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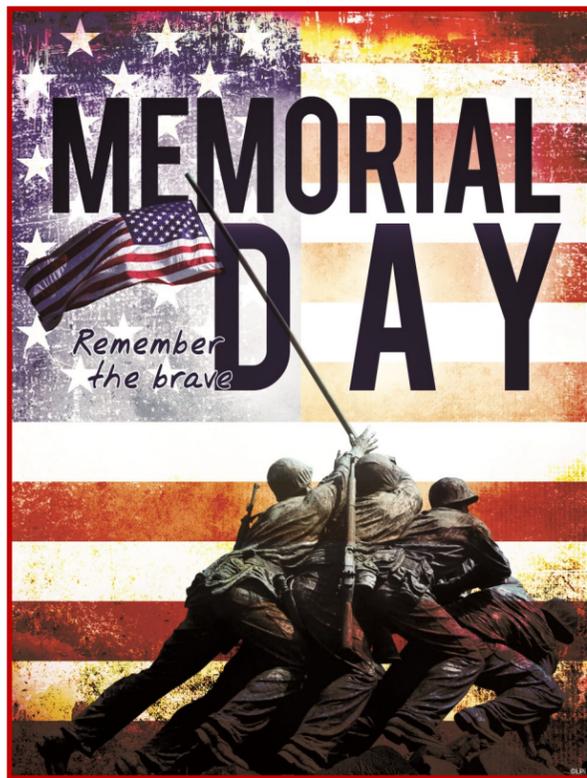
Everlasting Easter

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

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COMMUNION
 (drive-thru under the porch at the Family Center)

Saturday, May 23 from 4:30 to 4:45 and 6:30 to 6:45
Sunday, May 24 from 11:30 to 11:45



Blood Drive
May 31, 2020
 Family Center
 11:30am - 3:00pm

Donations are critical.
 Blood supplies are low due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

LIVE

Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday Mass
10:30 am

with Fr. Ron Foshage

YouTube channel: **OLOP.Woodville**

Search in YouTube for the channel

Click on our Lady's picture

You should see us there

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
 in the most Blessed Sacrament.
 I love You above all things and
 I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You have already come,
 and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Jarlene Goodwin, Darrell Lange, Bill Leathem, Jackie Skinner, Doris Saunders, John D. Benton, Tammy Barry; Caitlin Boyd & daughter Amelia, David Cavanaugh, Pat Chance; all healthcare workers, Nina Breaux, Randy Griffith, Norton Leger, Don Watt, Henry Rossi, Ted Koch, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Audrey Douzant, Shirley Anderson, Fr. Frank Rossi

Rest of the soul: Fr. Maurice Linehan; Bob Hammond, James Oney, Colleen Temple, Edward Davis, Danny Worthy

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

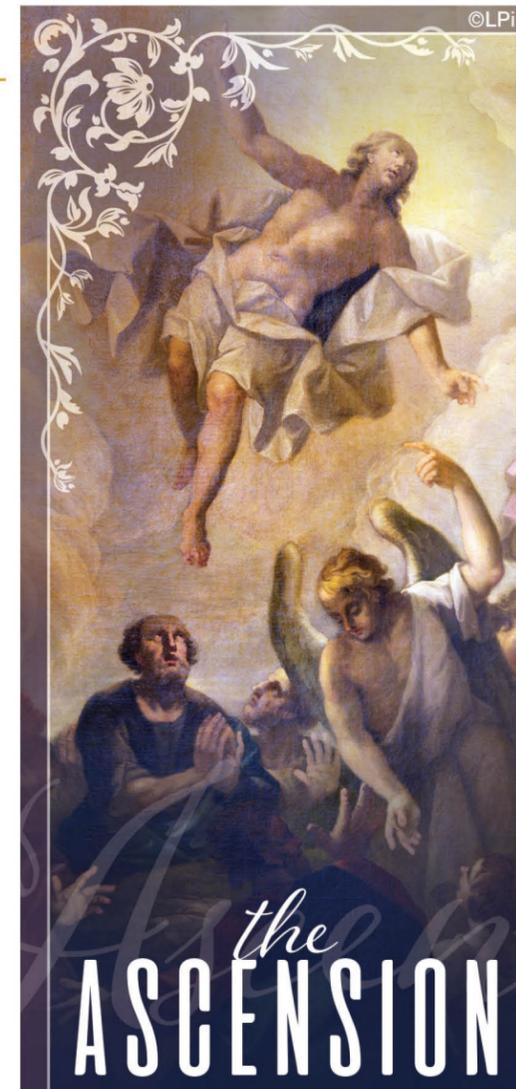
- SUN 5/24 ASCENSION:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
- MON 5/25** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- TUE 5/26** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
- 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

Today marks a special day in the Church as Christ establishes the Church's mission and purpose and calls his disciples, then and now, to the work of accomplishing that mission. And what ultimately is that mission and purpose? To bring all things together in Christ. All that ever was, is, or shall be and all times and seasons find their fulfillment in Christ. To be in Christ is the goal of all creation. All of this begins with baptism and the realization that Christ is present with us, risen and glorified, always. If we approach Christ's fullness with faith, then the eyes of our hearts can be enlightened, and we can begin to see the greater truth of who we are and what creation is meant to be. Christ is really and truly far above all things and the beginning and end of all things. Understanding ourselves in this way really changes up the meaning of life.



*"God waits for us.
 He doesn't get tired,
 He doesn't lose heart."*

-POPE FRANCIS