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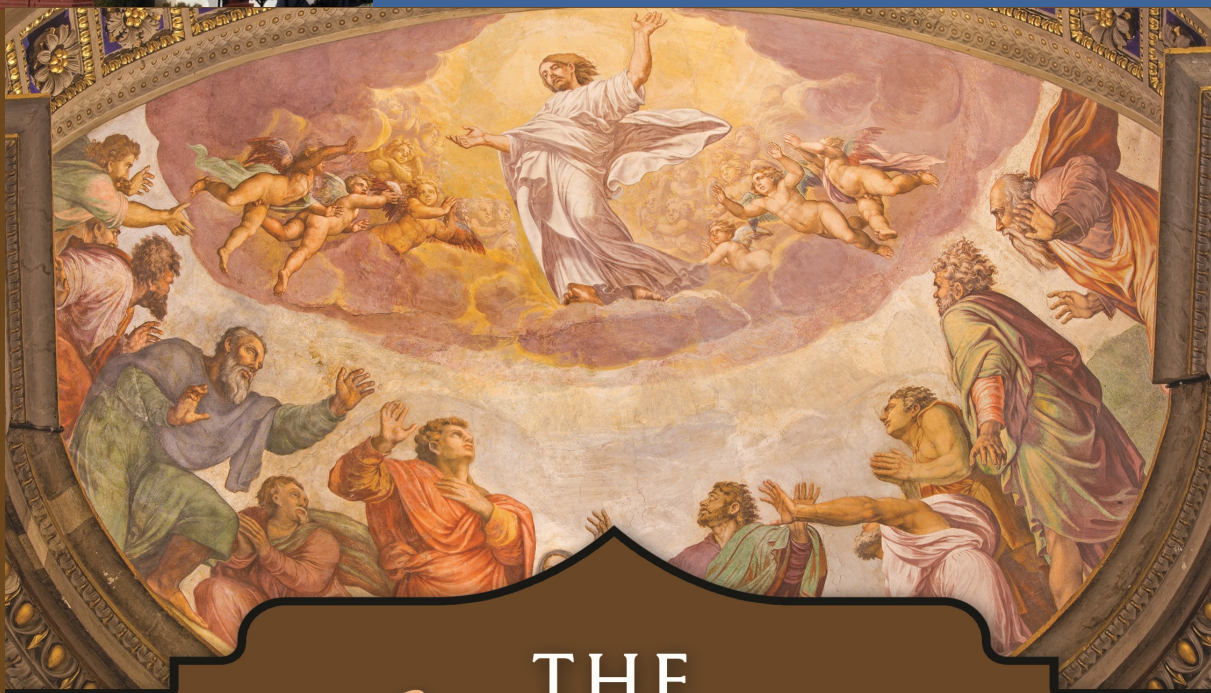
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THE *Ascension* OF THE LORD

MAY 13, 2018

Men of Galilee, why are you
standing there looking up at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way.

Acts 1:11

The Great Commission

This Sunday we are presented with a Gospel reading that should deeply challenge us. These are readings that remind us of who we really are—disciples of Jesus Christ. We are not only his friends, called to stay near to him, but we are also his missionaries, called to go out and to spread his Good News.

Not only are we sent out to share the Word, but Jesus says that we will even perform signs in his name. When we read words like this from Jesus, there's usually a small voice inside of us that says, "That was back then, but stuff like that doesn't happen now." But that voice is not from the Lord. In the scripture today, our Lord clearly calls us to have faith and says that those who believe in his name will be accompanied by miraculous signs.

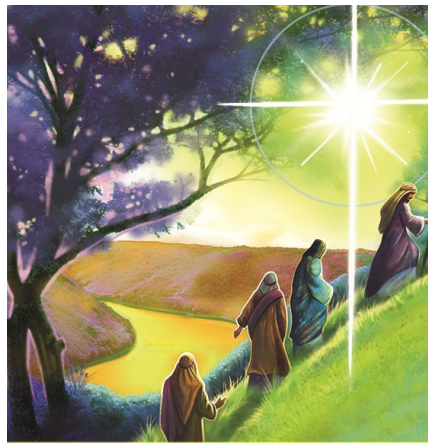
So we have to ask ourselves, what does it really mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Does our Church today look like the lives of the early Christians who healed the sick, raised the dead, and cast out demons? Do we really believe that even though Jesus Christ ascended, he is alive in us and can work with us to proclaim the gospel?

First Reading Reflection

Acts 1:1–11

In the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke continues the narrative begun in his gospel. The central

character remains the same, Christ, but now seen in his Mystical Body the Church. Fittingly the book commences with the seeming disappearance of Christ yet the assurance that he is still with them. The disciples are given their task—to preach and to baptize, that is to gain more members for the Mystical Body. Yet it is clear that the disciples do not fully understand their mission. Their question "Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" shows this. It seems they are still expecting a temporal restoration,



something like the great days of David and Solomon. Christ is unperturbed. He has the solution set out already: "Wait and pray." And he goes on, "It is not for you to know. . . . but you will receive power."

The kingdom is in fact being restored to Israel, the son of GOD, but it is through the communication of the Son's own life into the souls of his members. And as they take on his life, they participate in that restoration.

How encouraging that even

those who have been with Christ before and after his death and resurrection, benefiting from his personal instruction, need to simply wait and pray in order to fully comprehend their vocation. We are not far from them at all. As we seek to follow the LORD'S call to spread the Gospel, we should begin with patient and expectant prayer for his Spirit. It is Christ's mission, and he will bring it to pass if we trust him.

Second Reading Reflection

Ephesians 1:17–23

Saint Paul here shows us the Great Commission being carried out. With words of blessing he tells his readers and us of the great good GOD has planned for us, truly preaching the Good News. The knowledge of Christ for which he prays leads to a shower of incomprehensible blessings, a participation in God's own glory. His words show that the feast of the Ascension is truly a feast of hope, the hope to which every Christian is called.

The knowledge that Saint Paul speaks of is far more than an acknowledgment of a historical Christ, or even an intellectual comprehension of the doctrine. Both those are important, but this transforming knowledge is a divine thing, a gift of God. It is the knowing with which we are able to trust God as our Father and friend. This trustful knowledge, which we may also think of as faith, is truly the key to receiving

all of the blessings that God wants to give us. Relying on God's goodness and receiving his grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can hope for our own glorious transformation.

If this seems too good to be true, we can look to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the perfect example of what God wants to do for humankind. Her belief in God, her trusting surrender to his plan, leads her to the most perfect participation in Christ's life—first his sufferings and then his glory. Her Assumption is a lovely echo of Christ's Ascension. Her Coronation puts her at the right hand of the king (See Psalms 45:9). May this great feast day increase our joy in believing as we look forward to the glory that God has in store.

Gospel Reflection

Mark 16:15–20

Mark's account of the Ascension corroborates Christ's statement: "It is good for you that I go away" (John 16:7). In true Markian style there is immediacy: Christ goes, and the disciples go forth

and do what he has commanded. Notice that Pentecost is not even mentioned as a separate event. Yet it is clearly implied. The gospel begins with a command and promises. Recall how in the first reading Christ refers to the Holy Spirit as the "promise of my Father." And at the conclusion it stated that the LORD is still working with them and confirming them.

It is interesting to note in this gospel reading what the promises imply. Christ gives his followers a job and the power to do it. He does not promise an easy time. In fact, they endure serpents, poisoned drinks, sick people, etc. But they are given (and so are we) the assurance of the ability to handle whatever the job entails. A tough and hugely important job and the power to see it through.

One is reminded of Moses's commission described in the early chapters of Exodus. He is uncertain of his ability—it's a tall order to go to Pharaoh and take away all his slaves. And it's not like GOD is giving him an army; he's mostly

asking him to fight with his words.

Yet God gives him help as well, including miraculous power to handle serpents (see Exodus 4:3–4) and the assistance of Aaron his brother (see Exodus 3:10). For Christ's disciples the task is similar. Like Moses we are to go back to our brothers and set them free through proclamation of the Gospel, wresting them from the evil one. And for this task the power of the Holy Spirit is offered, and so is the companionship of Christ himself.

DIGGING DEEPER COME, HOLY SPIRIT

If we are desiring to answer the call to the Great Commission, a very simple way to begin to open our lives to Jesus to act through us more is to pray, "Come, Holy Spirit." This is a little prayer that can be said at any time and can become almost like breathing to us. It is a small way to begin to consciously invite the Holy Spirit into any and every moment of our lives and give God permission to act through us.

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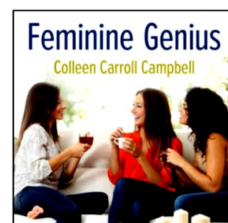
By Colleen Carroll Campbell

Celebrate Motherhood!

This Mother's Day, empower the mothers and women in your life with this refreshing Lighthouse Talk. We rarely hear the word "feminine" used in a positive light today, but Colleen Carroll Campbell offers an empowering Christian understanding of the nature and vocation of woman as she unpacks what Saint John Paul II termed "the feminine genius."

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Intentions

Saturday 5/12

8:30am Alan Sheng
5:00pm Jody Garcia †
7:00pm Sonia More & Justwant †

Sunday 5/13

6:45am Darita Montana †
Telesflora B Gorospe †
8:00am Maria Algarne †
9:30am Mary Ann O'Reilly †
11:00am Pat Werner †
12:30pm Jose Saul Montoya †
6:00pm Linda Shirley Lynch †

Monday 5/14

8:30am Jim Kane †

Tuesday 5/15

8:30am George Bing
Alan Winslow Family
Jim Kane †

Wednesday 5/16

8:30am The Tighe Family &
Baby Luke †
7:00pm Nosadidi Oserno, Garcia
and Caranza Families †

Thursday 5/17

8:30am Sonia More & Justwant †

Friday 5/18

Jody Garcia †

**To arrange a Mass intention, please
visit the Church Office.**

**The suggested donation of \$10 per
intention goes to the priest who
celebrates the Mass.**



PRAYER

Put yourself into the place of a disciple in today's gospel who is hearing these words from Jesus. Imagine that he is speaking them to you, and then you see him ascend into Heaven. What are the things that stir in your heart? Are you fearful, excited, anxious, despairing, joyful, etc.? Do you believe the words that he said? Do you trust that he will still be with you somehow?

Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase "the Lord worked with them" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is the Lord trying to assure you that he desires to work with you when he sends you out? Or perhaps reminding you that it was he working with you that accomplished things that you have already done in your life for his kingdom?

RESOLUTION

To live the Gospel we have to respond to the Great Commission from Jesus. This is the proposition he makes to every one of his disciples—follow me, go out to all the world and tell the Good News with me! This can seem terrifying, but in reality it is just more Good News. God not only wants to love us, he wants to love others through us. He wants to invite us to be intimately wrapped up in his plan for the salvation of souls.

Jesus presents us each with this Great Commission. What is your response?



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Congratulations to the Graduates of the Class of 2018

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Deacon Dave Has Employment Opportunities

Deacon Dave's Security Eye Patrol is now hiring for the Alameda County Fair & Pre-Fair: June 15th to July 8th.

Applicants must be at least 18 years. 20 days of fair shifts 6 to 8 hours. Days, swing and grave shifts available. These positions are perfect for recent high school grads, college students home for the summer, people who are retired or anyone wanting a part-time job. We are looking for Building Monitors, Gate Control, Fire Watch, Metal Detector Monitors, Greeters, Watchmen and Security Guards. We are also hiring for year around full-time and part-time and weekend for special events. Apply at : Security Eye Patrol, Inc. 2282 Fourth St., Livermore, Monday-Friday, 10 am to 4 pm or email sepjobs@icloud.com

Volunteer Opportunity: Costco Runner

St Vincent de Paul Society is in need of a volunteer to pick up at the Livermore Costco on Sunday morning every other week. Most weeks the volume of food will fit in a passenger car, but several times a year the quantities can be larger so a pickup truck with cover or a minivan would be preferred. We could also use volunteers to serve as substitutes for other days to cover for our regulars when they are unable to make their pickups. This could be an excellent family activity!

If you are interested in helping out or would like more information please contact Paul Kuzmenko (kuzmenko@att.net) or leave me a message at 925-447-3637. Thank you for helping us help others.



REASON TO GIVE #3

It takes a diocese to recruit, educate, and form seminarians.

We are all feeling the struggle of too few priests. Our job as parishioners is to pray for vocations and to encourage our young men to discern if God is calling them to the priesthood.

It's the job of the diocese to recruit, educate and form seminarians to be the priests of our future.

Your generous financial gifts help fund vocation and seminary programs in the Oakland Diocese.

So far, 78 parishioners have contributed \$23,000 toward our parish goal of \$77,500.00.

Percentage Reached: 29.78%

Donate online at www.oakdiocese.org and click on the Lighting the Way banner.

Collection Report

Thank you for your offerings! Because of your generosity, we are able to minister to our community.

May 6th Collection	\$21,406.81
Month-to-Date	\$21,406.81
Month Goal	\$87,058.82
Percentage Reached	25%
Faith Direct	
Maintenance (for Month)	\$5,985.08

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 14

St. Matthias

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Suggestion:

Listen to *Pope Benedict XVI: Holiness is Always in Season* on StMichael.FORMED.org. Pope Benedict XVI says, "Holiness never goes out of fashion..."

TUESDAY, MAY 15

St. Isidore the Farmer

Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Events:

Stroller Walk Playgroup at 10 am at Bothwell Park on 8th Street. Parish and school parents and kids invited!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Suggestion:

Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel! Send an email to commit to an hour once per week: Adoration @StMichaelLivermore.com

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Events:

Rosary in the Courtyard, led by our Knights of Columbus at 6:30 pm. The month of May is dedicated to Mary. Join the Knights every Thursday evening in May to pray the Rosary.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

St. John I

Readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Reminder:

All Fridays of the year are days of penance. The traditional practice is to abstain from eating meat. Another form of piety, charity or devotion may be used instead.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Events:

Blood Drive from 8 am to 2 pm in the hall. Make your appointment at **RedCrossBlood.org** Use code KofC4588

Monthly Grief Support Group at 10 am at St Charles. Contact Claire at clairelascola@gmail.com or 925-447-9800.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Events:

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Collection at all Masses.

Holy Ghost Festa after 11 am Mass in the Hall

The 27th Annual Livermore Wine Country Downtown Street Fest is next weekend. If you travel through the downtown area to church, allow a bit more time!

Holy Ghost

FESTA

Sunday, May 20
after 11 am Mass

Traditional Portuguese Pentecost Celebration
Procession, Food, Entertainment!

Golden Friends Prayer Luncheon

Fri, May 25 at 10 am in the Hall

Last month, Fr. Alfred gave an inspiring homily about making and executing plans with Jesus. Our St. Michael School T-K and 7th grade students sang several songs. Don't miss the May lunch!

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest

Sat, May 26 from 9am-3pm

Come help make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. Bring your sewing machine and equipment. If you can't make it, we have take home kits! Contact Suzanne at 925-352-8447.

Knights Grilling!

Sun May 27 & Mon May 28

Look for our Knights at the Wings of Freedom Bomber Tour at the Livermore Airport, May 27 and 28! They will be grilling mouthwatering food! Stop by and say hello.

Parish Office Closed

Mon, May 28

Parish and school offices will be closed on Monday in observation of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Mass & Ceremony

Mon, May 28 at 11 am
St Michael Cemetery

The community is invited to attend the annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

Beginning at 11:00 am, there will be a flag presentation, followed by the traditional laying of the wreath, playing of taps and a gun salute. A Celebration Mass will follow at 12:00 noon with the St. Michael choir in attendance.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information, please contact Frank at 925-455-9696.

Serve at Open Heart Kitchen

Wednesday, May 30

St. Michael's provides volunteers every 5th Wednesday at Open Heart Kitchen, Tri Valley's free hot meal service for those in need. There are two shifts: 9:30 am-11:45 am and 11:45 am-2:00 pm. To volunteer, contact Diane Schord 925-447-4344.

Exodus: Called to Freedom

New Bible Study begins May 31

In this study, we will learn that more than just seeking to free His people from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free His people from the far more sinister tyranny of sin, so they could live the authentic freedom that belongs to children of God.

Meets Thursdays, May 31-Aug 9 at 6:30 pm in the Convent. Register by emailing Ken Varallo at steamboatwillie1928@comcast.net



Bishop Robert Barron's
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Heroes of the Faith
Online Self-Paced Course
June 6-August 22

This multi-part film series illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

Sign up to receive a Flocknote email with a video from this amazing series and reflection questions every Wednesday, June 6 - August 22. But *don't feel pressured!* Watch the videos and respond to the questions whenever you like, at a time most convenient to you.

Register by emailing
Adult@StMichaelLivermore.com

Golden Friends Casino Trip

Tues, June 12

Come and play at Jackson Rancheria! We will depart St. Michael's at 8:45 am and return approximately 4:15 pm. The price is only \$25 per person and includes round trip bus fare, \$20 free play and driver's gratuity. To sign up, contact Wilma at 925-447-8198 or wilma.matuska@gmail.com

Polenta & Chicken Cacciatore Dinner

Sat, June 2 at 6 pm at
St Augustine

Enjoy fabulous prizes and authentic Italian food. All Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Scholarship Program and other Italian Catholic Federation Charities. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. Reservations by MAY 29th are required. Contact Christine 925-462-3704.

Looking for Photos Spanning 100 Years

As part of our Centennial celebration, we will have a photo gallery showcasing parish life from 1918-2018. Do you have family pictures of activities and events at St Michael's to include in the gallery?

Please check your albums and picture frames and call Barbara Mitchell at 925-455-0944.

St Michael School Trunk Sale

June 16, 8 am to 2 pm at the school
Sellers Registration Deadline: June 7

St. Michael School is hosting a Trunk Sale a.k.a. Flea Market on June 16th, 8 am to 2 pm.

Interested Sellers should visit smsliv.org/trunksale for details or the school office to register. \$10/stall to sell or FREE for SMS current families and registered alumni.

This is a fantastic way to clean out your closets and support St Michael School at the same time!



St Michael's Parish & School Stroller Walk Playgroup

Tuesdays at 10 am at Bothwell Park on 8th Street

Parish parents, put on your walking shoes, get the little ones in the stroller, the older ones on their scooters and meet us on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at Bothwell Park! Parents and kids of all ages are welcome.

This is a great way to meet other Catholic parents and get our kids together. Bothwell Park is just a leisurely 10-minute walk from St Michael's.

For more information contact: Families@StMichaelLivermore.com



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Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am
Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

Sat Vigil | Vigilia del Sábado
5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo
6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas
1st Sun, 11:00 am
Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

Vietnamese | Vietnamita
4th Sun, 3:30 pm
Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

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Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |
Sábado en la iglesia
9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English
6:15 pm en español

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,
at 2:30 pm in English

Anointing of the Sick |

Unción de los Enfermos

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
appointment: 925-447-1585 |
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during lunch)

Sun 8:30 am—12:30 pm

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