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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

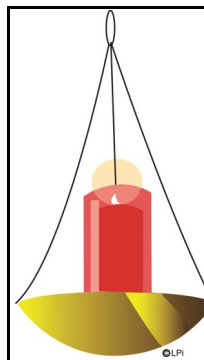


"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18b-19

PARISH LIFE



Monday	5-25
8:00am	Rosa Lanzisera rq by Loving Family
Tuesday	5-26
8:00am	Purgatorial Society of St. Ann
Wednesday	5-27
8:00am	Pat White rq by Loving Family
Thursday	5-28
8:00am	Trevor Sullivan rq by Bobby, Ruth Ann & Boys
Friday	5-29
8:00am	Sr. Garvey rq by Loving Family
Saturday	5-30
5:00pm	Robert Hence rq by Bayshore Senior Center
Sunday	5-31
8:00am	Richard T. Walker Sr. rq by Loving Family John Slattery rq by The Doherty Family Special Intentions for Christine Slattery rq by The Kauffmann Family
10:30am	
6:00pm	Parishioners of St. Ann



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information.. This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for

Andrew Jimenez
rq by Loving Family



Church Envelopes

The envelope company will be sending out envelopes for the year in the first part of June.

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Information on guidelines and restrictions continue to evolve rapidly and the likelihood of being closed longer seems imminent, but we will do our best to keep all our families informed. Here's how you can help: Make sure that you are signed into our CCD Text Blast system. Those already signed into "STANNCONFIRM" will continue to receive messages but all previous grade level options were eliminated in the fall as previously announced. Text "STANNRE" to 84483 & you will receive a confirmation notice that you are in the system. Check our website for home study plans and important updates and Sacrament information.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

SUN 5/24 **ASCENSION:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20

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

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

TUE 5/26 Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

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

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

FRI 5/29 Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

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-
39. **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,
35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. **Day:** Acts
2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23

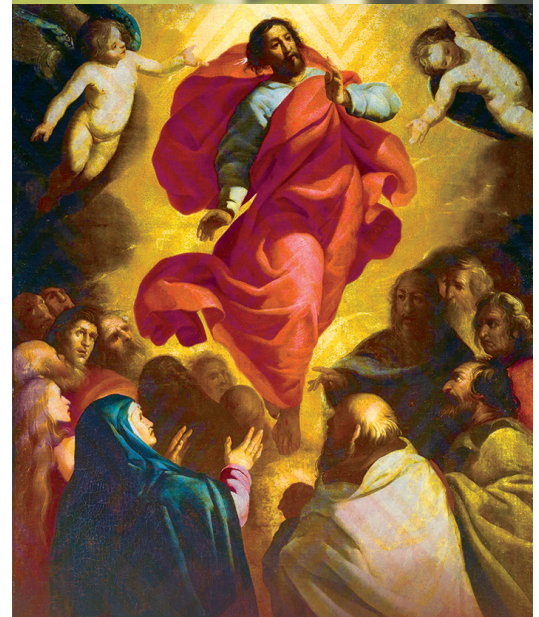
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

- 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

Being real people of faith comes with a price. Have you ever been seen as unpopular, out of sync or peculiar because of your faith? St. Peter tells us, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you." If being a Christian comes easy for us, then we ought to rethink how we approach our faith. Developing habits of prayer, living in accord with the Gospel, setting time aside each week for the practice of our faith, seeing our relationship with Christ as the center and focus of our families all come with sacrifice. We are going to look differently than other folks and we ought to. We are going to find ourselves doing less of the things we are "supposed to do" and more of the things we know we "ought to do or want to do." This often means resisting secular tides and putting our boats into different waters. If this is what helps us know the one true God, then so be it. It also brings us to eternal life.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



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)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

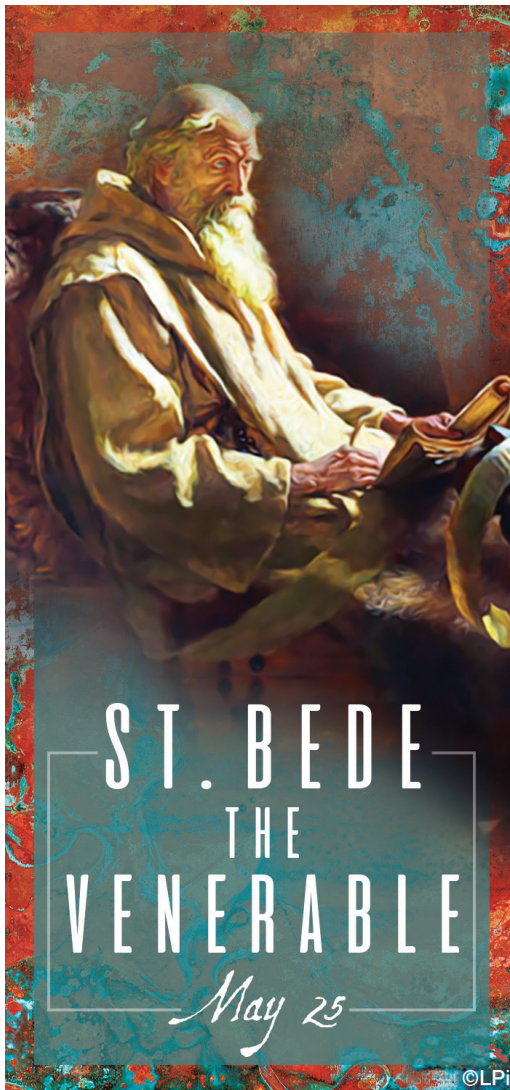
A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about 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.

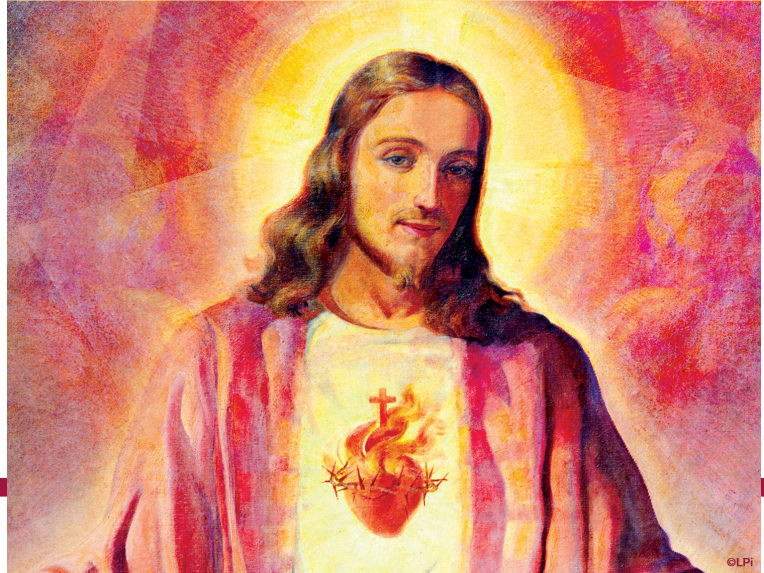
PRAY



*Your name
is written on
the palm of
His hand.*

Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



Linda Sullivan, Eleanor Delia, Sean & John Weiler,
Dawn Siegel, Rita Nabel, Christine Provenzano,
Anthony Metta, Phyllis Pitcock,
Dylan & Austin Kellenberger, John Corcione,
Edward N, Paddy Conneely,
Theresa Marks, Lucy Healy, Randy Smith,
Patricia Brennen, Dillon Noble,
Pamela Hall, Cooper Ascone, Derek Murphy,
Diane Clinton Teresa Swarrow, Baby Benet,
Ellen Marie Corby, J. Jeter, Fred Dollinger.

Joseph White, Arthur O'Keefe
Donna Malagien, Ceilie Reynolds,
Linda Reines, Bob Wyatt, Gabriele Shuman,
Baby Nathaniel Linderorth, Joe McCue,
John Vincelli, Michael Culkin, Jack Rondell,
Mary Becker, Nettie Bright, Thomas Erickson,
Steve Angerami, Baby Rocco Gallagher,
Dawn Sachs, Jean Reynolds, Alice Barry,
Frances Stein, Betty Sue Olsen.

Annemarie Rossmell, Rocky Wehrle, Kathleen Moore

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