Mission Statement

St. Matthias Parish is committed to becoming a prayerful community by celebrating the Sacraments together, and supporting the parish and one another by sharing the time, talents and treasures God has given us. Through prayer and good works we will strive to grow in peace and unity with God and our community.
SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. (Acts 1:14a)

PSALM:
I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27) or Alleluia

SECOND READING:
Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Pt 4:13)

GOSPEL:
“I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.” (Jn 17:4-5)

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

REFLECT

FIRST READING
Those closest to Jesus in his life gathered together in the immediate aftermath of his resurrection and ascension. What sort of mixed emotions do you think they experienced?

SECOND READING
Peter encourages those who suffer for the faith to “glorify God.” When have you experienced this type of redemptive suffering?

GOSPEL READING
At the conclusion of his farewell discourse, Jesus offers a prayer of petition to the Father for his disciples. How do you find Jesus’ words comforting?

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“BENEATH THE CROSS, ONE LEARNS TO LOVE.”
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- **Mary Ziskie**
Eileen Wirth, retired Creighton ministries)shares:
In my mind’s eye, I imagine myself stumbling across a small group of men and their leader on a mountain in Galilee 2,000 years ago. The men were tough and no-nonsense working fellows who obviously didn’t spend their days reading scrolls in the Temple. They were publicly worshiping God and their leader but I overhead them arguing until their leader spoke.

“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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you,” he said. “And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age.” Mt. 28

With that, he disappeared, seemingly up to heaven. But what did he mean? I was confused but even more fascinated. Most of the men looked dumbfounded, staring into the sky. A few started weeping. Some just stood there until they slowly started walking down the mountain. I followed them at a respectful distance, trying to make sense out of what I had just witnessed, hoping to learn more about their leader. Somehow I knew my life had changed. The leader was gone but I still felt his presence. As I contemplate this scene, I ponder what the Ascension means to us today. It seems to simultaneously celebrate loss and hope — the loss of Jesus on earth but the hope that he remains with us forever. Ironically, had the apostles not lost Jesus in the flesh, they likely would not have spread his spirit to the ends of the earth for generations to come. The Ascension’s intertwining message of loss and hope has always struck me as especially powerful so many people experience a bittersweet combination of moving on from the beloved familiar to a new life. And just like the disciples, we’re scared of facing the unknown. However Jesus’ promise that “I am with you always, until the end of the age” resonates with us and reassures us. Like the apostles

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam  In this time of COVID-19 when things are not what they were, when sacraments can’t take place in churches, because they are closed. Remember God is love and we are the Body of Christ. Both are states of being. God does not love, God is Love. Jesus does not love, Jesus is Love. We are the true Body of Christ only when we are the living Body of Christ. Body of Christ is meant to be a verb, not a noun. Love, compassion, friendship, laughter, solidarity reveal us as the living Body of Christ. We ‘glorify’ the Lord when we live God’s ‘work’ in action. When I live my personal vocation I do the Lord’s ‘work’. When I am parent, or child, or priest, or friend being Body of Christ, I ‘glorify’ God. My being reveals God’s name. My being glorifies God. Gleaned from Joan Blandin Howard, Creighton ministries retired

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