Ascension of the Lord

Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church and School

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

Mt 28:16-20

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11a

MON 5/25  Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-Sacd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33


WED 5/27  Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/
Jn 17:11b-19

THU 5/28  Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Jn 17:20-26


SAT 5/30  Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/
Jn 21:20-25

SUN 5/31  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
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex
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,
2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day

Monday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory
VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day

Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

Today marks a special day in the Church as Christ establishes the Church’s mission and purpose and calls his disciples, then and now, to the work of accomplishing that mission. And what ultimately is that mission and purpose? To bring all things together in Christ. All that ever was, is, or shall be and all times and seasons find their fulfillment in Christ. To be in Christ is the goal of all creation. All of this begins with baptism and the realization that Christ is present with us, risen and glorified, always. If we approach Christ’s fullness with faith, then the eyes of our hearts can be enlightened, and we can begin to see the greater truth of who we are and what creation is meant to be. Christ is really and truly far above all things and the beginning and end of all things. Understanding ourselves in this way really changes up the meaning of life.
FIRST READING
When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (Acts 1:9)

PSALM
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47) or Alleluia.

SECOND READING
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Eph 1:17-23)

GOSPEL
“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 28:19)


WORSHIP & MEDITATION

MEANT FOR CHRIST

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her “crying”, mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus’ friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.
Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need
Drive-Thru Food and Hygiene Drive Shopping List

During June, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Inreach-Outreach Committee are sponsoring a DRIVE-THRU Food & Hygiene drive to help those who are most in need as we navigate this new reality of COVID19. In addition to replenishing the shelves of the Food Pantry run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Greg’s, donated hygiene items will go to The Milwaukee Homeless Veterans. Please add one or more of these items to your weekly shopping list. Items can be returned in the drive-thru drop off area set up outside the Tenpenny Hall doors (the entrance itself is closed) 30 minutes before each weekend Mass, (Door #11). (3:30-4:00pm Saturday, and 8:30-9:00am Sunday). Drive up, pop the trunk, and we’ll take the items from the trunk for you! Or bring donations to the parish office outdoor drop off bins on Fridays in June from 9:00-Noon.

**GRAINS**
Small box Instant Rice (brown or white)
Cold Cereal
Oatmeal (instant)
Pancake Mix (& syrup)

**MEAL MAKERS**
Cream of Chicken/Cream of Mushroom Soup
Sloppy Joe (Manwich) Sauce
Hamburger Helper

**PROTEIN**
Chili Soups w/Meat (Progresso/Chunky)
16oz. Peanut Butter (&Jelly)

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**
Dish soap
Laundry Detergent
4 pk. Toilet Paper

**FRUITS & VEGETABLES**
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruit   Canned Vegetables
Canned Beans (baked beans, black beans, refried, Pinto, garbanzo, etc.)

**PERSONAL ITEMS FOR HOMELESS VETS**
(please purchase new items, no travel size items)
Shampoo
Men’s deodorant
Disposable razors
Toothbrushes
Men’s Socks

Shaving Cream
Combs
Men’s bodywash
Toothpaste

Thank you for being the eyes and hands of Christ to the poor and vulnerable.
The Scrip Program at St. Greg’s plays a very important role in making and keeping Catholic education affordable and available to those who desire it. St. Greg’s purchases gift cards and certificates (Scrip) in bulk at a discount. The Scrip is purchased by parish members and school families at face value and then used at participating retailers just like cash. If you can’t find the vendor you’re looking for, check out the Great Lakes Scrip website. There you will find even more vendors, and the latest in special offers. You can use ShopWithScrip.com and Presto-Pay to order your Scrip online. For more information and access, you will need to contact your Scrip coordinator at: aerlandson@stgregsmil.org.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

......For the sick and hospitalized......

For the deceased members of St. Gregory the Great. May they rest in Christ’s peace.
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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

MASS SCHEDULE
The celebration of public Masses, both daily and weekend
have been suspended until further notice. Archbishop
Listecki will provide new directives as to when we can
celebrate public Masses in our own churches. We
continue to pray for the health of you and your families and
look forward for the time when we can safely pray together
in our own church.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK – by appointment.