are our rules. We cannot accept you unless you promise to conform—period." In the same manner, the Catholic Church has the right to legislate for those who choose to remain in or become Catholics. The Church simply says to Catholics, "If you join the Masons (or other prohibited groups), you will deprive yourself of the benefits of the Catholic faith." Where is the bullying in that? It's just an exercise in lawful authority. Christ said to His Church, "Whatever you bind on Earth is bound also in heaven." St. Paul says, "Obey your prelates and be subject to them, for they watch as having to render an account of your souls." Heb. 13: 17. The Church has a grave responsibility to God for our souls. Deacon Mike can be reached at mmeadg@outlook.com.

German Games at St. John's June 11-12!

Men and Women - Come out to St. John's Gildehaus Church and join our Games!

Mass at 5:30 pm on Fri, June 11 followed by the "Horse Races"!

Teams of 3 men and 3 women (6 total) will compete in various events starting with the horse races Friday... Saturday will begin with the 5K race at 8am...afterwards the keg roll, arm wrestling, the tire flip, archery, the German Ninja Warrior and more!

We will be selling German food and drink at all events!

To register a team or help sponsor the event call St. John's at 636-583-2488!!!



Mass	Schedule	Mass Intentions
Mon. 5/17	8:00am	Priest Intentions
Tue. 5/18	8:00am	<i>The Overmann Family</i>
Wed. 5/19	8:00am	<i>Teresa Simmons</i>
Thur. 5/20	8:00am	Joseph & Martha Van Deven
Fri. 5/21	8:00am	<i>Mike & Katie Feketic</i>
Sat. 5/22	5:00pm	Priest Intentions
Sun. 5/23	8:00am	Deacon Martin Towey
Sun. 5/23	10:00am	Pro Populo

Liturgical Ministers St. Bridget Church

SATURDAY, May 22, 2021 5pm
LECTOR: John Overmann

SUNDAY, May 23, 2021 8am
LECTOR: Ruth Pritchard

SUNDAY, May 23, 2021 10am
LECTOR: Gayle Rogan

St. Bridget Stewardship

5/09/2021

Collection Envelopes 84

Our Weekly need is \$7000.00 received \$3850.61

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The Funeral Choir is looking for more voices in the funeral choir. As things are opening up we are trying to rebuild this group. If you are interested in joining please call Jean at 636-271-8404. No practices are needed. Just come and join in.



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