

MAY 24
2020



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there staring 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.

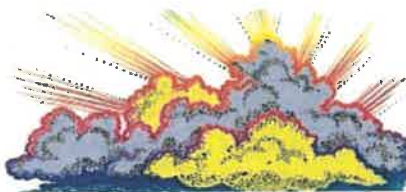
ACTS 1:11

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The key to unlocking the scriptures is in Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we pray, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened." People see and hear things but simply have a hard time believing they are true. In our first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts where his Gospel left off—the ascension of Jesus. For as long as Jesus spent preparing the disciples, they were still foggy about what was happening, and spent time staring

at the sky wondering where he went. In today's Gospel, the disciples still doubt Jesus to the very last minute. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks to the new Christian community, but could be preaching to each of us in the pews as he says, "I can explain it to you, but I can't make you believe. This is where faith comes in." May we all pray for the gift of enlightenment today!

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 24, 2020 – 9:00 am - LIVE STREAM – VIEW ON-LINE

Monday, May 25, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON LINE

Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 8:00 am VIEW ON-LINE

Friday, May 29, 2020 - 8:00 am - VIEW ON-LINE

Sunday, May 31, 2020 – 9:00 am – LIVE STREAM – VIEW ON-LINE



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Father Sebastian celebrates daily Mass, privately, at St. Rose at 8:00am. Mass is video taped and posted on our Facebook profile (St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center) immediately after; and also put on our website. All Mass intentions that were scheduled will be re-scheduled when the “shelter in place” mandate has been lifted.

We are preparing to re-open the parish according to the guidelines set forth by the Diocese of Joliet. We have assembled a team of volunteers to implement and carry out these guidelines for the safety of our parishioners.

E-mails will be sent during our progress as well as posted on our Facebook and Webpage platforms. Please stay tuned.

Thank you Fr. Sebastian

The only way Father Sebastian has to contact you, his parishioners, quickly is through e-mail. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address. You can just e-mail the office at stpatrickwilton@aol.com to add it.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly
Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, May 17.....\$370.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

During this time of crisis and uncertainty, St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for ongoing expenses. We encourage you to visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. For those of you have signed up for "On Line Giving" Thank you. Our parish website can be found at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org - to sign up for on-line giving follow the online giving link. Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,432.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 8,377.00
Balance Due	\$ 2,055.00
2020 Rebate	\$ 00.00

Thank you for your generous response.



With our shelter-in-place mandate still in effect you can make a Spiritual Communion whenever and wherever you'd like, using the prayer given below.

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 were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. (composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

You need to approach Him with sincerity, humility and a desire to follow in His footsteps in acts of faith and charity. And He's delighted when we do so! The Baltimore Catechism notes that a Spiritual Communion "is an act of devotion, and one very pleasing to God."



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
(Offer these prayers at 3:00pm if possible)

ON ROSARY BEADS, BEGIN:

Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed.

ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

IN CONCLUSION, PRAY THREE TIMES:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



**Our Two Week
Candle is
burning for a
Gordon Flint
Req. by
Margie Flint**

Father Sebastian exposes the Blessed Sacrament, after daily Mass at St. Rose, in the parking lot inside the glass doors from 8:30am until 9:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 3:00pm with parishioners in their cars, or pray this chaplet in your home.



Due to uncertainty over COVID-19 limitations on large group gatherings, The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Joliet is canceling all Memorial Day Masses in its jurisdiction, at all its Catholic Cemetery locations, for Memorial Day, Monday May 25, 2020 due to coronavirus concerns.

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-second Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.

(Should any changes be made to the Wedding Anniversary Mass Date and Schedule at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, updates will follow as soon as prudently possible).



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,
Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard,
Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ul-
man; ; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy
Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon;
Bob Johnson ; Fr. Steve Bondi; Steve
Niemiec;

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE
PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF MAY

- We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

We have a small group of volunteers willing to help get groceries, medications, etc. Or if you need financial assistance there are limited funds available. Please call the parish office and leave a message for Linda.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK May 24, 2020



Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps
68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn
16:29-33

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday: 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; Rom 8:22-27; Jn
7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps
104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor
12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day

Monday: St. Bede the Venerable;
St. Gregory VII; St. Mary
Magdalene de' Pazzi;
Memorial Day

Tuesday: St. Philip Neri

Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury;

Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: St. Paul VI



HERE IS THE GAME PLAN

When we hear an excerpt from a particular Gospel, it is easy to get the details and stories from all the Gospels all mixed up and combined into one. Theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this “making Gospel soup!” To understand today’s Gospel passage, we must realize that this is material particular to Matthew and in his telling it takes place right after the Resurrection. There has been no “doubting Thomas” or any of the other stories that we’ve heard since Easter.

How often have you made a plan at an event, saying, “If we get split up, just go back to the car and wait” or “Stay at the fountain in the mall—I’ll find you!” Earlier in Matthew, Jesus told the women at the tomb to tell the disciples, “If something happens, head back to Galilee” (28:10). This was the game plan and was both a geographic reference and a spiritual one. “Go back to what you know, what you remember.” They were confused and hurting, but did as Jesus said, returning to Galilee, specifically to the mountain where they had a powerful experience with him before. That would make it understandable that the disciples showed up but were a bit leery or doubting.

YOU’VE GOT THIS

Put yourself in the disciples’ shoes. This is May, the season of graduations, new jobs, new cars, marriages, and so many other transitions as young people strike out on their own. Jesus reminded the disciples, “I have the power, and I’ve been teaching you for three years. Now you have the power. Go. Make Disciples. Baptize in the name of the Trinity. Teach them what I taught you.” Surely the disciples were frightened, and Jesus must have felt both fear and pride. This was the moment that happens in every lifetime. It was time for these disciples, these students, his “children” to become the masters. And how did he reassure them? As parents and teachers and mentors have been doing for centuries. He smiled and reminded them, “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Or as we might say, “You’ve got this.”

Today’s Readings: Acts 1:1–11 Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23; Mt 28:16–20

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