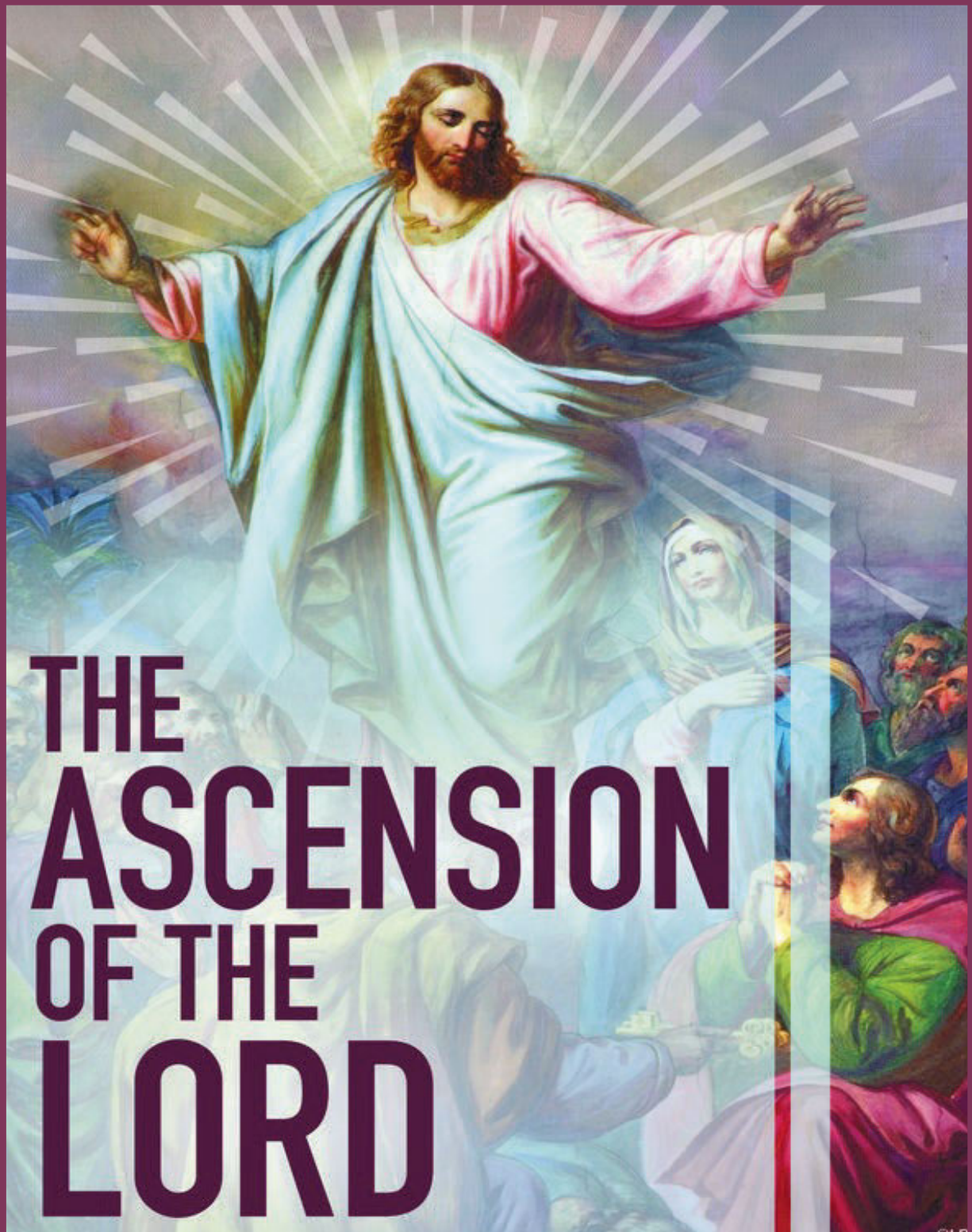




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MAY 21, 2023



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 4:30 PM

Lisa Gale by Janne Potter
 † Judy Davidson Blades by Janne Potter
 † Concetta Russo by Family
 † Maria Sinacola by Neil McKinnon
 † Adele Sabatini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 9:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla
 † Clara Aiello by Silvana Carta
 † Edward Antaya

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 11:00 AM

† Paul Hanis by wife, Violet
 † Mark Hanis by mom, Violet
 † Magdalena Hang Vu by husband, Luong
 † Angelina & Domenico Colone by son, Mario
 † Claudio Colone by brother, Mario

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1:00 PM

Ron Brumfield by Maryellen DuCharme
 † Andrea Marie Grant by Robert Wenderski

MONDAY, MAY 22, 8:00 AM

† Adele Sabatini by Graziano Canini

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 8:00 AM

† Antonio Gabbana by wife, Isabel

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 7:00 PM

† Cecilia Bui by Luong Vu
 † Magdalena Hang Vu by husband Luong
 † Cosmos Odoemene by Daniel Odoemene

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 8:00 AM

Michael & Charlene Zupanick - 50th Wedding Anniver
 by Friends

† Howard Lee by Friends
 † Adele Sabatini by Graziano Canini

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 4:30 PM

† Karen Rambow by Friend
 † Emilio Russo by Family
 † Seymour Forbing by wife, Judy
 † Mitchell & Marian Drenikowski by Herb & Linda Zinn

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 9:00 AM

Alyssa Irvine by dad, Paul
 Samantha Irvine by dad, Paul
 † Aldo Pirino by Silvana Carta
 † Cosmos Odoemene by Daniel Odoemene
 † Lawrence Desjarlais by Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 11:00 AM

Natalie Yurgil by Family
 Dawn Koptykra
 † Concetta Russo by Amy Golonka
 † Frank D'Emilio by father, Giuseppe
 † Magdalene Hang Vu by husband, Luong

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1:00 PM

Fr. Joseph Tuskiewicz by Parish Staff
 † Ray Long by Parish Staff

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Aurora Serra	Gregory Dwyer	Steve Moskal
Pat Kiss	Rosemary Krawcke	Joe Marino
Lorna Mattson	Mary Giganti	Sharon Hamilton
Peggy Grainer	Audrey Benzinger	Daniel Himm
Linda Rogers	Margaret Gehringer	Karen Kelley-O'Brien
Anthony Coscia	Bill Schneider	Dorothy Pongracz
Mary Himm	Joe Zeniewicz	Jim Pongracz
Joann Seaman	Chuck Stimac	MaryAnn Statetzny
Marian Belaire	Ryan Patrick	William Statetzny
Dennis Belaire	Mays Family	Pete Arciero
Ed Sacha	Pam Pickens	Kenneth Ricer
Steve Lee	Chris Gehringer	Connie Lark
Bernadine Buoncompagno	Ricky Canini	

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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

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Benjamin Schmidt	Air Force
Brian Golonka	Army
Kyle Nelson	Marines
Steven Siemieniak	Air Force
Joseph James Prokes	Army

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"Out of compassion for us, he descended from Heaven and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace." --St. Augustine

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Article written by Marc Massery from TheDivineMercy.org

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord reminds us that Christ came to lead us to full glory - to become who God originally created us to be. After spending 40 days with His disciples following His Resurrection, Christ ascended to Heaven. Just as we say in our creeds, the Gospel today says, "The Lord Jesus ... was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God" (Mk 16:19).

Why the Ascension?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection ..." (659). A glorified body does not belong on earth, where creation imperfectly reflects the glory of God. Fully glorified beings belong in Heaven, so Christ needed to return as soon as He was done walking the earth to confirm His victory over death.

We see what a glorified Christ looks like through His Transfiguration atop Mount Tabor during His public ministry. Christ ascended the mountain with His disciples and then "He was transfigured before them ... His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light ..." (Matt, 17:2). We could not behold Christ's glorified body here on earth if He appeared to us as He really is. Therefore, as He walked the earth those 40 days, He hid His glory "under the appearance of ordinary humanity" (Catechism, 534). When He ascended, He reacquired His fully glorified appearance in Heaven.

Of course, when we decide to follow Christ, we do not become dazzling white here on earth. In fact, we cannot reach full glorification until we first do what Christ did - climb Calvary and die. To enter into full glory at the end of time, we must first submit to God's will here on earth, embrace our crosses, and die to ourselves daily.

The Ascension reminds us that our daily sacrifices and ultimate death will lead us to Heaven through the power of Christ's redeeming work.

Though we wait to experience glorification, we receive confirmation of our future glory here on earth. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons,

they will speak new languages ... They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover (Mk 16: 17-18). We do not have to wait until we reach Heaven to partake in the glory of God. The Gospel says, "But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs," (Mk 16:20).

We also reflect God's glory when we love our enemies, turn the other cheek, or endure great suffering with a sense of peace. In fact, we reflect God's glory any time we do something good.

The disciples did not become sad after Christ ascended. Although they could no longer see His face, through faith, they knew that His presence in Heaven would serve them in a more powerful way. In His glory, He exists beyond space, beyond time, and can advocate for us every moment.

Thanks to the Lord's Ascension, we realize that we will never be And we can look forward to our full glorification when we reunite with Christ in His glory in Heaven.



To continue to work towards unity with our Family of Parishes we will be joining forces with St. Aidan for Vacation Bible School. This year, it was easy for us to join forces because they will be running a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) program! Registration is open now, don't wait to sign up!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

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Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.



READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 22 ST RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35-36 Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, MAY 25 ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOC/CHURCH;

ST GREGORY VII, POPE; ST MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI, VIRGIN

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5-11 Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 26 ST PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 Jn 21:15-1

SATURDAY, MAY 27 ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5, 7 Jn 21:20-2

SUNDAY, MAY 28 PENTECOST SUNDAY

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, 27-30 Rom 8:22-27

Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or

Ez 37:1-14 Jl 3:1-5 Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30

Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

REFLECTING ON THE MAY 21st SCRIPTURES

First Reading: We hear how the eleven apostles and Jesus' family and friends gathered together in prayer "in one accord" in the immediate aftermath of Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

How does your faith in Jesus bring you closer to others?

Second Reading: Peter acknowledges that you may suffer insults and ridicule for being a Christian.

Has this ever happened to you?

Gospel: Jesus tells his disciples that "eternal life" belongs to those who know the one true God and Jesus Christ.

Is the idea of "eternal life" impacting how you live your life here on earth?

When the world sees us, do they see to whom we belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice? Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do.

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE by Mary Rice

During this time before the Pentecost what did the Apostles and Mary, mother of Jesus, do? Today's reading will fill us in on what happened during those days of uncertainty and loss.

First, they went back to Jerusalem (a Sabbath's day journey). I hadn't realized that they returned to the "upper room". (That must have brought back recent memories of their supper with Jesus.) They and some women devoted themselves to prayer. (What a good example for us when we need guidance!)

Later when Peter writes to his converts, he faces the real possibility that his followers will endure suffering because they cling to faith in Christ. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

I doubt that he could have imagined the era of persecution that awaited the faithful Christians then--and later. He has a word of caution: rejoice that you share in the sufferings of Christ, but do not think that those suffering for doing evil should not be ashamed. A crime is a crime.

The gospel reading takes us back to the Last Supper when Jesus prayed to the Father for the disciples in John's Gospel He states clearly:

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, JESUS CHRIST...GLORIFY ME, FATHER WITH THE GLORY THAT I had with you before the world began.

Jesus declares his divinity without question.

Aren't we fortunate to have the reassurance of his divinity from Jesus himself? In Colossians Paul takes us back in time to assert Christ's glory:

Even the mystery which had been hid for ages but now is made manifest.

to his saints: to whom God would make known what the riches of this glory are, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory...

For this I toil, striving with all the energy which he mightily inspires within me (Col.1:28, 29).

The psalmist gives us words to express our hope for eternity: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. That's good news for you and me. The future is rosy.

LOOKING TO THE SKY

by C Jurkiewicz Dorman

In the past, I have been guilty of being a little depressed by the Ascension. Looking at it from a certain angle, it has the feel of a party that's coming to an end. The important guests have gone home and now it's time to turn the lights back on, switch off the music and start cleaning up.

Of course, if I view the Ascension in this light, I'm not really paying attention. I'm lingering on the mountain, staring at the sky, wondering where God went and when He's coming back.

Christ, of course, is very much the "main event" of the Gospels, and so when he is no longer a physical, visible presence on earth — teaching, preaching, curing, dying, rising — we can be forgiven for feeling a little deflated. But the life of Christ is not a season of our favorite show. It's not a chapter in a book. It doesn't exist for consumption and entertainment, and it certainly doesn't come to an end.

It's easy to think of Christ at Mass when he is there before me in the Eucharist. It's easy to be about the work of God during Lent or Easter. But what about the dreaded "Ordinary Time"? As full as the sky is of clouds, so the world is full of distractions: work, finances, health, politics. I struggle to see where God has gone in the midst of it all.

In reality, He is still here. He is here in the person I choose to love or to abandon. He is here in the truth I choose to embrace or to reject. He is here, waiting for me in the sacraments I all too often take for granted.

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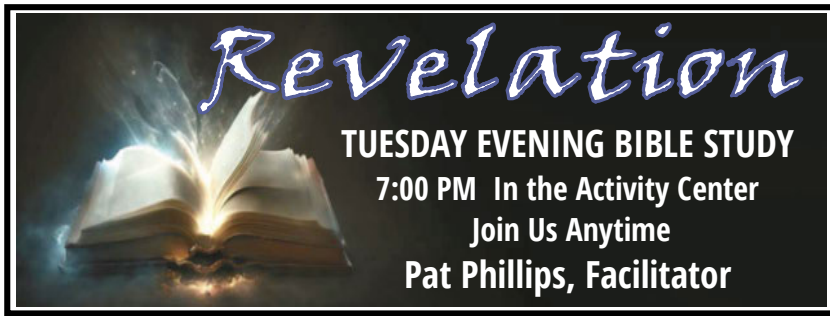
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MAY 27 4:30 PM	Tony Allam	PLEASE CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER
MAY 28 9:00 AM	Eva Lee	
MAY 28 11:00 AM	Debbie Knott Lou Barrett	

USHER SCHEDULE MAY 2023

Saturday Team **A** Sunday Team **A**

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WHY ARE THERE LITURGICAL CYCLES?

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Question: Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer: While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

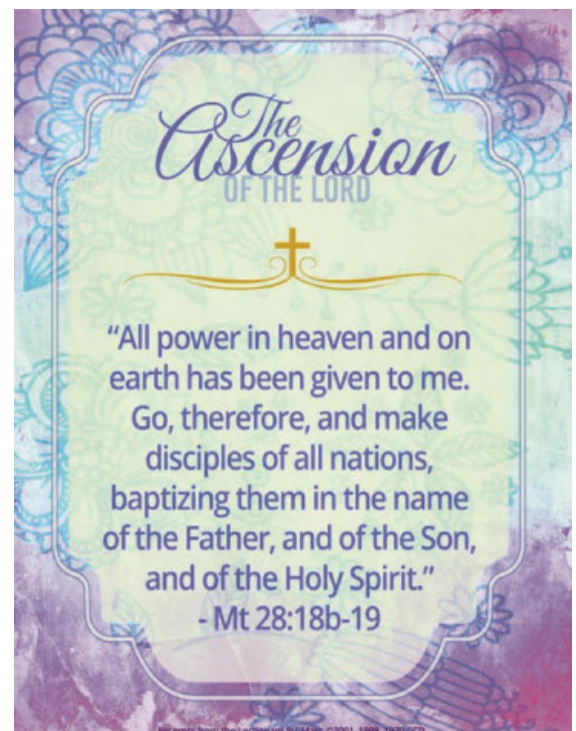
The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI.

To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2023 GO AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

As of last Monday, St. Priscilla has \$3,200 pledged toward our 2023 CSA target of \$41,062. Thank you to the 14 parishioners who have already pledged their support. Ministries, programs, and services funded by the Catholic Services Appeal help us to *Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord* in our own parish, throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. If you are still prayerfully considering your sacrificial gift to this year's CSA, you may send your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope you were provided. You are also encouraged to make your pledge and gift to our parish's campaign. Look for CSA under the SUPPORT tab on the parish website.



The Ascension
 OF THE LORD


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"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 28:18-19

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EVERLASTING EASTER

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe. The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere ... except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate. We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to his resurrection through our stewardship. If he had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But he lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what his death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn't look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.



Sunday after the Ascension

Exáudi, Dómine, vocem meam, qua clamávi ad te, allelúia: tibi dixit cor meum, quæsívi vultum tuum, vultum tuum, Dómine, requíram: ne avértas fáciem tuam a me, allelúia, allelúia. Ps. ibid. 1. Dóminus illuminátio mea, et salus mea: quem timébo? ʘ. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et

Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. — Exáudi ...

Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee, alleluia; my heart hath said to Thee: I have sought Thy face, Thy face, O Lord, I will seek: turn not away Thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm. The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? ʘ. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — Hear, O Lord ...

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:00AM & 11:00 AM
1:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)
Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:00 AM
Thursday 7:00 PM
Saturday 4:30 PM

Holy Days 8:00 AM English
7:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - Noon

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Immediately following 8:00 AM Holy Mass (See Page 2)
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM

SICK CALLS, WEDDINGS &

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