



Ascension of the Lord

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The word *celebrate* comes to us from the Latin *celebratus* which is the past participle of the verb *celebrare* which means *to perform publicly in a solemn way with appropriate rites*. The word *celebrate* came into use in the 15th century and was originally employed to describe the Mass, which is a public, solemn rite offered as a memorial of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, it does need to be made clear that the memorial sacrifice of Christ is not a mere memory of His redemptive work, but that the memorial that the Lord instituted actually makes His sacrifice present. Thus the solemnity, the ritual and the reverence.

I know I have mentioned this before, but there is hardly a public ceremony more striking in its solemnity and reverence than the military honors offered graveside when a veteran is buried. There are a few words, a prayer and even music; but what makes the ritual powerful in its solemnity is what is done in silence, when words would obscure the profound respect being communicated by the honors themselves.

By the 16th century the word *celebrate* came to take on the meaning of *commemorate with demonstrations of joy*, and I suspect that this is the manner in which most people will spend Memorial weekend. For starters a three day weekend is always a welcome thing and something to celebrate, and it goes without saying that Memorial weekend also marks the beginning of
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Mass Schedule

All Masses are at Immaculate Conception

Saturday at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 10:30 am

This Mass is restricted. You may not attend unless you have registered and have received a personal confirmation.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass is at 12:10 pm and there are no restrictions on these days. Confessions are available at 11:30 am each day and again immediately after the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday during a period of Eucharistic Adoration. The Rite of Benediction will be celebrated at 1:30 pm.

NOTE: *At this time only members of the parish with a residence in Lake County may attend the weekend Masses on Saturday and on Sunday. Sunday remains restricted and you must register to attend. The Masses during the week are open to anybody who would like to attend and there are no restrictions because there is no danger of exceeding our occupancy limit. These times are very difficult as pastors work to reopen their parishes within the guidelines given to them and it is only made more difficult when people begin searching for Masses to attend. Your understanding and patience is greatly appreciated.*

Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Association of the Miraculous Medal



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the summer vacation season; a time of travel and leisure, and a time to reconnect with family and friends. All of these things are good and wonderful.

As we welcome the summer and enjoy this time of leisure and celebrate it with joy, let us also remember and never forget that this day was established to honor those who shed their blood in the service of our nation, and with great sorrow and solemnity, in recognition of their sacrifice, they have been laid to rest in the hope of obtaining citizenship in a land that lies beyond this valley of tears.

Peace,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

***Eternal rest grant unto
our fallen men and women in uniform, O Lord;
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all of the faithful departed.
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

Offertory Envelopes

We have until the end of the month of June to make any corrections or additions to our offertory envelopes before the new set is sent out from Our Sunday Visitor. If you have a correction, please clearly mark the correction on your current envelope and place it in the collection basket. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please make the request using the blue envelopes with your request clearly marked. Thank you!



As the parish converts to the use of Flocknote for all of our communications and notifications, it is very important that everyone open an account. If you or someone you know is not receiving communications from the parish using Flocknote, please contact the parish office with a name, cell phone number and email address. Also, if you have an account but are not receiving our emails, please add mail@flocknote.com to your address book or favorites list. **Download the App!**

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Deanna Hermes, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Vicki Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Samantha Huber (Found and in need of healing), Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Anonymous Request (Serious), Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for May

For Deacons We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell

Music Groups Forming

At this time both Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart parishes are seeking individuals who would like to participate in assisting with the music for Sunday Mass and other Holy Days. All that is required is a willingness to learn and to serve the liturgy, and to sing on key. Rehearsals are each Saturday morning at Immaculate Conception and Sunday mornings at Sacred Heart in Ronan. Please contact Fr. Kevin for more information or Dr. Bill Cullis in Ronan.



On the Ascension

When Jesus returns to Heaven, he brings the Father a gift. What is the gift? His wounds. His body is very beautiful, no bruises, no cuts from the scourging, but he retains his wounds. When he returns to the Father he shows him the wounds and says: "behold Father, this is the price of the pardon you have granted". When the Father beholds the wounds of Jesus he forgives us forever, not because we are good, but because Jesus paid for us. Beholding the wounds of Jesus, the Father becomes most merciful. This is the great work of Jesus today in Heaven: showing the Father the price of forgiveness, his wounds. This is the beauty that urges us not to be afraid to ask forgiveness; the Father always pardons, because he sees the wounds of Jesus, he sees our sin and he forgives it.

-Homily of Pope Francis (June 1st, 2014)

