The Good News

Presentation Our Lady of Victory Parish
Detroit, Michigan

The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, May 24
The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:12-14
1 Pt 4:13-16
Jn 17:1-11a

Monday, May 25
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

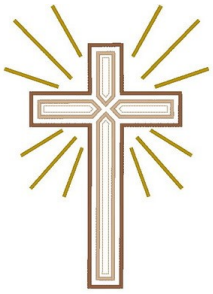
Wednesday, May 27
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 28
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 29
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 30
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 31
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23



Rest In Peace

Jacquelyn Hayden

Portland, OR / Washington, DC

Dear Sister of Patricia Foster

May the Angels lead her into paradise

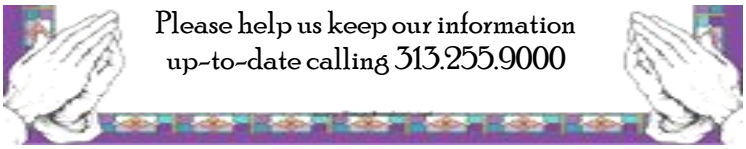
NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTION
May 31, 2020

For the Special Intentions of Presentation Our Lady of Victory

COME HOLY SPIRIT

† PRAYER LIST †

Maeola Blackmon, Wayne Bradley, Sarah Diggs, Ruth Donaldson, Wesley Duggan, Ann Heard, Caldonia Ingram, Emily McGhee, Joyce Patton, Priscilla Propson, Doris Robinson, Mary Elizabeth Robinson, Deacon Sanders, Alexander Stubbs Jr., Edward Sutton, Janice Wilson



SUNDAY MASS RESUMES AT POLOV

This Sunday will be the first Mass publicly offered for our parishioners. The Mass will be at our usual 11:30 am time and will be in the church building. In order to remain safe, there are some precautions and regulations that we need to consider before resuming our prayer together.

The Archbishop has dispensed all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass until September 6, 2020. The Archbishop has extended this dispensation in order for individuals to be safe and remain healthy without feeling compelled that they need to return to Sunday Mass.

If you decide to attend Mass this Sunday and the Sundays to come the following measures should be observed:

1. Face-coverings/masks are to be worn by the faithful in and around the church.
2. Physical distancing is practiced in the church and on the church property.
3. You will be directed to a seat in order to count attendees and maintain social distancing.
4. St. Scholastica is a large building. We should have enough space to distance ourselves and not exceed 25% capacity of the church.

Additional directives will be given at Mass, especially for the reception of the Eucharist. The Precious Blood will not be distributed at any Masses for the foreseeable future.

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)

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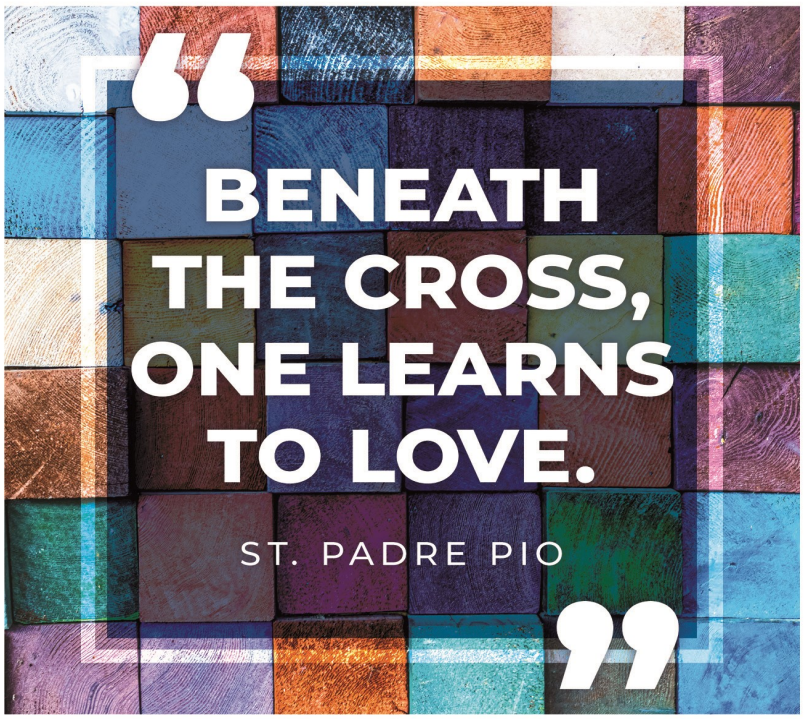
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

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?

EVERLASTING EASTER

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.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE KNEEL AT MASS?

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture or reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Live Mass Times
https://www.aod.org/livemasses

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

10 Guideposts for Christians in the time of coronavirus pandemic
https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite

ST. MARY'S PRESS

Elementary School Resources
https://www.smp.org/homeactivitieschild/?utm_source=SM&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2

High School & Middle School Resources
https://www.smp.org/homeactivitiesteen/?utm_source=SM&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

How to Slow Down and Focus on What Matters Most
info@dynamiccatholic.com

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~ETERNAL~~ CHRIST FATHER GLORY GIVEN FOLLOWERS WORLD SHOWN PRAYING

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Mission for the Week

The next time you talk to God, pray for each of your friends. Ask your friends to pray for you, too.

Growing with the GOSPEL

My Church, My Family and Me

John 17:1-11a ■ Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Read the Gospel and Color

Name _____

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Youth Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul, Junior Daughters, Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: One half hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment
Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office **Marriage:** Weddings must be arranged at least six months in advance

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† Ave Maria Radio ~ 990 am

†Catholic Connection—Teresa Tomeo
Monday~Friday 8am~10am

† Christ is the Answer~Fr. John Riccardo
Monday~Friday 11am

† Kresta in the Afternoon~Al Kresta
Monday~Friday 4pm~6pm

† EWTN Global Catholic Radio Open Line
Monday~Friday 3pm

† Catholic Answers
Monday~Friday 6pm~8pm
990 am / 130 Sirius XM Satellite Radio