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 May 24, 2020 - The Ascension of the Lord



Sunday May 24 2020
The Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11
 Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9
 Ephesians 1:17-23
 Matthew 28:16-20

Monday May 25
Memorial Day
 Acts 19:1-8
 Psalms 68:2-7
 John 16:29-33


Tuesday May 26
 Acts 20:17-27
 Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21
 John 17:1-11

Wednesday May 27
 Acts 20:28-38
 Psalms 68:29-30, 33-36
 John 17:11-19

Thursday May 28
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
 Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
 John 17:20-26


Friday May 29
 Acts 25:13-21
 Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
 John 21:15-19

Saturday May 30
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
 Psalms 11:4, 5, 7
 John 21:20-25




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Catholic Social Teaching Corner
May 23-24, Ascension of the Lord

On this Sunday, we hear the call given to all of us to "proclaim the Gospel to every creature." We are called and empowered by the grace of the sacraments to speak Good News and be Good News to others. If we do so we can drive out the demons of division, apathy, racism, despair and violence with our new language of love, commitment, community, hope and peace. Armed with God's justice and mercy we will give witness to human life and dignity, care for the poor and for creation, in solidarity with all across the globe so that the sickness of our fractured world can be healed. What Good News will you speak this week?

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession by Appointment



Second Collection - May 24th - Parish Black Bag

Mass Intentions

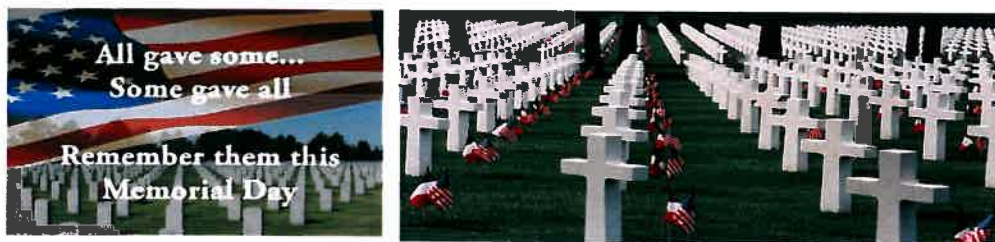
8:30am Sun May 24th + Harold Corbett (dec'd) by Dorothy Kohl
+ Antone Mikolajewski by Annie Mikolajewski

8:30am Sun May 31st + Albert & Josephine Michalewicz (dec'd)
+ Herbert & Helen Hoelscher (dec'd)

8:30am Sun June 7th + Joseph & Albert Michalewicz

Last Week: Stewardship - \$430.00, Black Bag - \$25.00, Building Fund - \$20.00

Second Collection - May 31st + Parish Building Fund



LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Lupe Morales, Violet Piper, Joan Duhr, Indalecio Benitez, Rosemary Clark, Roslyn Schneider, Nancy Connors, Rosemary Clark, Alma Lena Roessler, Pete and Susanna Moya, Eva Ann Greger (infant), Gracie Jane Weibel (infant), John Delgado. Six month inclusion. Please call the Office at 803-8888 for inclusion or removal from list.



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Weddings - Register by calling the church office at 254-803-8888 at least 1 year prior.

Religious Education / RCIA - Contact Colleen Lawson for more information at 254-584-2419.

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Cedarbrake retreats (subject to the pandemic)

Monthly Morning Meditation with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM

The Monthly Morning Meditation retreat will be on the third Thursday of each month starting June 18 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. The morning begins with a 9 a.m. Mass followed with a talk by Franciscan Father Albert Haase and a closing prayer experience. There will be time for private prayer and reflection and the day ends at 11:30 a.m. Subsequent morning retreats will be July 16 and Aug. 20. The cost for each is \$25 or \$60 for all three sessions. To register or for more information, call (254) 780-2436.

EIM workshops - EIM Workshops have been postponed during this time of COVID-19; however, the EIM Office has created a [Temporary Online EIM Training](#) to fulfill the compliance requirement for those who already have an EIM account and are due or past due to attend an EIM Workshop.

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Happy Birthday!

Sacred Heart May Birthdays: Rosemary Clark, Scott Connors, Joyce Entrop. Call the office for inclusion.



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Saturday 6 pm (English)
Sunday 10am (English)
Sunday 11:45am (Spanish)
Confession by Appointment



Second Collection - May 23rd & 24th - Parish Black Bag

Mass Intentions

6:00pm Sat May 23rd + Billy Roberts (dec'd) by Marie Macha
+ Marion Warhol (dec'd) by Vence Margoitta Family
+ Laurie Martinez (anniversary of death) by John & Ann Delgado

10:00am Sun May 24th + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by Joe & Brenda Penick
+ Samuel Macha (dec'd) by Marie Macha

11:30am Sun May 24th + For the Parish

6:00pm Sat May 30th + Betty Jo Margoitta (dec'd) by Vence Margoitta Family

10:00am Sun May 31st + Paul Mushinski (dec'd) by James & Joan Polansky

11:30am Sun May 31st + For the Parish

May Sanctuary Lights in Memory of Roy Schneider (dec'd)

Last Week: Parish Stewardship - \$1,326.00 DOA Catholic Relief Services - \$20.00

Parish Black Bag - \$5.00 Parish Building Fund - \$20.00

Second Collection - May 30th & 31st - Parish Building Fund

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Baptismal Instruction: Servando Gorostieta. Contact the office for preparation 3 months in advance. Pongase en contacto con la oficina para la preparacion de 3 meses de antelacion.
Weddings - Register by calling the office at least 1 year prior to the planned date.
Quinceanera Preparation – Call the office at least 1 year prior to the planned date.
Music Directors: Sue Yezak, Servando Gorostieta.
Shut Ins: Patricia Dingrando, Rosa Ramirez.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza.
Religious Education (CCE) Directors: Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza.
Marriage Recognition: 10 years and over (5 year increment) Contact the Office.
Altar Server Instructor: Rose Ann Espinoza
Prison Ministry: Deacon Jack Murphy, St. Monica, Cameron. Contact the office to volunteer.
Church/Housekeeping: Rosa Ramirez. Contact the office to volunteer.
Lawn Care: Edward Reyes. Contact the office to volunteer.
Lector & Cup Ministers: Contact the office to volunteer.
Usher & Collector Ministers: Contact the office to volunteer.



May Lectors

6pm - Dinah Schneider
10am - Regina Webber
11:30am - Felicitas Bentiez

May Ushers / Collectors

6pm - Need Volunteers
10am - Julian & Susie Tovar
11:30am - Need Volunteers

Eucharistic/Cup Ministers (No Eucharistic Cup during the Pandemic)

6pm / 10am - Jacinta Avila, Patricia Dingrando, Willie Mae Feldman, Guillermo & Rose Ann Espinoza, Jeanette Gistingier, Cynthia & Servando Gorostieta, Edward Reyes, Dinah Schneider, Susie Tovar
11:30am - Laurencia Cabrera, Zeniada Rivera, Maria Cubilla, Felicitas Benitez, Sandra Tellez

For Updates or Corrections, please contact the office at 254 803-8888

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Happy Birthday! St. Joseph May Birthdays: Mariela Beceria, Felicitas Benitez, Giselle Cubilla, Sandra Cubilla, Annette Dingrando, David Espinoza, Justin Hay, Faustino Juarez, Lupe Morales, Mariah Salas, Jacob Tusa, Gene Wilkey, Ashley Yezak, Nellie Yezak. Call the office for inclusion.

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Nunzie Dingrando, U.S. Airforce, World War II 1941-1945
Kie Wilganowski, Sargent of the Guard U.S. Army, World War II
Raymond Neumann, U.S. Army, World War II
Cornelius (Duck) Kasner, U.S. Army
Jesse O Gonzales, U.S. Airforce
Robert A Goelzer, U.S. Marine Corps, Korean War
Robert L Macha, U.S. Navy
Jesse J Gisting, Corporal U.S. Army, World War II

Thank You

We thank all the military men and women and their families who have served our country faithfully. May God bless you!



Memorial Weekend Celebration

***St. Joseph Catholic Church
Marlin, Texas***

Memorial Day – May 25, 2020



Diocese of Austin, Texas

Memorial Day Remembrance

[Mass proceeds as usual until after the homily. Then the ceremony for Remembrance and Promise takes place]

Remembrance and Promise

Pastor: *This weekend we gather to remember our fallen comrades who have served this country for countless generations and who gave their lives in sacrifice for us.*

Our response will be, "God bless them for their sacrifice to us"

For those times they left their families to face hostilities on our behalf, we say ...

For those times when they were caught and captured and gave us the courage to face our world, we say ...

For those times they faced hardships and did without so that we might continue to live in freedom in this country, we say...

For those times they were sent forth on humanitarian missions without complaint or bitterness, we say ...

For those times when they gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives sometimes in painful and horrendous ways, we say ...

Promise of the People: *All Stand and Make the Promise*

As often as we pledge allegiance to the flag and to the republic for which it stands, we promise that we will never take for granted the sacrifices which our fallen military men and women

have made for us. We promise never to disgrace the uniform that they have worn by caustic remarks or jokes or belittlement by our words and sentiments. We promise that we will honor their memory and hold them in esteem especially when visiting with peoples of foreign lands. We promise never to disgrace the flag which was the standard under which they marched and fought. We promise that we will honor those who came after them and take up the same cause among Veterans and those in Active and Inactive Duty now.

Blessing for Veterans, Active and Inactive Duty: *[The congregation stands while the Veterans and Inactive Duty military remain seated. Extend Right hand.]*

May the Lord bless you and give you peace in the midst of the many conflicts and moments of pain that you have experienced in the defense of our country. May he guide your footsteps in the way of justice and mercy. May he give you courage and strength and long life. May Almighty God bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Memorials

Donald L McLaughlin, Medic U.S. Navy, Korean War

Louis Corpora, Army Air Corp, World War II

Leon D Yezak, Sr., Infantry U.S. Army 1941-1945

Billy L Roberts, U.S. Navy, Korean War

Clarence Benke, U.S. Army, World War II

Joe Benke, U.S. Army, World War I

Paul S Mushinki, Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force, World War II

Anthony J Nowaski, Sargent, U.S. Army, World War II

Marion N Warhol, PFC U.S. Army, World War II

Fred L Warhol, Sr., Staff Sargent, U.S. Army, World War II

Marion W Nowaski, PFC U.S. Marines, World War II

Thomas Nowaski, PFC U.S. Army, World War II

Adam S Wichkoski, U.S. Army, World War II

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We have all had the experience of either not being seen for who we are or not seeing someone else for who he or she is. The more familiar we become the more we tend to take another out of context or someone takes us out of context. This was the case with one young man I had dealt with in counseling. I had dealt with his father in counseling over a few years since he didn't have the money for another professional, and he had some complicated issues. When his son came to him for help that was beyond him, he suggested that his son talk to me. Not only did I deal with him but also with a friend of his. Like most counseling the issues brought us together in a close relationship and even though he had seen me in a roman collar a couple of times he didn't make the connection, why he called me Father, which he shorted to "F.G." as did his friend. One time a family member of his had died, I forget who. I went to con-celebrate the funeral with the pastor since I had known his grandmother in my adult formation class, his dad and him in counseling as well. When he saw me, not only in a Roman collar, but also vesting in an alb and chasuble to concelebrate, he could hardly believe his eyes. We had a whole discussion on why he called me "Father" which got shortened to F.G. I reminded him that I had heard his confession before, he had seen me baptize one of his cousins, he had sat in on one or two of my classes where his grandmother was a student. He just didn't seem to make the connection. Such was probably he case with some of the disciples who had dealt with Jesus as friend, as teacher, as mentor. They had known him in a much more intimate context then the rest of the people. The miracles that impressed others had probably come to be expected

for the disciples, who would later perform those same miracles. But at the Ascension, when the full context of who Jesus was came into play as he lifted up before their eyes probably made them do a doubt-take or look at him in a new way. This can happen to us in our relationship with the Lord. We often may tend to ignore him if we have a "Jesus and me spirituality". We don't realize he is the second person of the Trinity. He is he Word through whom the Father created the universe. He is the person who was raised from the dead and raised others from the dead. He is the person who sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Our readings can help us deepen our spirituality with this Jesus.

In our first reading from Acts of the Apostles, we hear that Jesus prepares to leave the Apostles by instructing them, by appearing to them after his death, and by speaking to them of the reign of God. The great thing about this was that they did not have to grieve anymore like they had when he died. They got a second chance to see their friend, their teacher, and mentor. But then he told them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the fulfillment of his Father's promise. He tells them that they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. This power would make them witnesses to him in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and even to the ends of the earth. Talk about opening their eyes to a new reality. At that moment they were gong from a small band of closely-knit friends to a worldwide reality of proclaiming the reality of the Messiah. This story that they lived, in which they had become accustomed to teachings, to miracles, to even life after death experiences, suddenly thrust THEM into a new and powerful role. This experience of the disciples should be our experience as well. It is good to have a

personal relationship with the Lord, but we may have tendency to bring him down to a level in which he is the friend we complain to when we have a problem, like a girl friend or a guy friend. We may have romanticized him into a confidant but if we do that, we will also have the tendency to make our own baptism and confirmation less powerful than what it actually is.

In our second reading from Ephesians, we are given a blessing that connects Jesus with the reality of the Father. "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory..." then continues the blessing in which we receive a power. "May he enlighten our innermost vision" that is deeply spiritual knowledge that we may know the great hope, the wealth of his glorious heritage, to be distributed among the members of the church. The disciples knew Jesus' great power to work miracles, to feed the poor, even to raise the dead, but they never connected it with themselves. But through our baptism and our confirmation, this great power has become our power. We follow in Jesus' footsteps. When he is seated at the right hand of the Father, he is higher than every principality power, virtue, and dominion, all names for different ranks of angels. This is our destiny as well. We have free will to choose to be church, to be the body of Christ, to be the hope of the nations. This is when we not only uncover the identity of Jesus but our own identity as well.

Finally, in our gospel from Matthew, Jesus spells out this reality directly in concrete words, "Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and earth." Jesus is the Lord and, as Lord, he gives us a mission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Baptize them in the name of the Trinity, teach them to carry out what he has

commanded, and know that he will be with us until the end of time. When we acknowledge and do not box Jesus up in a spirituality that denies his true divinity, then we can open our eyes to our real destiny. It is a powerful destiny. It is a necessary mission. It is being threatened everyday in our culture, by liberals, by those who would allow false religions, false beliefs, hedonistic ideas to take over. But these things do not have the real power that we have.... if we believe. If we allow our baptism and confirmation to actually work within us. If we truly live as the Body of Christ. The Feast of the Ascension gives us a look not only at Jesus' true identity but of ours as well. Are we willing to accept it? Are we willing to live it? Are we ready to use this great power? This will save us and our world if we let it! I am...

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Gregory A. McLaughlin, Pastor

Fiesta de la Ascension

Todos hemos tenido la experiencia de no ser vistos por lo que somos o no ver a otra persona por lo que él o ella es. Cuanto más nos familiarizamos, más tendemos a sacar a otro de contexto o alguien nos saca de contexto. Este fue el caso de un joven con el que había tratado en consejería. Había tratado con su padre en el asesoramiento durante algunos años, ya que no tenía el dinero para otro profesional, y tenía algunos problemas complicados. Cuando su hijo acudió a él en busca de ayuda que estaba más allá de él, sugirió que su hijo hablara conmigo. No solo traté con él, sino también con un amigo suyo. Como la mayoría de los consejos, los problemas nos unieron en una relación cercana y, aunque me había visto en un collar romano un par de veces, no hizo la conexión, por qué me llamaba Padre, que acertó a "F.G." como lo hizo su amigo. Una vez que un miembro de su familia había muerto, me olvidé de quién. Fui a celebrar el funeral con el pastor ya que conocía a su abuela de mi clase de formación de adultos, a su padre y a él también en terapia. Cuando me vio, no solo con un collar romano, sino también con un abrigo y una casulla para concelebrar, apenas podía creer lo que veía. Tuvimos una discusión completa sobre por qué me llamaba "Padre", que se acertó a F.G. Le recordé que había escuchado su confesión antes, me había visto bautizar a uno de sus primos, se había sentado en una o dos de mis clases donde su abuela era estudiante. El simplemente no parecía hacer la conexión. Tal fue probablemente el caso con algunos de los discípulos que habían tratado con Jesús como amigo, maestro y mentor. Lo habían conocido en un contexto mucho más íntimo que el resto de la gente. Los milagros que impresionaron a otros probablemente se esperaban para los discípulos, quienes luego realizarían esos mismos milagros. Pero en la Ascensión, cuando el contexto

completo de quién era Jesús entró en juego cuando él se levantó ante sus ojos, probablemente los hizo dudar o mirarlo de una manera nueva. Esto nos puede pasar en nuestra relación con el Señor. A menudo podemos tender a ignorarlo si tenemos una "espiritualidad de Jesús y yo". No nos damos cuenta de que es la segunda persona de la Trinidad. Él es la Palabra a través de la cual el Padre creó el universo. Él es la persona que resucitó de la muerte y resucitó a otros de la muerte. Él es la persona que envió el Espíritu Santo a los discípulos. Nuestras lecturas pueden ayudarnos a profundizar nuestra espiritualidad con este Jesús.

En nuestra primera lectura de Hechos de los Apóstoles, escuchamos que Jesús se prepara para dejar a los Apóstoles instruyéndolos, presentándose ante ellos después de su muerte y hablándoles del reino de Dios. Lo mejor de esto fue que ya no tenían que llorar como lo hicieron cuando él murió. Tuvieron una segunda oportunidad de ver a su amigo, su maestro y su mentor. Pero luego les dijo que no dejaran Jerusalén sino que esperaran el cumplimiento de la promesa de su Padre. Él les dice que serán bautizados con el Espíritu Santo. Este poder los haría testigos de él en Jerusalén, en Judea y Samaria e incluso hasta los confines de la tierra. Hablemos acerca de abrir sus ojos a una nueva realidad. En ese momento, iban de una pequeña banda de amigos muy unidos a una realidad mundial de proclamar la realidad del Mesías. Esta historia que vivieron, en la que se habían acostumbrado a las enseñanzas, a los milagros, incluso a las experiencias de la vida después de la muerte, de repente los empujó a un papel nuevo y poderoso. Esta experiencia de los discípulos también debería ser nuestra experiencia. Es bueno tener una relación personal con el Señor, pero podemos tener la tendencia de llevarlo a un nivel en el que él es el amigo con el que nos quejamos cuando tenemos un problema, como una novia o un amigo. Es posible que lo hayamos idealizado

como un confidente, pero si lo hacemos, también tendremos la tendencia a hacer que nuestro propio bautismo y confirmación sean menos poderosos de lo que realmente es.

En nuestra segunda lectura de Efesios, recibimos una bendición que conecta a Jesús con la realidad del Padre. "Pido al Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de la gloria..." luego continúa la bendición en la que recibimos un poder. "les ilumine la mente", que es un conocimiento profundamente espiritual para que podamos conocer la gran esperanza, la riqueza de su gloriosa herencia, que se distribuirá entre los miembros de la iglesia. Los discípulos conocían el gran poder de Jesús para hacer milagros, alimentar a los pobres, incluso para resucitar a los muertos, pero nunca lo conectaron consigo mismos. Pero a través de nuestro bautismo y nuestra confirmación, este gran poder se ha convertido en nuestro poder. Seguimos los pasos de Jesús. Cuando está sentado a la diestra del Padre, es más alto que cualquier poder, virtud y dominio del principado, todos los nombres para diferentes rangos de ángeles. Este es nuestro destino también. Tenemos libre albedrío para elegir ser iglesia, ser el cuerpo de Cristo, ser la esperanza de las naciones. Esto es cuando no solo descubrimos la identidad de Jesús sino también nuestra propia identidad.

Finalmente, en nuestro evangelio de Mateo, Jesús explica esta realidad directamente en palabras concretas: "Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra". Jesús es el Señor y, como Señor, nos da una misión: "Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones". Bautícelos en nombre de la Trinidad, enséñeles a llevar a cabo lo que él ha mandado y sepa que estará con nosotros hasta el final de los tiempos. Cuando reconocemos y no encajonamos a Jesús en una espiritualidad que niega su verdadera divinidad, entonces podemos abrir los ojos a nuestro verdadero destino. Es un destino poderoso. Es una

misión necesaria. Está siendo amenazado todos los días en nuestra cultura, por los liberales, por aquellos que permitirían que las religiones falsas, las creencias falsas y las ideas hedonistas se hicieran cargo. Pero estas cosas no tienen el poder real que tenemos ... si creemos. Si permitimos que nuestro bautismo y confirmación trabajen realmente dentro de nosotros. Si realmente vivimos como el Cuerpo de Cristo. La Fiesta de la Ascensión nos da una mirada no solo a la verdadera identidad de Jesús sino también a la nuestra. ¿Estamos dispuestos a aceptarlo? ¿Estamos dispuestos a vivirlo? ¿Estamos listos para usar este gran poder? ¡Esto nos salvará a nosotros y a nuestro mundo si lo dejamos!

Fraternalmente en Cristo,

Fr. Gregory A. McLaughlin, Pastor