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The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
-Psalm 47

*Welcome to
The Immaculata*

Seventh Sunday of Easter—The Ascension of the Lord

by Betty Brock

Have you ever wondered how you would feel seeing Jesus in your midst and then seeing him rise up and disappear in a whiff of smoke? It is beyond one's imagination! We know that since the Resurrection, Jesus visited the disciples many times, he visited them when Thomas was not there and again when he was. Also, at the Sea of Galilee when they went fishing, then again when he gave them the power to forgive sins. But this visit was like no other—Jesus told them the Holy Spirit will be coming soon and that “you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses for me in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and Samaria and even to the very ends of the earth”. Then they witnessed His Ascension into Heaven!



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Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (May 5, 2021)

In our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider contemplative prayer. For Christians, contemplative prayer is an act of the heart by which we fix our gaze in faith upon Jesus, quietly pondering his word and his saving mysteries. As the simple farmer of Ars told Saint John Vianney: in praying before the Tabernacle, “I look at him and he looks at me”. By gazing on our Lord in this way, we come to feel his loving gaze upon us and our hearts are purified. This in turn enables us to see others in the light of that truth and compassion which Jesus brings to all. Christ himself is the model for all contemplative prayer: amid the activity of his public ministry he always found time for a prayer that expressed his loving communion with the Father. At the Transfiguration, Jesus



prepared the disciples for his coming passion and death by enabling them to contemplate his divine glory. Through our prayer, may we persevere in union with him on the path of love where contemplation and charity become one. For, as Saint John of the Cross, the Church’s great master of contemplative prayer teaches us: one act of pure love is more useful to the Church than all the other works put together.

To read more visit <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis>

Saint of the Week

St. Leopold Mandic 1866-1942. Feast day May 12

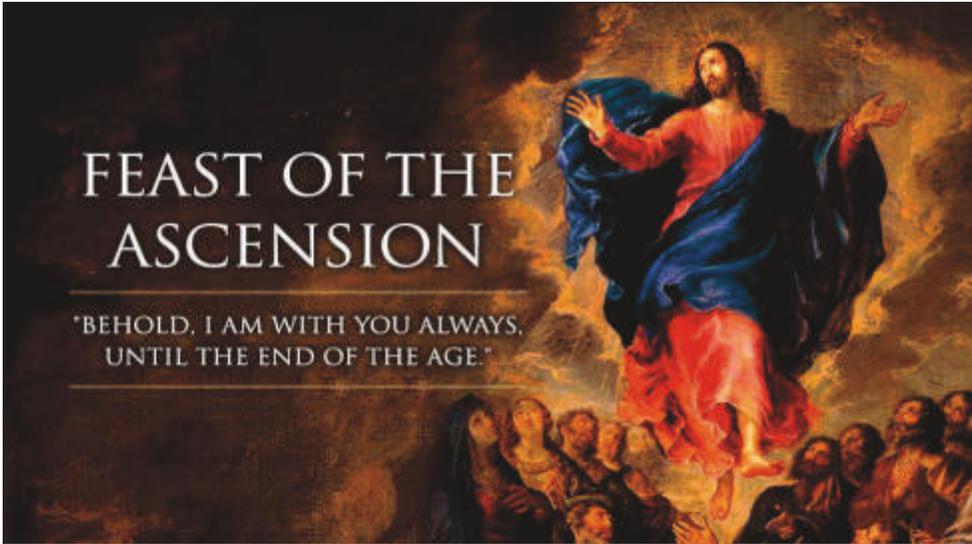


When Western Christians who are working for greater dialogue with Orthodox Christians may be reaping the fruits of Father Leopold’s prayers. A native of Croatia, Leopold joined the Capuchin Franciscans and was ordained several years later in spite of several health problems. He could not speak loudly enough to preach publicly. For many years he also suffered from severe arthritis, poor eyesight, and a stomach ailment. For several years Leopold taught patrology, the study of the Church

Fathers, to the clerics of his province, but he is best known for his work in the confessional, where he sometimes spent 13-15 hours a day. Several bishops sought out his spiritual advice. Leopold’s dream was to go to the Orthodox Christians and work for the reunion of Roman Catholicism and Orthodoxy. His health never permitted it. Leopold often renewed his vow to go to the Eastern Christians; the cause of unity was constantly in his prayers. At a time when Pope Pius XII said that the greatest sin of our time is “to have lost all sense of sin,” Leopold had a profound sense of sin and an even firmer sense of God’s grace awaiting human cooperation. Leopold, who lived most of his life in Padua, died on July 30, 1942, and was canonized in 1982. In the Roman liturgy his feast is celebrated on July 30.

To read more www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day

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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

What mixed feelings they must have had. How bewildered they must have been, worrying that their lives may be in danger, confused about what Jesus asked of them. How Peter must have felt to have the responsibility of leadership given him. I wonder too, would he be wrestling with guilt over having renounced Jesus three times prior to his crucifixion. They were also discussing candidates to replace Judas. I do not think they had the remotest idea of what it would take to accomplish what Jesus had asked of them.

It boggles the mind to think what we would do if asked to fulfill what Jesus asked the disciples to do. Thinking of what the disciples accomplished, the problems of today are not so daunting. Jesus, through His Cross and Resurrection and Ascension has given us a faith of hope and love to sustain us through the problems we face today. The Easter story is the story of hope and joy and promise. The fulfillment of the promise will begin with the event to come—Pentecost!



"I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth."

~ J.R.R. Tolkien

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Mission Statement of The Immaculata

Inspired and strengthened by the Sacraments, Scripture, and Liturgy, we are a vibrant, diverse Roman Catholic community called to serve as faithful disciples of Christ in our lives and ministries. With our Blessed Mother to guide us, we strive to be a beacon of faith and a spiritual home to all who seek God.

MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
(Mass inside the church & livestreamed)

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
(Mass inside the church)

Sunday 7:30 a.m.
(Mass inside the church & livestreamed)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
(Mass inside the church)

Sunday 11:00 a.m.
(Mass on the East lawn)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 12:45-2:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.
(Inside the church)

OFFICE HOURS

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Mass Readings & Intentions

The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

First Reading

This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Psalm 47

Second Reading

God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

Mark 16:15-20

Intention:

7:30 a.m. For an end to the pandemic & for its victims

9:00 a.m. For the sick of the parish

11:00 a.m. For All Parishioners

Monday, May 17

Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 16:29-33

Intention: Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 18

Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11

Intention: Mary, Howard & Family

Wednesday, May 19

Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36; John 17:11-19

Intention: +Carmen Della Corna

Thursday, May 20

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

John 17:20-26

Intention: Bishop Robert Brom

Friday, May 21

Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; John 21:15-19

Intention: +Wayne Twilliger

Saturday, May 22

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 114: 5, 7; John 21:20-25

Intention:

8:00 a.m. +Marie Madeleine Danh Phan

4:30 p.m. +Juan Cabrera

Sunday May 16 World Communications Day

by Junno Arocho Esteves, CNS via Cruz



“Come and see: Communicating, encountering people as and where they are” will be the theme for the 2021 celebration of World Communications Day, the Vatican statement said. A papal message on the theme will be published on or around the January 24 feast of St Francis de Sales, patron saint of journalists.

“In a time that obliges us to social distance due to the pandemic, communication can make possible the closeness that is necessary to recognize what is essential and to understand truly the meaning of things,” the statement announcing the theme said.

The Pope’s choice of the theme for the 2021 celebration, which will be on May 16 in most dioceses, is drawn from Jesus’ invitation to St. Philip in the Gospel of John.

“Come and see,” the statement said, is an invitation “central to the Gospel” and to the ongoing proclamation of the Christian faith, a proclamation that is not just about words, but is “made up of looks, testimonies, experiences, encounters, closeness. In a word, life.”

“The old saying ‘God meets you where you are’ can be a guide for those engaged in media or communications work in the church,” the statement said.

“In the call of the first disciples, with Jesus who went to encounter them and to invite them to follow him, we also see the invitation to use all media, in all their forms, to reach people as they are and where they live.”

Immaculata May Crowning

adapted from saintpats.org

May Crowning is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual held during the month of May. This tradition is especially important to our parish because Mary is our patroness. *May Crowning* is a solemn procession and at the close of the procession a statue of the Blessed Virgin is crowned with a garland or crown of flowers honoring Mary as “the Queen of May.” There is a special honor attached to being chosen to crown the statue. Traditionally, representatives from our second year Confirmation class participate in “May Crowning” This year Stella Moran & Salvatore Scappaticci crowned the statue of our Blessed Mother and prayed three Hail Mary’s prior to dismissal.

Why a Crowning?

The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute “crown” of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ. Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as “the mother of my Lord” (Lk 1:41-43). The maid of Nazareth consented to God’s plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God’s Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in a way she won the “crown of righteousness” (II Tim 4:8), the “crown of life” (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10), the “crown of glory” (I Pet 5:4) that is promised to those who follow Christ.



The Immaculata Announcements

The BBC (Best Book Club)

The BBC meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. On May 21, we are starting a new book, *He Leadeth Me* by Walter Ciszek. You are welcome to join us and we know you will enjoy being a part of our church community. Interested? Contact Lynne, Lynne.m.howard@gmail.com or Bruce, brucevhoward@gmail.com.

Donation Boxes for Outside Masses

Donation boxes are located at the four corners of the East Lawn.

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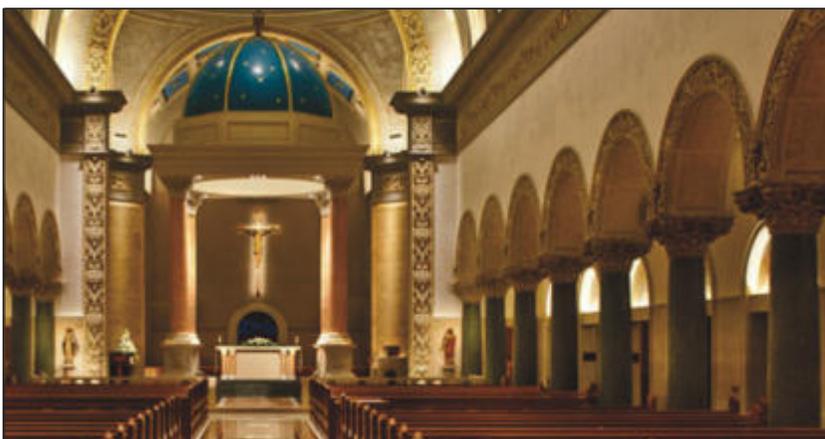
Thanks to your generous contributions we have reached this year's Annual Catholic Appeal goal. On behalf of Fr. Matt and the entire Immaculata community we would like to thank you for your continuous support and we pray that God may continue to bless you and your family.



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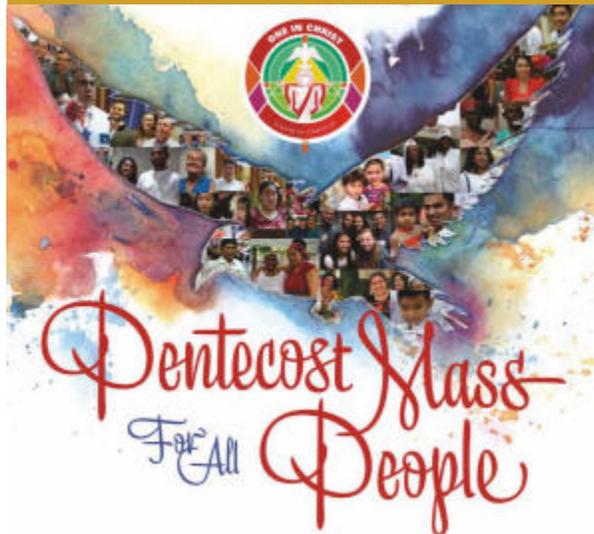
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The Mass will continue to be video-streamed for the parishioners that continue to shelter-at-home. Look for the live-stream button on the top menu at theimmaculata.org

Diocese Announcements



May 22 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish, 8200 Gold Coast Drive, San Diego CA, 92126 No-cost Event. All people are invited to the diocese's annual Pentecost Mass, which brings together the cultures and traditions of our universal Church. Contact: Alejandra Diaz, (858) 490-8306, adiaz@sdatholic.org

Stewardship of Treasure

*For where your treasure is,
There also will your heart be.*
-Matthew 6:21

Week of May 9, 2021

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The Last Word

Keep in Your Prayers

*Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly father.*

Matthew 18:19

Healing

Alma Church
Lucia Yandell
Sandy Perretti
Bruce Perretti
Riley Manahan
Leonard Hayden
Mariel Tojino
Dawn Pathman
Trao Nguyen

The sick list is updated on a monthly basis. Please call the parish office to add a parishioner to the list.

Becoming Catholic

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA program is especially designed for the following people:

- Not baptized but interested in learning about baptism.
- Baptized in another faith, but interested in the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholic but missed out on religious instruction and the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.
- Or, if simply, you or anyone you know is interested in examining your faith life, baptism, prayer or the Catholic Church, then this is for you.

For more information, please contact Laura Martin-Spencer at lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu or call (619) 574-5703.

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Newly Baptized

Emily Sue Brion
Javier Manuel Jimenez
Julia Rose Uminger

Words of Wisdom

THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface