



# ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Celebrate the Sacraments, Grow Disciples, Bring Christ to People

## Special Shelter in Place Edition: Week 9



### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:18b-19

#### Mass Livestreamed

Monday—Saturday  
8:00 am in English  
12:30 pm in Spanish  
5:30 pm in English

Sunday Mass  
6:45 am in English  
9:30 am in English  
12:30 pm in Spanish  
5:00 pm in English

#### Drive Up Communion

Monday—Saturday  
8:45 am—9:30 am  
1:15 pm—2:00 pm  
6:15 pm—7:00 pm

Sunday  
7:45 am—8:45 am  
10:30 am—11:30 am  
1:30 pm—2:30 pm  
6:00 pm—7:00 pm

#### Drive Up Confession

Monday—Saturday  
11:00 am—12:00 pm (Bilingual)  
3:00 pm—4:00 pm (English)

# FROM BISHOP BARBER

## Fr Carl Appointed New Director of Vocations for Diocese of Oakland

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Oakland,

Three years ago, Father Wayne Campbell graciously accepted my invitation to become diocesan Director of Vocations. At great sacrifice, he left his flourishing parish, St. Monica's in Moraga, to come and work for the diocese. As he completes his term, we owe Father Wayne a great deal of thanks.

With more energy than men half his age, Fr. Wayne has promoted vocations to the priesthood and religious life throughout our diocese and responded promptly to assist young people seeking to discern God's will in their lives. With the care of a Good Shepherd, Fr. Wayne has also provided a guiding hand for our seminarians studying at five seminaries across the United States. Having himself spent time as a Christian Brother and OFM Franciscan, Fr. Wayne was in a unique position to help discern the call to religious life as well as the diocesan priesthood. I shall miss his close collaboration and loyalty to the diocese and the Church. Going forward, Father Wayne will be helping with Masses and confessions in various parishes and convents in the diocese, as no priest ever retires from the priesthood.

I am today appointing Father Carl Arcosa as the new Director of Vocations.

Fr. Carl, 43, is originally from Ilollo in the Philippines, and completed his seminary formation at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. He was ordained for the diocese of Oakland in 2007. He was previously pastor of Good Shepherd in Pittsburg, and since 2018, pastor of St. Michael's in Livermore - in which role he will remain. Since 2012 Fr. Carl has been chaplain to the Divine Mercy Apostolate in the diocese. Grounded in prayer, and with broad pastoral experience and vision, Fr. Arcosa has been at the forefront in implementing the Diocese's pastoral priorities in his parish. He will begin his duties as Director of Vocations on June 1, 2020. He will need your prayers and support. Vocations are a gift from God - but it is up to us to create the place and conditions where our young people can hear the Lord's voice.

With the assurance of my blessing and continued prayers for you and your loved ones, I am Yours sincerely in Christ,



The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ Bishop of Oakland



## COLLECTION REPORT

**May Goal**  
\$103,558.82

**May 17 Collection**  
\$14,282.50

**Percentage Reached**  
76%

**Maintenance May Goal**  
\$9,500.00

**May Maintenance Collection to Date**  
\$5,621.00

**Percentage Reached**  
59%

# NEWS

## ST MICHAEL'S MOTHERS GROUP MAKING MASKS

During the pandemic, our St. Michael Livermore Mothers Group (and kids!) have been sewing face masks for people in hospitals, care facilities and unsheltered people.

Their goal is to make 250 masks, and they've already made around 200. Recently, they delivered their hand-made masks to seniors who reside at Vineyard Village Apartments, Hillcrest Gardens Apartments, and Arbor Vista Apartments.

Way to go, moms & kids!



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

on Zoom every Wednesday at 6:30pm

The Legion of Mary group at St Michael in Livermore is hosting a live online prayer to our Lady, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm until we can meet again in person in the Adoration Chapel. All are invited to pray with us!

Join from any computer, iPad, smartphone or tablet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84771378669>  
Meeting ID: 847 7137 8669  
Password: 5gqms8

Please try to join 10 to 15 minutes early at least for the first week of your online Novena meeting just in case you may run into technology related issues.

Questions? Contact Marites Milan by email: [milanmarites@comcast.net](mailto:milanmarites@comcast.net)

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# Three Priorities in Phase 3

**START DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS**

## 1. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

We will need many more abled-bodied volunteers to help stock our shelves, clean the pantry and prepare for distribution. We would like to expand hours of service to Monday – Saturday.

## 2. LITURGY

### **Mass**

*In-person Mass will be by reservation and limited to a small number. All Masses will also be livestreamed with Drive Up Communion available. There will be no congregating before or after Mass, separate doors for entering and exiting and temperature check upon entering. Masks/face coverings will be required and there will be sanitization stations at the doors.*

Daily Mass, Monday – Saturday

6:45 am and 8:30 am in English and

7:00 pm on Wednesdays in Spanish

Sunday Mass

Saturday Anticipated

5:00 pm in English

7:00 pm in Spanish

Sunday at 6:45 am (English), 8:00 am (Latin Mass),

9:30 am (English), 11:00 am (English), 12:30 pm (Spanish),

3:00 pm (English), 4:30 pm (English), 6:00 pm (English), 7:30 pm (Spanish)

### **Drive Up Confession**

Monday- Friday at 7:15 am, Saturdays at 9:15 am and 3:45 pm in the Courtyard.

### **24-Hour Adoration and Exposition**

Limited number of people (perhaps 4-6 people) by reservation. Social distancing, face coverings and other county health provisions will be required.

**UNITED  
BEHIND  
THE  
MISSION!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 | 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### 3. PASTORAL CARE

We will focus on growing our Homebound Ministry and Grief Support Ministry. Since, many of our current ministry members are above 60 years old, we will need younger volunteers to be trained as ministers. Email [FrJohn@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:FrJohn@StMichaelLivermore.com) for more information.

#### ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS

##### *Non-Essential Ministries*

During Phase 3, all non-essential ministries will refrain from having in-person meetings and gatherings at St Michael's. If you wish to gather with your groups, please use social media resources such as Zoom or Webex. At your own risk and as determined by local officials, you might be able to gather in your own homes during Phase 3.

##### *Essential Ministries*

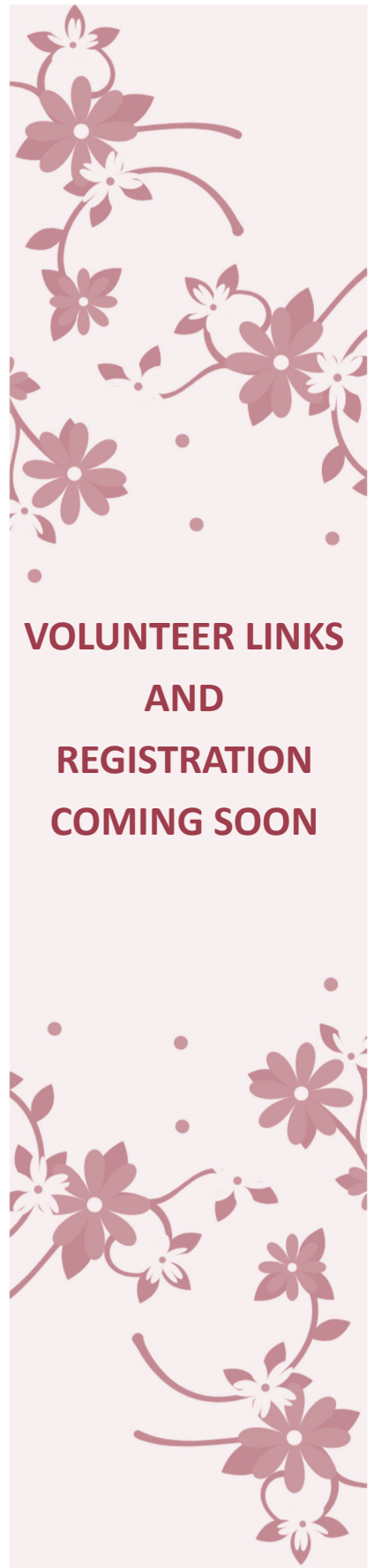
Essential ministries are those dedicated to Sacramental preparations and parish operations. First priority for facilities use will be given to ministries such as First Communion, Confirmation, Faith Formation, RCIA, St Michael School and Parish Council, Liturgy and St Vincent de Paul.

Let us focus on these three priorities of St Vincent de Paul, Liturgy and Pastoral Care. And please assure me of your 100% cooperation with the limitations and guidelines for the safety of each parishioner and for the spiritual nourishment of all.

May God bless us and thank you all for your generous support to our mission and our parish!

Your Pastor,

Fr. Carl



# EVENTS

## ZOOM ROSARY

Every day, May 10—31 at 7:00 pm

Join Glenda Dubsy and St Michael Marian Devotions Prayer Group at 7:00 pm for a virtual group rosary on Zoom.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88930891825>

## MEMORIAL DAY CEMETARY VISIT

Monday, May 25 from 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Although we cannot have our traditional Memorial Day ceremonies at our cemetery, all are invited to visit to pay respects between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Please practice social distancing. Wear a face covering if you are near others.

## OFFERING OF FLOWERS FOR MARY

May 31, all day

Drive up to the Courtyard to bring flowers to Mother Mary anytime on Sunday, May 31. Please stay in your car. Someone will be there to assist you.

## ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

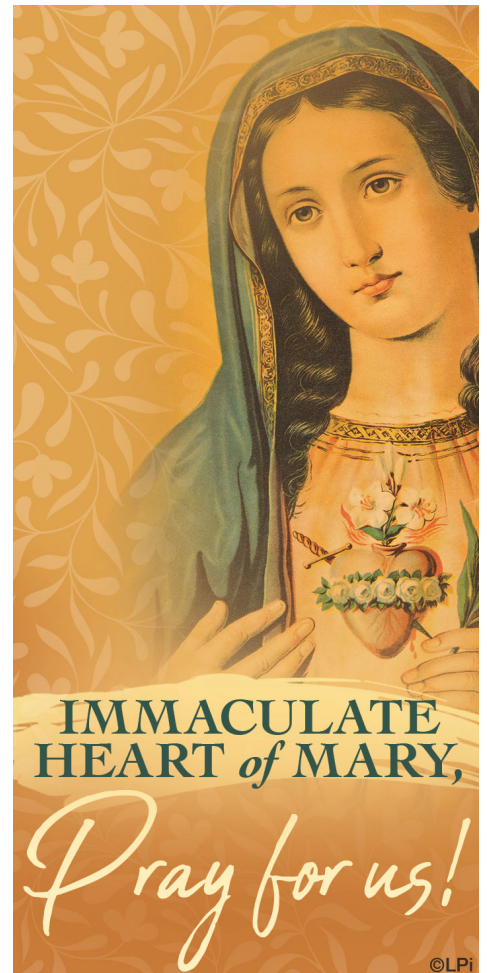
May 31, after the homily at all Livestream Masses

Pray the Mass remotely at [Facebook.com/StMichaelParishLivermore](https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelParishLivermore). Please see the Act of Consecration in your Friday Flocknote or at [StMichaelivermore.com/IMHConsecration](https://www.StMichaelivermore.com/IMHConsecration)

## CHURCH OPEN FOR ADORATION

Monday—Saturday from 3:00 pm—5:00 pm

We are limited to only ten people in the church at a time. Please pick up a numbered card as you enter. If there are no cards available, please wait until someone exits. Return the card when you leave. Wear a face covering and practice social distancing.



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

**SUN 5/24** **ASCENSION:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/  
Mt 28:16-20

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/  
Jn 17:1-11a

**MON 5/25** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

**TUE 5/26** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

**WED 5/27** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/  
Jn 17:11b-19

**THR 5/28** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/  
Jn 17:20-26

**FRI 5/29** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

**SAT 5/30** **Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/  
Jn 21:20-25

**SUN 5/31** **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-  
39. **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex  
19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/  
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24,  
35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. **Day:** Acts  
2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

## 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

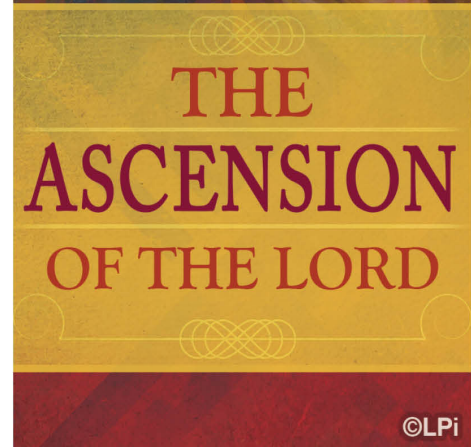
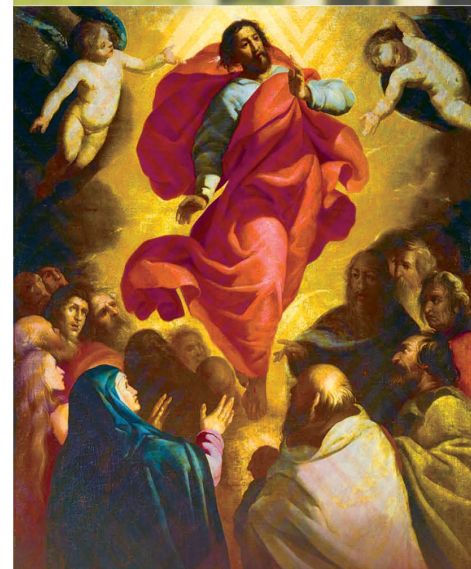
**Wednesday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

**Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

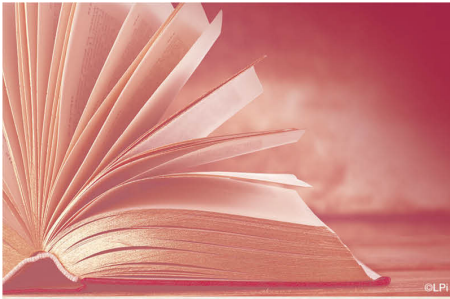
## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Being real people of faith comes with a price. Have you ever been seen as unpopular, out of sync or peculiar because of your faith? St. Peter tells us, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you." If being a Christian comes easy for us, then we ought to rethink how we approach our faith. Developing habits of prayer, living in accord with the Gospel, setting time aside each week for the practice of our faith, seeing our relationship with Christ as the center and focus of our families all come with sacrifice. We are going to look differently than other folks and we ought to. We are going to find ourselves doing less of the things we are "supposed to do" and more of the things we know we "ought to do or want to do." This often means resisting secular tides and putting our boats into different waters. If this is what helps us know the one true God, then so be it. It also brings us to eternal life.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## 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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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

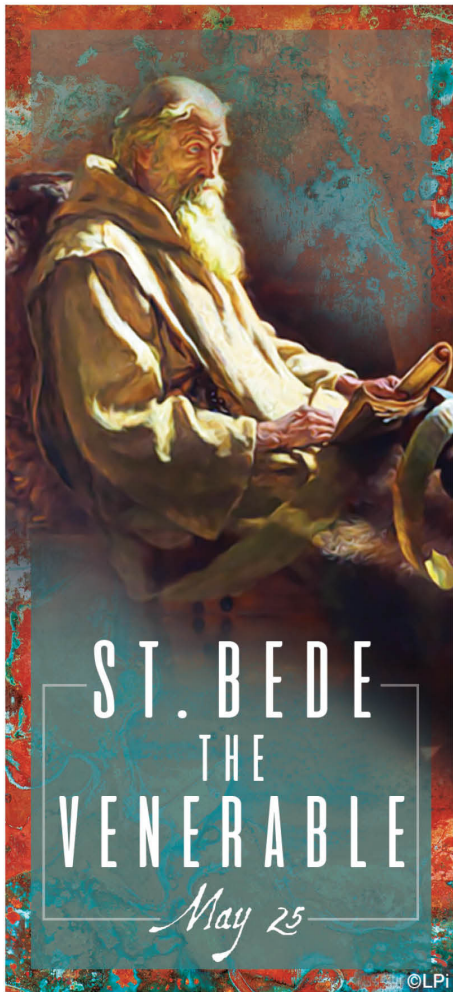
What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human 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.

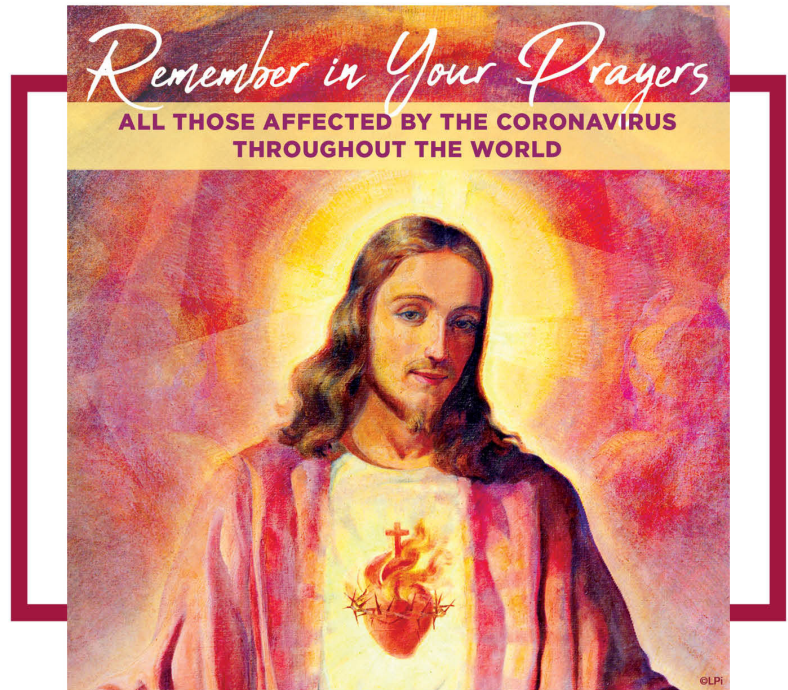
Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man 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.



# PRAY



Your name  
is written on  
the palm of  
His hand.



Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen

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“Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.”

— Jn 17:5-6

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### 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?



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 | 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### 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

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

#### *Why Kneel?*

#### Question:

Why do we kneel at Mass?

#### Answer:

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 of reverence and solemn prayer.

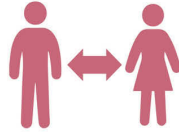
You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has 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.

# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*Jesus raised his eyes  
to heaven and said,  
“Father, the hour has  
come. Give glory to your  
son, so that your son  
may glorify you, just as  
you gave him authority  
over all people, so  
that your son may give  
eternal life to all you  
gave him. Now this is  
eternal life, that they  
should know you, the  
only true God, and the  
one whom you sent,  
Jesus Christ.”*

*- Jn 17:1-3*

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