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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20

PARISH LIFE



Monday 8:00am	5-17-21 Thomas Padden rq by Andrew & Lisa Padden
Tuesday 8:00am	5-18-21 Adrianna Lombardi rq by Loving Family
Wednesday 8:00am	5-19-21 Alice Barry rq by Christopher Michael Goggins rq Loving Family
Thursday 8:00am	5-20-21 Joan Meyer rq by Howard Meyer & Family
Friday 8:00am	5-21-21 Edward Galvin rq by Loving Wife
Saturday 5:00pm	5-22-21 Thomas Sauickie Jr. rq by Loving Family James & Genevieve Sinnott rq by Patti & Glenn Stott
Sunday 9:00am	5-23-21 Barbara Puglisi rq by Keith & Jeanie Smith
10:30am	St. Ann's Purgatorial Society
6:00pm	Eileen Walters rq by Loving Family

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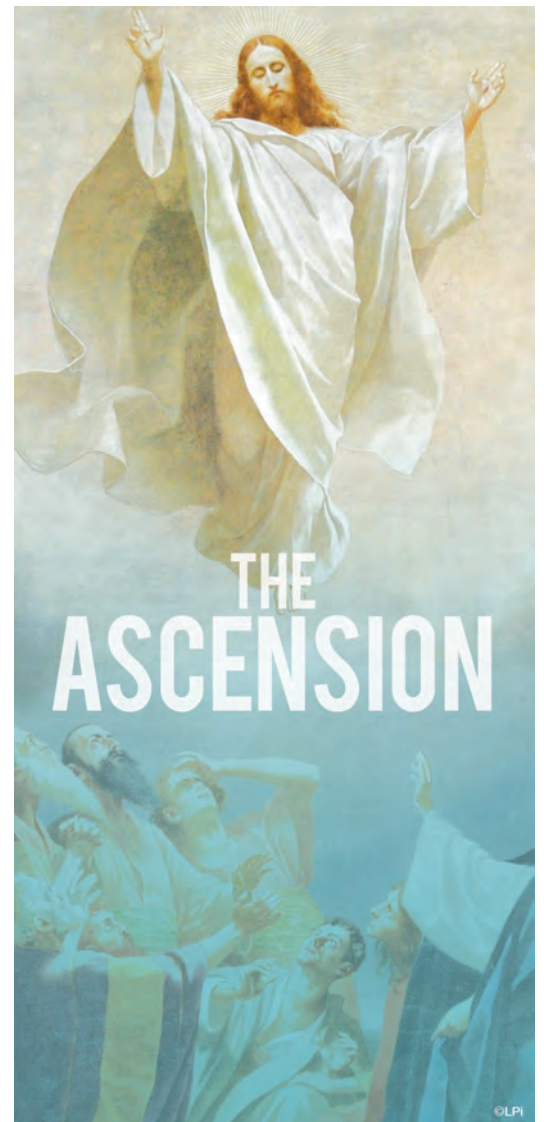
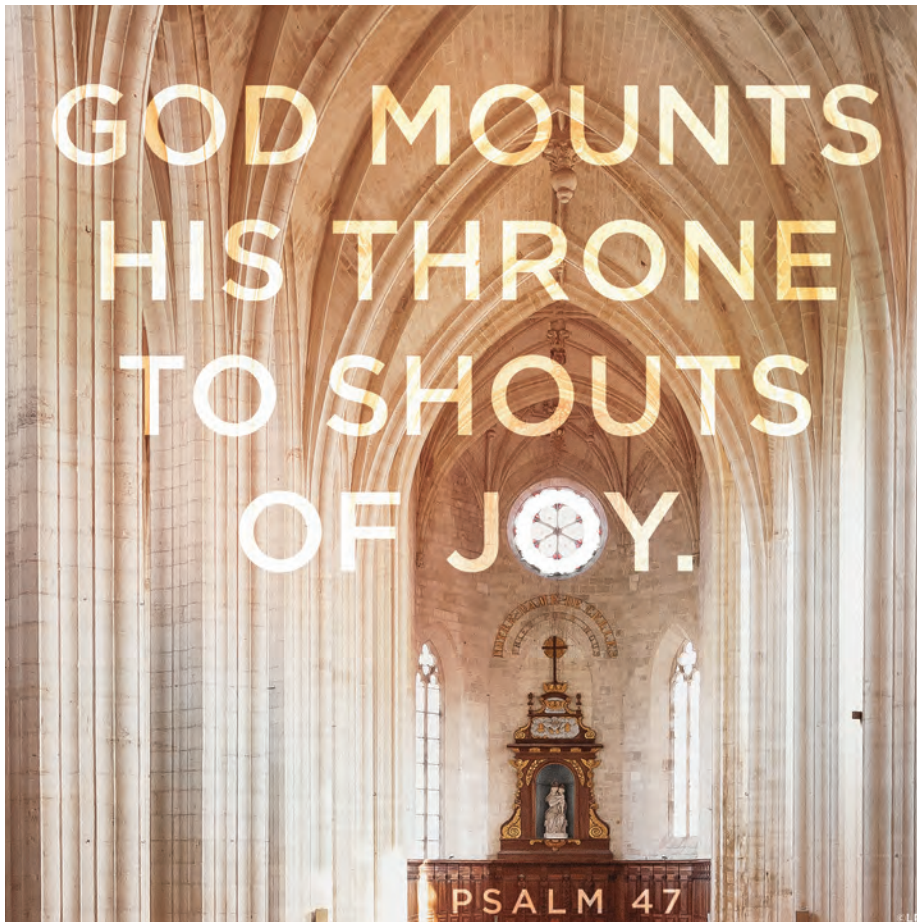
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

WEEKLY PRAYER

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The one who came from heaven now returns to heaven. Today celebrates the completion of the Divine-human story. When God became one like us, humanity was divinely kissed. The message was clear: mortal human beings, once seen as insignificant and expendable, radiated with the presence of God and revealed the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The poor were raised up and given dignity, the sick healed, and justice proclaimed. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all created beings and things and their Creator. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. While we are still moaning and expressing sighs of incompleteness as we continue our journey, we see and know the glory that awaits us and the inheritance that will one day satisfy the longing of our souls. This feast of the Ascension is truly a celebration that can bolster our faith, deepen our love and renew our hope.



*They went
forth and
preached
everywhere*

— MARK 16:20 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)



PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)
or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. (Eph 4:10)



GOSPEL

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mk 16:19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/
Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor
(the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF = Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior
(Salvatorian Priests and Brothers
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SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word
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"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. 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 16:15b-17, 18c

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Luke opens his story of the early Church (the Acts of the Apostles) with Jesus' ascension into heaven and Jesus' final command to be witnesses to the faith. In what ways do you pass your faith onto others?

Second Reading

Paul urges the Ephesians to use the gifts that God has given them to "build up the body of Christ" and to attain the "unity of faith." What are the gifts you use to foster unity in your faith community?

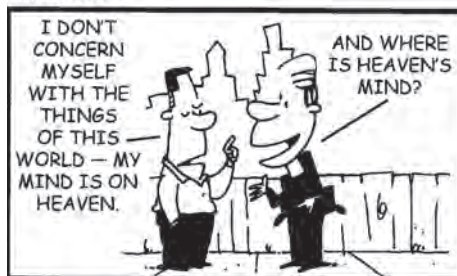
Gospel Reading

Mark's account of the ascension of Jesus includes a final commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel, baptize believers, drive out demons, and heal the sick. How well do you think the Church fulfills this commission today?

**He said to them,
Go into the
whole world and
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creature.**

— MARK 16:15

ASCENSION



LITURGICAL LIFE

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

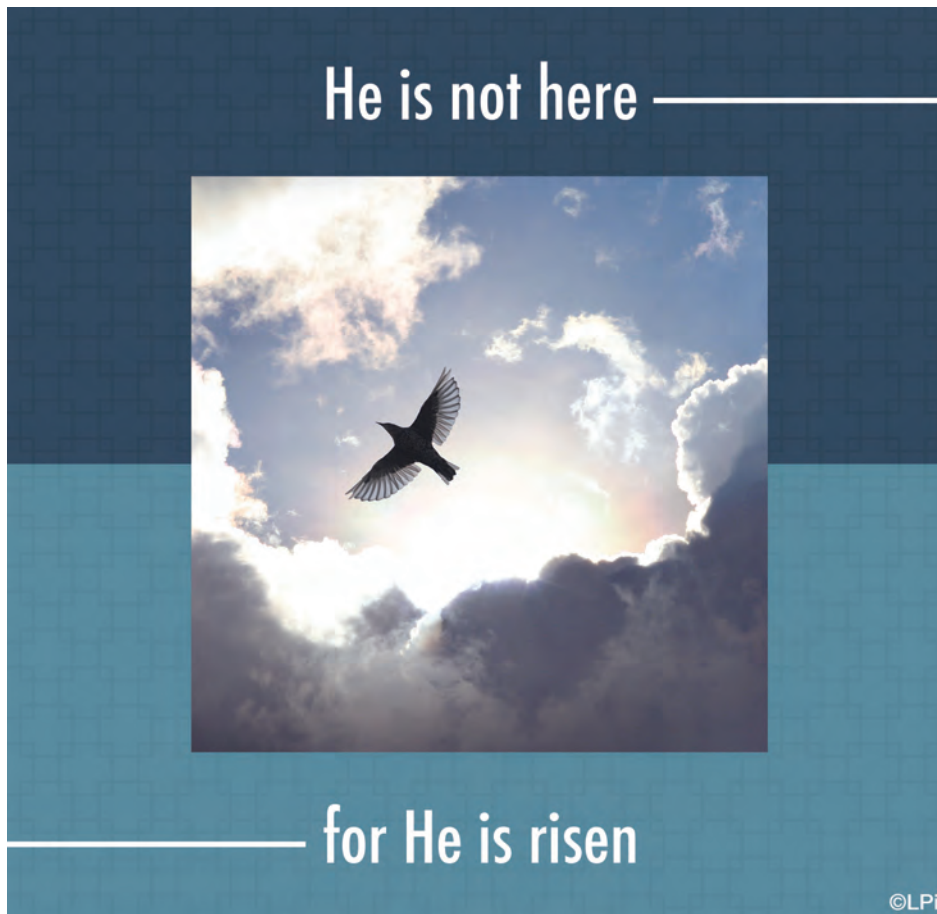
Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

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