



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord (B)

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Mk 16:15-20

Up in Heaven

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the

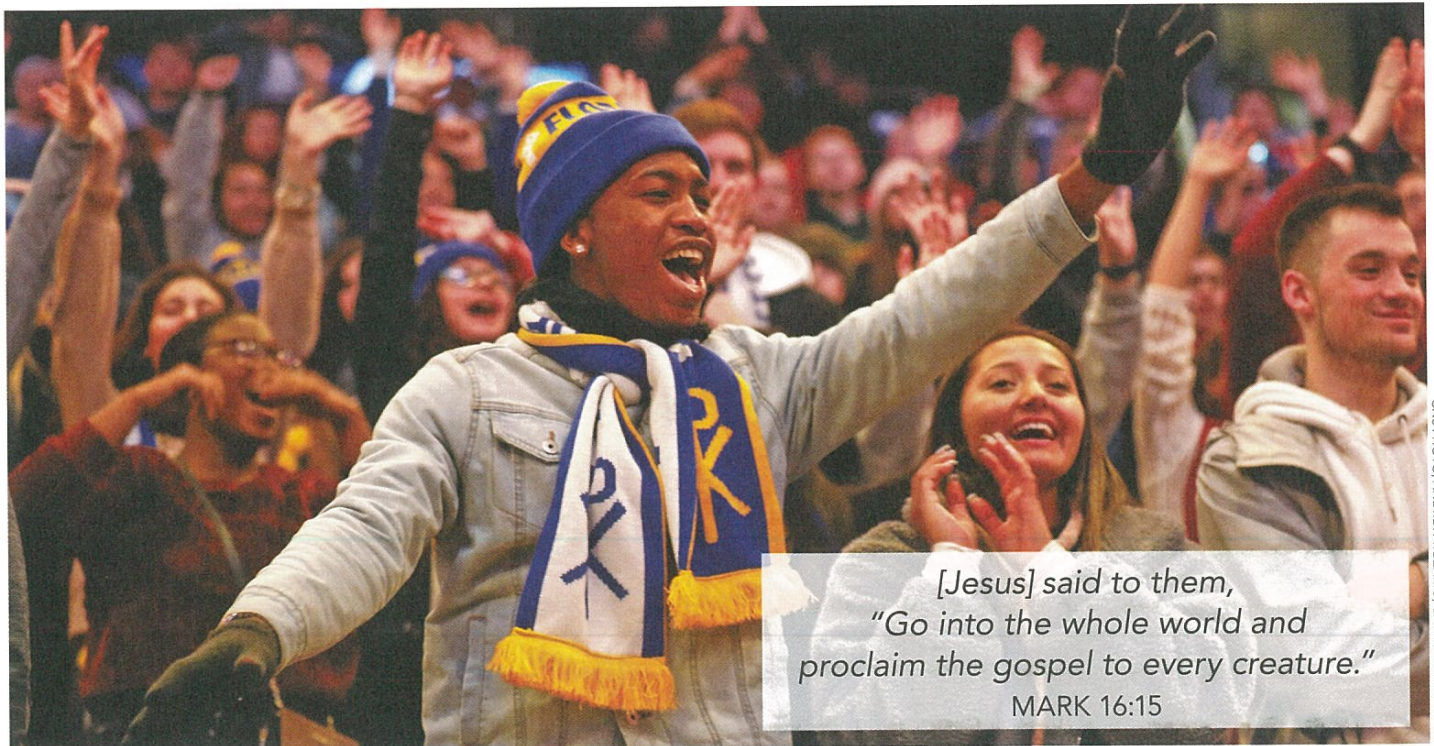
restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Thank God for people in your life who mirror God’s generosity, forgiveness, and kindness to you.
- ★ Think about ways you might mirror God’s goodness to others.



[Jesus] said to them,
“Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature.”

MARK 16:15

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Reconciliation/Confession:
Thursday 5:30-6pm

Baptism: by appointment

Marriage Prep: Notify the
priest six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick & Visits

Please call the office if you know of
someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Diocesan Website: www.cdlex.org

Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am

4:00pm Spanish

Wednesday 6pm

Thursday 6pm

Confession 5:30 on Thurs



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD **READINGS:**

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47: 2-9

Ephesians 4: 1-13

Mark 15: 16-20

MASS INTENTIONS

TODAY -10:30am..... Dan Kenney

Thursday, May 20.....Shirley Duzyk

May 23.....Harold Wilson

May 27.....Paul Breiner

MAY BIRTHDAYS: 17-Alexia
Cervantes, AnAjeli Mata-Reina,
Mercedita Oney, Daniel Pecina,
Dayanara Villeda, Sr. Liz Wehri
19- Joyce Enoch 21-Pat Romano
22-Angelica Miracle

MAY Wedding ANNIVERSARIES

17-J.R. & Leslie Butcher

22-Randy & Rita Beckham

23- Ismael & Maria Lopez

WORD OF LIFE – Intercessions for Life

For all Christians: That our example may give witness to the precious gift
of human life in this world and the
invitation to eternal life in the next;

We pray to the Lord:

"Everyone is in need of reassurance,
and if we, who have touched 'the
Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give
it, who will? How beautiful it is to
be Christians who offer consolation,
who bear the burdens of others and
who offer encouragement:
messengers of life in a time of
death!"

Pope Francis, [2020 Easter Vigil Homily](#)
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St. Agatha Academy students have recently **formed a Pro Life club,** which is part of the

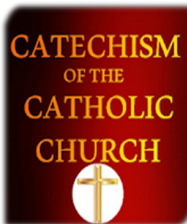
Students for Life Movement. They have decided
they want to do a "Mini March for Life" in Winchester
over the summer. They are inviting parishioners

at both St. Patrick & St. Joseph to help support this student
ministry by prayerfully considering a donation to help these
young students raise money for this
summer's March and other Pro Life
future activities. **There are envelopes**
in the pews if you were not here



**STUDENTS
FOR LIFE
OF AMERICA™**

last Sunday. You may remember that last year our Youth
Group Leaders & students from St. Patrick & St. Joseph at-
tended the *March for Life* in Washington D.C. in January of
2020. Thank you for helping to support this ministry of our
young Pro-Life Generation to abolish abortion.



Do you **KNOW** what the Church teaches & **WHY** she teaches it? How can we share it if we don't know it? **Join us after 10:30 Mass Sunday, May 16.**

Study of Mary—Please join us for the next session this Thurs 6:30-8pm led by Deacon Larry. **If you missed the first two, come anyway, as each session is**  **“stand-alone”.**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.



St. Agatha Academy is hiring after-care workers for their summer camp. The position is Monday through Friday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and the pay is \$10.50/hr. The camp lasts from May 31st to August 6th. Applicants must be 18 years old or older. Please email our principal Deacon Ron Allen at rallen@cdlex.org to request an interview. *“Anchored in Christ” since 1919”*

PRAYER REQUESTS:



PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Duzyk family, The Breiner family, The Lee Family, Katherine King, Ann Bonfield, Roseanne Ackermann, Doug Stamm, James Walker, Edna Fields, Jodi Ortiz, Lillie Harkness & Family, Paulett Hedge, Ernestine Jeffries, Linda Martin & Family, Janet Wilson, the Pecina Family: (Trina, Jose, Rita) Perry Joe Sr., & Perry Joe Jr. Norris, Erika Janeth Garcia, Blanca & Isabel Valdez,

Elizabeth Munoz, Maria de los Ajeles Pecina Rameres, Ampelio Silva, Estevan Gonzalez Salazar— All those in our parish who are unemployed. **Please pray daily: 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory Be for Fr. Frank & all those who are sick.**

Year of the Family— We have a beautiful and uplifting message today from Pope Francis about marital love:

"...conjugal love embraces the good of the whole person; it can enrich the sentiments of the spirit and their physical expression with a unique dignity and ennoble them as the special features and manifestation of the friendship proper to marriage. For this reason, a love lacking in either pleasure or passion is insufficient to symbolize the union of the human heart with God: All the mystics have affirmed that supernatural love and heavenly love find the symbols which they seek in marital love... And the reason is to be found precisely in its totality."

(Amoris Laetitia # 142)



SAINT FOR THE WEEK
— Blessed Alcuin of York

(735-804) Monk, Scholar

“Remember to care for the soul more than the body, since the former remains, the latter perishes.”

Feast Day Wednesday, May 19



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people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media.



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REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES
WITH A MASS INTENTION

MAY 2021 Pope Francis' Universal

Prayer Intention: **THE WORLD OF FINANCE**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

“In the darkness new springs sooner or produces



midst of something always to life and later fruit.”

— Pope Francis

Dear Padre,

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won't be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn't Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, "You must be born anew" (*Common English Bible*). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says,

"Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom."

We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it's not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words "personal savior." Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is "sealed" with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple's personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020



Calendar

Monday

MAY 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

MAY 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

MAY 23

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23

or Jn 15:26-27;

16:12-15

**Know Someone
Overly Anxious About Sin?**
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LAUDATO SI'

"Praise be to you, my Lord."

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord." These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis' encyclical letter [*Laudato Si'*](#) was released in June 2015. Five years later, in 2020, Pope Francis invited all Catholics and people of good will to celebrate its fifth anniversary by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home. Here are themes that Pope Francis highlighted in *Laudato Si'* which require our urgent response today.

- **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- **Care for God's Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- **Technological and economic development** must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.
- **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- **Hope and Joy.** "Injustice is not invincible" (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. **Become more aware of our connectedness.** Care for one another and creation includes understanding that “everything is connected” (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?
2. **Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference.** For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.
3. **Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace.** For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
4. **Support local efforts to solve environmental problems.** Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.
5. **Contact your members of Congress** to share Pope Francis’ message and urge action to address climate change.

Prayer

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak, and care for this world in
which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.

Excerpted from “A Christian prayer in union with creation,”
in *Laudato Si'*, no. 246

For More Information

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice (www.usccb.org/environment)
- Catholic Climate Covenant (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)
- WeAreSaltAndLight.org



Department of Justice, Peace
and Human Development

Jesus has gone back into Heaven!

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.



Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!

Answers to Psalm 47 Cross-Word:
Down: 1 high, 2 awesome, 4 to, 5 trumpet, 7 earth, 9 sing.
Across: 2 all, 3 great, 6 over, 8 most, 10 praise, 11 king.

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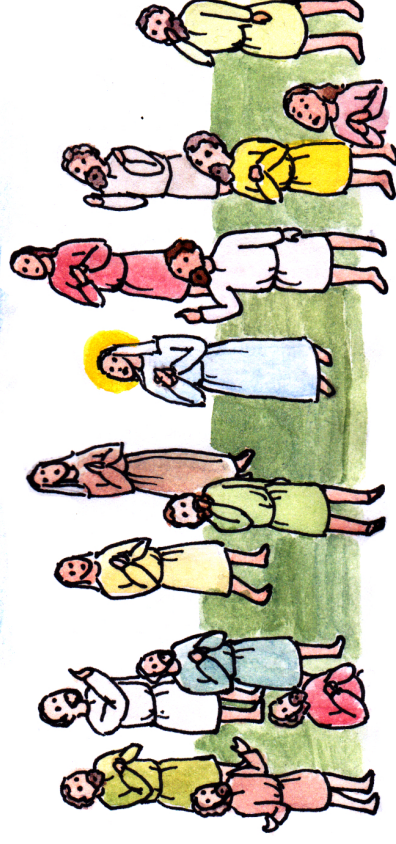
Feast of the Ascension
May 13th or Sunday May 16th, 2021

*Forty days after
Jesus rose from the
dead he went up a
hill with His
followers and
disappeared through
the clouds and went
up into Heaven.*



*Jesus had promised
to send a Comforter
to them after
He left them.*

*Can you find your
way through the
cloud maze?*

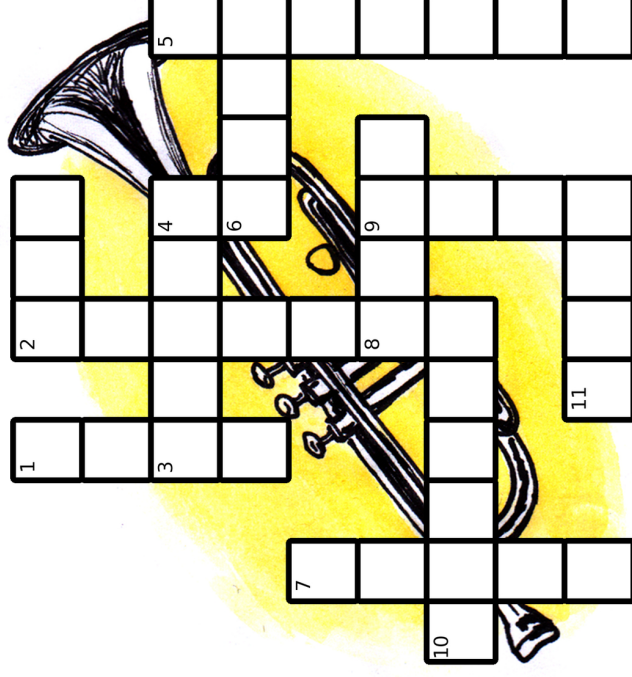


Saint Rita of Cascia

May 22



RITA WAS DEVOTED TO GOD- FIRST SHE BROUGHT HER HUSBAND AND SONS BACK TO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD, AND THEN SHE DEDICATED THE REST OF HER LIFE TO HIM IN THE CONVENT. RITA ASKED JESUS TO SHARE HIS SUFFERINGS WITH HER, SO HE GAVE HER A WOUND IN HER FOREHEAD FROM THE CROWN OF THORNS.



Unscramble the words in *CAPITAL* letters.

Then you can fit them into the puzzle.

(A means across and D means down.)

LAL (2A) you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the Lord, the SOMT (8A) HHGI (1D),

the EMOSAEW (2D),

is the TREAG (3A) king

VROE (6A) all the HTREA (7D).

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid UMTPRET (5D) blasts.

GISN (9D) praise OT (4D) God, sing praise;

Sing SIEARP (10A) to our INKG (11A), sing praise.