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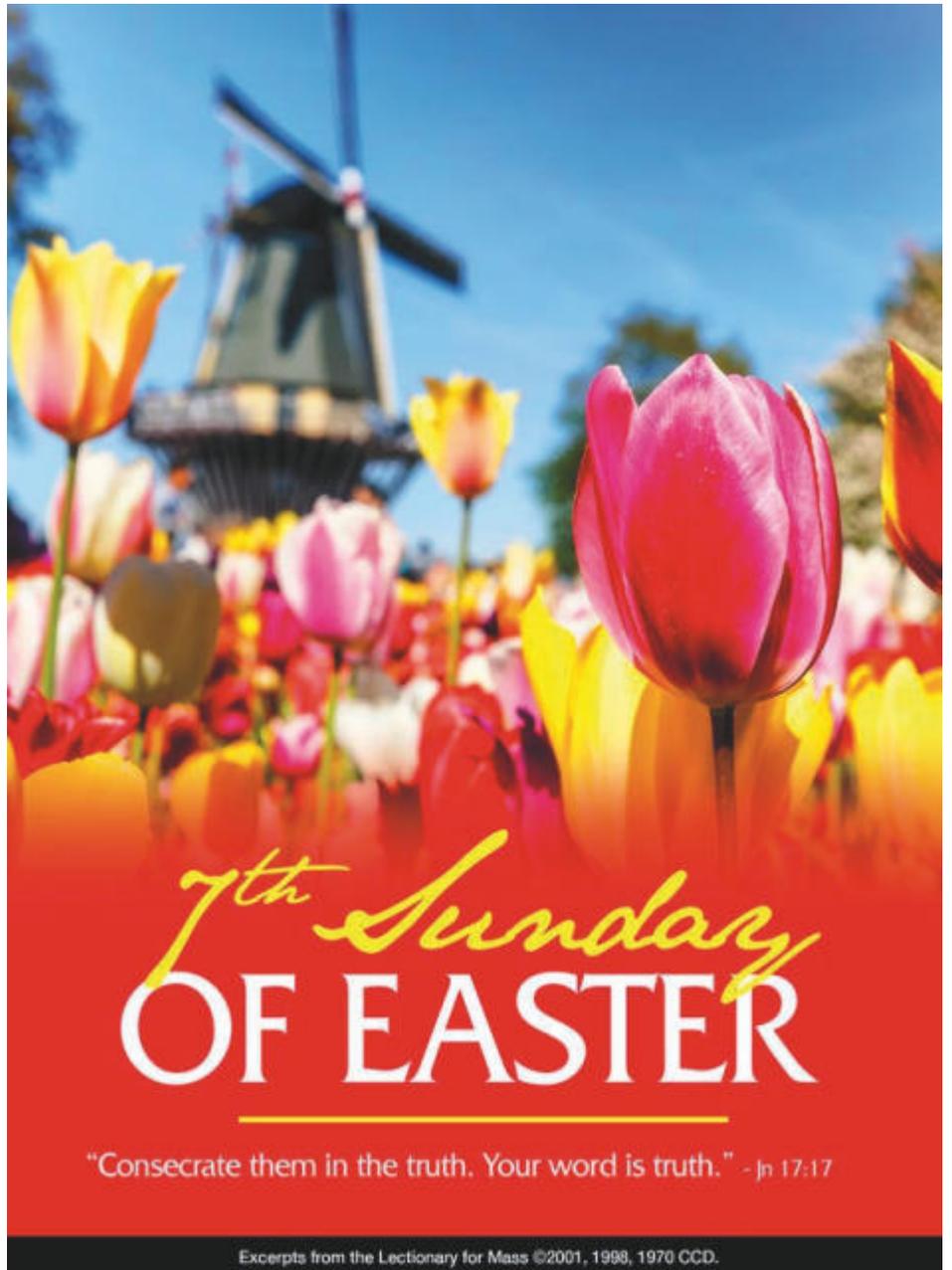
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PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Eucharist 4:30 pm . Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday.
Virtual Mass available for viewing, Saturday—4 pm

Weekday Eucharist: 9:15 am, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm or by Appointment



7th Sunday
OF EASTER

"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:17

Church of Christ the King

BEFORE I FORGET



May 16 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

I think that all of us would agree that we want the good things in our life to last as long as possible. When we have been blessed, when we are with the people that we love, when we are happy with our family or job, we do not want any of these good things to change. Such good things energize us, comfort us, and give us joy. Now having said that, it is also true to say that life does not allow us to hold onto the good things we have forever. Life changes and we must change with it. Therefore, a fundamental skill of living is learning how to say goodbye. It is a true blessing when we learn how to say good-bye well. Sister Joyce Rupp, in the book, *PRAYING OUR GOODBYES*, defines a goodbye as an empty space within us, something that occurs in any situation where there is loss or incompleteness. We carry then an emptiness that cries out to be filled. Those empty places are created when we have to say goodbye to our parents, or our spouse, or our children, or our friends, when we have to say goodbye to familiar surroundings or secure homes, when we change a job, when we have to adjust to a new financial reality, when we say goodbye to our healthy bodies, or when we change our ideas, our values, or our self-image.

On this Feast of the Ascension, the disciples had to face a major goodbye. They had to say goodbye to the physical presence of Jesus. As Jesus ascended to the Father, he promised the Spirit who would be with them always. But he would no longer physically be present to them as he was during his ministry or in his glorious body after the resurrection. Life was changing and the disciples had to let go of what they once had. Even as Jesus leaves them, he points out to the disciples a way in which they can say goodbye well. He points it out not only for their benefit but for ours. Jesus asks them to remember the things of the past, his death and resurrection, and the proclamation of the Good News. In Luke's Gospel, he says to them, "You will be witnesses to all these things." Now at first it might seem strange or counter-intuitive to point to the past as a way of dealing with Jesus' departure. After all, remembering the past is remembering the very things we no longer have. But by asking them to witness to the past, Jesus is actually showing the disciples an effective way of saying goodbye well.

Jesus asks us to remember the people and the things of the past, not so we can lament them because we no longer have them, but to remember them so that we can see them as God's blessings. Such a recognition leads us then to the belief that the same God, who blessed us in the past, will bless us again. When we can witness to God's presence in a love of a person we once had, or in a relationship we once shared, or in our youth that we once possessed, or in any gift of familiarity that we once enjoyed, we remind ourselves that God's love is real. When we witness to God's blessings even though these gifts are no longer ours, God is still ours. By claiming God's presence, we affirm our faith that God is prepared to lead us into the future and to lead us with goodness. Witnessing to God's presence in our past is a way of saying goodbye to the gifts that are ending and at the same time preparing ourselves for the gifts that will be offered.

Life changes, but God remains the same. Life changes and therefore every person must learn how to say goodbye. But Christians can say goodbye with the spirit of hope because we witness to the good things of the past believing that the same God who gave us those gifts still loves us. From the perspective of faith, the other side of every Goodbye is a new Hello.

Forward together and no one left behind,

Fr. Bill

LITURGY CHANGES

EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY—

Pre-registration for our live weekend Masses will not be required and the number of attendees at live Masses will not be restricted.

Masks and physical distancing are still required.

CHRIST THE KING VIDEO MASSES COME TO AN END ...

As of Pentecost Sunday, May 23, Christ the King will post its 71st and, for the time being, final liturgy on YouTube. For those who continue to need an at-home experience of Mass, there are many other options on YouTube and on television.

Look for a Video Presentation from Fr. Bill coming on our new website.

Communion in the Parking Lot will be discontinued after May 16, but we will gladly make the Eucharist available by special arrangement to anyone who needs it.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be suspended. The bishops of Minnesota will in due time reinstate the obligation, and will communicate this to all the faithful. Accommodations for those with fragile health, as well as those caring them, will also be articulated.

The Communion Procession will occur during the Communion Rite beginning on Pentecost. . Those with special needs or who are uncomfortable processing may stay in their pew and a Eucharistic Minister will come to them.

The use of the common cup for communion is still suspended, so congregants will receive the host only.

Congregational singing is already permitted, provided congregants wear face masks while singing.

Ongoing General Safety Protocols

If you are sick, stay at home. Please take care of yourself, and do your part to protect others from becoming infected.

Vulnerable persons and those caring for them should stay safe. Attend nonobligatory gatherings only to the extent that you and those you care for judge the risk of infection to be low.

Do what you are comfortable doing. You may always individually practice more restrictive face mask and social distance standards than are required.

Sanitization is effective. Regularly washing hands with soap and water and using hand sanitizer helps avoid both contracting and spreading infection.

Get vaccinated! The more who are vaccinated, the sooner herd immunity will be achieved. The vaccine is now available for those as young as 12.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 18

9:15 am Mass

Wednesday, May 19

NO Mass

Thursday, May 20

9:15 am Mass with a CCS class

Friday, May 21

9:15 am Mass

Saturday, May 22

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass in Church

Sunday, May 23

9:30 am Mass

First Communion



Looking for a deeper relationship with God? Consider becoming an **Ignatian Associate**.

Ignatian Associates are women and men formed by the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, nourished by Ignatian spirituality, and supported by their Associate and Jesuit companions.

Following a two-year period of formation, Ignatian Associates make three public promises:

- (1) simplicity of life,
- (2) fidelity to the Gospel and their IA community, and
- (3) apostolic availability.

If you would like to learn more about the Associates, please contact parishioners Floyd and Ann Grabel at annfloyd47@gmail.com or visit www.ignatianassociates.org/community/twin-cities.

RACIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION GROUP

Next meeting for this group is Sunday, May 23, following the 9:30 Mass. The main topic will be police brutality against people of color. Why are so many black men and women killed at the hands of the police, who are meant to protect them? Is it more than racism? How is it an institutional and structural problem?

Please read this powerful article in *National Catholic Reporter* by Father Bryan Massingale before the discussion: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/chauvin-verdict-relief-vindication-not-celebration>. All parishioners are welcome – teens are especially encouraged to participate

HOUSING

Urgent action needed via virtual meeting Tues. 5/18, 1:30pm:

Homelessness and lack of access to affordable homes disproportionately affects people of color. We have to fight for housing like Beacon's Emerson Village which will serve families with low incomes on the Northside.

Minneapolis needs to prioritize for people most at risk of homelessness – and Beacon learned city staff are resisting these changes. But we believe the Mayor and most Council Members agree with Beacon. Now we need to hold them accountable! Please join (and invite others) on a **public virtual meeting Tuesday May 18 at 1:30 pm (about 1 hour plus optional discussion afterward with Beacon).**

This will let the Council Members know how many people are watching and waiting for them to do the right thing! Register for the Zoom link, and any details/updates: <https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/mpls-bihz-5-18-21/>

A PRAYER FOR AN END TO GUN VIOLENCE

O God we are tired, tired of the names recited, the lives lost, and the dreams destroyed in the pestilence of gun violence.

We are tired of the stories cut short, the households shattered and the inability to act in justice and righteousness.

In your tirelessness receive the dead, comfort the grieving, move the mired, inspire the silent, and embolden the just.

Move us from thoughts and prayers to action and accountability; that in our day we may see the great day of peace.

Through Jesus Christ your promised peace. Amen.

CTK Prayer Corner



Brent Blackey; Fr. Doug Dandurand, Kelley Deshler, Joanne & Walter Dick, Nancy Dornbach; Mary Forsman Chuck Gorman, Mary Ann Hansen, Dolores Harrington, Sylvia Herkenhoff, Eileen Hoy, Dan Ivory, Steve Kean, Tomi Kean, Joan Kelly, Anna Kinney, Mary Koby. Mary Lee, Dolores Lutz, Jerry Murtaugh Rudy Perez David Podgorak, Annette Sadler, Ed & Gae Skager, Stefan Skorich, Lydia Spanier, Mary Jane Steinhagen, Angie Tucker, Pat Urick, Diane Wielinski

If you would like prayers said for you, a family member ill or in need of prayer, please contact Jim DeShane at 612-920-5030, ext. 19.

WE ARE SHARING THE EUCHARIST FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THESE CHILDREN TODAY AT A NOON MASS:



**GRACE HUNT
MATTHEW MCGUINN
LUCIA OLSON**



Step aside from all the challenges and uncertainties of this time for a weekend of spiritual connection and renewal at **Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center** in Prior Lake. The theme this year is **"Do Not Be Afraid."**

Upcoming retreats:

June 11-13 Women's Weekend
June 15-17 Women's Midweek
June 24-27 Men & Women Silent Retreat

Register for Retreats:
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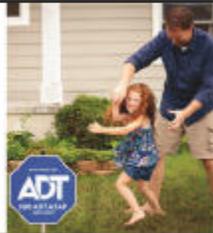
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