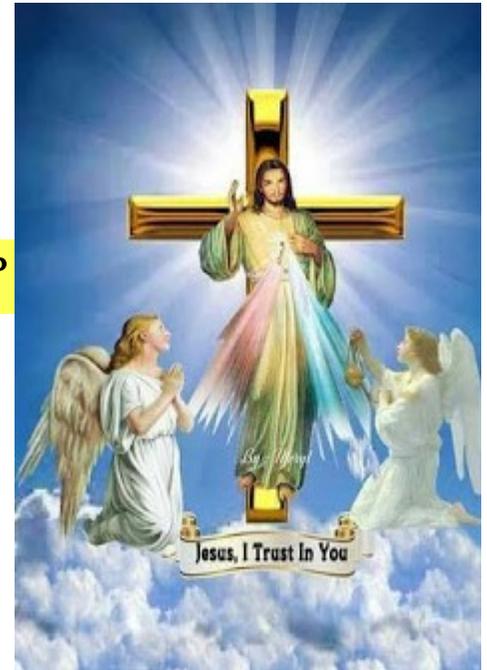


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acts 1:1-11; psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; ephesians 1:17-23; matthew 28:16-20



MEMORIAL DAY: MAY 20, 2020

*To maintain the dignity and beauty of your Catholic cemetery and to better serve all families who entrust their beloved to our care, Our Lady of Perpetual Help has the following guidelines: **Memorial may be placed on gravesites for a period extending ten days before Memorial Day to ten day after. Memorial left on the gravesites after June 15th will be removed to allow for equipment operation in maintaining the cemetery.***

The Memorial Cemetery Mass that was scheduled for SJ on Memorial Day has been cancelled. Concerns have been voiced about the elderly and their participation. Out of prudence it has been cancelled.

Where's the Coffin?

Years ago, a Catholic missionary was preaching in the open square of a village in North India. As he finished, a Muslim gentleman approached him and said: "You must admit we have one thing you have not, and it is better than anything you have." The missionary smiled and said, "I should be pleased to hear what it is." The Muslim went on, "You know, that when we go to Mecca we find at least a coffin. But when you Christians go to Jerusalem, your Mecca, you find nothing but an empty grave." The Missionary replied, "Ah ha! But that's just it, and it makes all the difference. Mohammad, the founder of Islam, is dead, and he is in his coffin. But our Leader has risen from the dead and returned to heaven."

As Christians, we don't just believe in a philosophy or a theology. As Christians, we believe in a person, a Savior, a God who is alive and who has brought our own human nature into heaven, So that we can have a hope that is not just wishful thinking, but a dream guaranteed to come true.

We do not have to wish upon a star; we pray to the One who made the stars.

There is an ancient tradition that has preserved a monument on the Mount of Olives. There, they say, Christ left his footprints in the rocks as he ascended into heaven. That's the point. Jesus has gone into heaven, not to abandon us, but to be our hope; he has led the way; he has left us the trail of his footprints so that we can follow him to everlasting life.

Memorial Day in the United States honors and mourns the military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. This memorial has been honored since 1868.

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future events

July 7—SJ Parish Council

July 9—OLPH Parish Council

Oct 6—SJ Parish Council

Oct 8—OLPH Parish Council

Aug 1—Hysten-Morgan Wedding SJ

Aug 15—Confirmation and First

Eucharist at St Jude's

Jan 12 2021—SJ Parish Council

Jan 14 2021—OLPH Parish Council

In 1994 Hollywood released a popular film called "Forrest Gump," starring Tom Hanks in an Oscar-winning title role.

The film can be base at times, but has some interesting insights. At one point in the story, when Forrest is feeling rejected by the people he loves, he gets an urge to just start running. So he walks out the door, jogs across the yard, and doesn't stop. In fact, when he gets to the ocean and runs out of road, he just turns around and runs the other way. Throughout his run, he is videotaped on national news.

When asked why he's running - "World peace? Women's rights?" - he answers, "I'm just running." Unintentionally, he sparks a huge national following. The humorous and meaningful event that ends his journey takes place in the middle of a desert. Forrest stops, longhaired and long bearded, and turns around. The handful of sweaty joggers who have followed him shush each other. "Quiet, he's goanna say somethin'." "I'm kinda tired," he says, "I think I'll go home now." Forrest walks through the small and silent crowd, and one of them yells after him, "Well, what are we supposed to do?!"

All people are looking for the answers to life's deepest questions. But since our thirst for truth and happiness is infinite (because that's how God made us), no finite worldly thing can satisfy us.

The characters in the film mindlessly following Tom Hanks' Gump personified that thirst for meaning. The fact that their hero abandons them without any explanation illustrates the inability of the things of this world (money, fame, politics, pleasure) to provide that meaning; eventually, we get tired of them; they let us down.

Only Christ is infinite goodness, power, and wisdom. Only he is "the Way, Truth, and the Life" that we are searching for.

mass intentions

may 2020

- 23 DLPH +Millie Leddige by L/P Kuster
- 24 DLPH Mass for the people
- SJ +Sharon Bergerson by her family
- 26 DLPH +Frank & Irene Argenziano by F/S Argenziano
- 27 SJ +Decreased family members of Jim Weber
- 28 DLPH Morgan Moch by D/V Moch
- 29 SJ +Margaret Meagher by her husband
- 30 DLPH +Kate Adam by K/M Knutson
- 31 DLPH Mass for the people
- SJ +Arlene Storbakken -Memorial Mass

JUNE 2020

- 02 DLPH +Dorothy Rakoczy by Mary Adams
- 03 SJ +Donna Weber by her family
- 04 DLPH +Francis Fetter by F/S Argenziano
- 05 SJ +Avis Majkrzak by R/S Schumacher
- 06 SJ +Millie Leddige by Jim Weber
- 07 SJ Mass for the people
- DLPH +Millie Leddige by A/M Vonesh
- 09 DLPH + Francis Fetter
- 10 SJ +Margaret Meagher by her husband
- 11 DLPH + Arnie & Pat Krile by F/S Argenziano
- 12 SJ +Jim Griggs by his wife
- 13 DLPH +Millie Leddige by Walt Majkrzak
- 14 SJ Mass for the people
- DLPH +Carla Sletten by K/V Krogstad

aesop enlightens a judge

The amazing fact of the Ascension is that it lifts our gaze to heaven. Because Jesus is now in heaven, body and soul, we are assured that heaven is not just a nice idea, a myth, or wishful thinking. It is a real place where Jesus has gone ahead to prepare the way for us.

One of Aesop's Fables shows just how new this Christian revelation really was. Aesop was a Greek slave who lived before the time of Christ. He was renowned for his natural wisdom, which was recorded in his famous fables, or short stories with deep lessons.

One day he was ordered by his master to go to the public baths (in ancient times public baths were like country clubs) and get things ready. On his way, he was stopped by one of the official judges of the city. The judge asked him where he was going. Aesop, thinking that it was none of the judge's business, answered, "I don't know." The judge was offended by this reply, which he considered disrespectful, and marched him off to prison for punishment (disrespectful slaves could be punished without a trial). When they arrived at the prison, Aesop turned to his captor and said, "Judge, when I told you, 'I don't know where I am going,' I was speaking the truth. Little did I think that I was on my way to prison! You see, it is true indeed that we never really know just where we are going." Faced with this explanation, the judge had no choice but to let Aesop go free.

This ironic story illustrates the absolute uncertainty of pre-Christian humanity about what happens after death - they just didn't know. Neither science, nor philosophy, nor pagan religion could pull back the curtain on the afterlife. Only Jesus Christ has shined a light on this mystery, by his life, death, resurrection, and ascension.



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