



Thank you

For all of your prayers for my health, calls for offers of help and cards of encouragement, I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. You never fail to lift my spirits in the times of trial and suffering.

In Christ,
Darlene O'Rourke

A Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MAY 23
MONSIGNOR JAMES KEE
BIRTHDAY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MAY 24
8:30 AM
FOR PARISHIONERS
11:00 AM
JOHN & FRANCES FINCH
52ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

TUESDAY MAY 26
8:00AM
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY MAY 27
8:00AM
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THURSDAY MAY 28
8:00AM
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

FRIDAY MAY 29
8:00AM
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

In the beginning was the word...



Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy Committee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -AND- LADIES AUXILIARY #8740



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall

Tuesday at 6PM



DAUGHTERS OF MARY
WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY

2020 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection	
05/17/20	\$2,773.00
2020 Total Regular Collection \$77,604.79	
Parish Projects	
05/17/20	\$97.00
2020 Total Parish Project Collection \$5,873.00	



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

MAY 24 2020
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
YEAR A
CYCLE II



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:30AM & 11:00AM

LATIN MASS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 8:00AM

TUESDAY MASS 8:00AM

WEDNESDAY MASS 8:00AM

THURSDAY MASS 8:00AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:00AM

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FIRST SATURDAY MASS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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Bringing Home the Word

Ascension of the Lord (A)
May 24, 2020

Truth Revealed

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Pinturicchio's wall painting, *Ascension*, is found in the apartments of Pope Alexander VI Borgia and was painted around the same time as one of Columbus' voyages to America: 1492. When the Alexander died in 1503, these rooms were shut and not opened again until 1889. How could such artistic treasures have been locked up and forgotten for 400 years?

The same thing can happen with the feast of the Ascension. We don't always give it much thought. Its powerful beauty is locked away, collecting dust.

The great truth revealed today is that Jesus is in heaven, in bodily form, seated at the right hand of the Father and watching over us all. From there he intercedes for us; from there he sends us on mission.

What are we to do with this truth? Treat it like a myth or an ancient story? Just stare at the sky and wonder like the apostles? No, we are to get busy building God's kingdom. His kingdom will not happen automatically. He calls us to be his witnesses until the end of the earth. We cannot sit by and let our politics, our schools, our churches, and our arts evolve unguided by the gospel. We are called to roll up our sleeves and get involved. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). Remember the good administrator who was left some talents. His master went away only to eventually return asking for a rendering. Jesus has left only to return again. Until then, it's time to build his kingdom. +

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Sunday Readings

Acts 1:1-11

As they were looking on, [Jesus] was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

Ephesians 1:17-23

And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church.

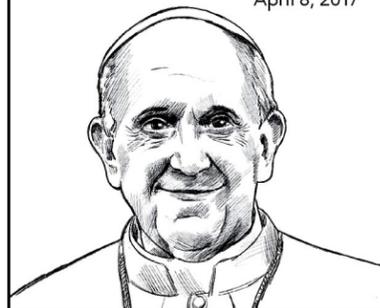
Matthew 28:16-20

[Jesus said,] "Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit."

A Word from Pope Francis

The Church holds out a mission, and I would like to entrust you with this mission. It is to go back and talk to your grandparents. Today more than ever we need this bridge, this dialogue, between grandparents and grandchildren, between the young and the elderly.

—World Youth Day prayer vigil, April 8, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do I accept the responsibility of actively building up God's kingdom?
- How can I showcase the truth of the ascension in my life?

Faith and Finances: Managing Debt

By Phil Lenahan

There's a link between our faith and how we handle money. Examining this link begins with considering what really matters. Money touches many aspects of life—family, work, and our faith. Are your financial goals determined by our culture, with its emphasis on *having*?



Or are they based on the principles of Scripture and the Catholic faith, which emphasize *being*?

I remember my dad sharing stories of the Great Depression. He spoke of families setting spending priorities—because if they didn't, there wouldn't be enough for basic needs. Now we're taught by our consumer culture to buy all we want, when we want, without concern for repayment. If we don't have money today...well, that's what credit cards and home-equity loans are for, right?

The Financial Drug

Debt has become a financial drug, creating dependencies for millions of Americans. There is no doubt that the misuse of debt played a major role in recent economic crises. Some statistics:

—Seven of ten of households with credit cards don't pay the full balance every month.

—The average household carries a credit card balance of \$8,000.

Productive, Unproductive Debt

It makes sense to borrow when debt is used prudently to buy assets that increase in value. That's *productive* debt. For debt to be used productively, there must be guards to limit excessive borrowing. Borrowers must have a financial cushion to manage debt during crises.

Some types of debts are *unproductive*. Unproductive debt is used to purchase depreciating assets, those that decline in value. The most common example is credit card purchases that aren't paid off each month. Americans would do well to eliminate their unproductive debt and develop a more cautious attitude even when using productive debt.

Eliminating Unproductive Debt

Straightforward steps can be taken to eliminate unproductive debt rapidly.

Once you've committed to becoming free of debt, your first step is to prepare a financial plan. Jesus says, "Which of you

—About eight of every ten undergraduates have credit cards, averaging \$2,200 in credit card debt.

Does Catholic teaching give insight into debt? People are often surprised to find that Scripture and other Church writings have much to say about finances. "The borrower is the slave of the lender" (Proverbs 22:7).

wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?" (Luke 14:28-29). Your plan should include a balance sheet, debt summary, an annual budget, and strategies for savings and paying down debt.

Accelerating Payments

Many with unproductive debt pay the minimum required balance. This strategy will keep you in debt forever. Instead, I recommend an aggressive approach that will eliminate unproductive debts in short order. This requires changing spending habits and perhaps temporarily taking a second job. But by increasing the amount of money allocated to debt repayment, you can be debt-free quickly.

Our financial priorities have ramifications for our families and faith. Becoming financially free is foremost a function of fulfilling our call as stewards of God's providence. We must grow to understand God's principles for managing money and apply them. +



Risen Lord, you share with us the mission of God. Help me to use my gifts and talents to do God's work.

—From *Hopeful Meditations for Every of Easter Through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 25-30

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, St. Philip Neri:
Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21:20-25

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OUR LADY OF
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CATHOLIC PARISH

Prayer List

Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers, Clement Boney, Boatie Campbell, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Teresa Dumas, Shelby Fletcher, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Gracie Galindo, Jose Galindo, Tony Golemon, Billy Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese, Joanne Orleans, Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Genna Pose, Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Tootie Spikes, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Sallie Washington, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Sharon Williams, Agnes Worley, Bobby Zarate.

Active Military

Dominic French *Army*, Jordan Guidry *Marines*, Austin M. Goodin *Marines*,
Fr. Paul A. Halladay *Army*,
Matthew Ladnier *Coast Guard* Kenneth L. McAlman *Army*,
Alex Mileshko *Army*, Corie Demetri Mitchell *Army*,
Kevin O'Rourke *Coast Guard*, Sam Schoolfield Jr. *Marine Reserves*,
Sam Schoolfield Sr. *Marines*, Jerrick Thompson *Army Reserves*

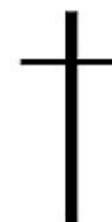
Entrance: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph His the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! King Eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heaven Your throne.
You, within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.



First Reading ACTS 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for "the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with
the Holy Spirit."
When they had gathered together they asked him,
"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom
to Israel?"
He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or
seasons that the Father has established by his own
authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes
upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the
earth."
When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was go-
ing, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood
beside them.
They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there
looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going
into heaven."

Responsorial Psalm PS 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his
call,

what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,

in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead

and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and
dominion,

and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,

the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Alleluia Matthew 28: 19a, 20b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"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,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the
age."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

The Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

Of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

The Only Begotten Son of God,

Born of the Father before all ages.

God from God,

Light from Light,

True God from True God,

Begotten, not made,

Consubstantial with the Father,

Through Him all things were made,

For us men and for our salvation

He came down from heaven,

And by the Holy Spirit

Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

And became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

He suffered death and was buried,

And rose again on the third day

In accordance with the scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated

At the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

To judge the living and the dead

And His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

The giver life, who proceeds from

The Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son

Is adored and glorified,

Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic

And apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism

For the forgiveness of sins

And I look forward to the resurrection

Of the dead

And the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Presentation Hymn: *We Walk by Faith*

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on You when You are near,
And seek where You are found.

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light,
We may behold You as You are,
In full and endless sight.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna inn the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
Until You come again.

Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen

Lamb of God

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
But only say the word
And my soul shall be healed.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: *Servant Song*

What do you want of me, Lord?
Where do you want me to serve You?
Where can I sing Your Praises?
I am your song.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.

I hear you call my name, Lord,
And I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self.
Sing Your songs in me.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.

Above , below, and all around me,
Before, behind, and all through me,
Your Spirit burns deep within me.
Fire my life with Your love.
Jesus, Jesus, be the warmth of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.

You are the light in my darkness.
You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded.
Come see for me
Jesus, Jesus, You are my light.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.

Sending Forth: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was
meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin in me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace
eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was
meant to be.
With God as our Father, family are we.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

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