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May 24, 2020

Ascension of the Lord

CALLED TO BE A MARTYR/WITNESS/SACRIFICE

Being a martyr/witness/sacrifice, to put your very life on the line for the Lord, is not a suggestion. At Jesus' ascension, it was a command. Jesus told the disciples and reminds us all, "I will be with you as you go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:28). In Greek, when Jesus was talking about going out and being a witness, he meant to go and be a martyr/witness/sacrifice, to put our very lives on the line in telling people about Jesus and doing what Jesus did. How exciting, but challenging. Amid the gravitational pull of sin, temptations of the Devil and this world's imperfections, we are called to be a martyr/witness. We are called to share Jesus' healing, comfort and graces by putting our life on the line, not necessary in grand ways, but in simple, everyday ways. We are to be hospitable to those around us, without necessarily having to be a missionary—to sing hymns at Church, without necessarily being in the choir—to share the word with our family, without having to be a preacher—to show empathy and guidance toward a coworker, without necessarily being a psychologist—to facilitate God's healing to someone hurting, without necessarily being a nurse—to say no to someone's bad attitude, without being self-righteous—to help young people grow in their faith, without necessarily being their parent—to do the most loving thing for someone, without necessarily being around them. Yes, when we profess, "Jesus ascended into Heaven," we are celebrating Jesus' rising body, heart, mind and soul. We are also celebrating and are challenged by the fact that Jesus honors us by calling us to go out to be martyrs/witnesses to share Himself with others.

*Christ's Blessings,
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

May 24, 2020

Weekly Offering 05/19/2020	\$ 4,204.00
On-Line Giving: 05/19/2020	\$ 3,877.50
SVdP	\$ 1,500.00
Video/Online Cost donation	\$ 100.00

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Historic Chapel Debt Balance: \$ 340,235.83

(Our goal is to collect a minimum of \$10,000 per month in order to fund our monthly payment.)

Generous Donations:

May 3, 2020 (includes On-Line Giving & Memorials)	\$ 835.00
May 10, 2020 (includes On-Line Giving & Memorials)	\$ 736.00
May 17, 2020 (includes On-Line Giving & Memorials)	\$ 1,625.00
May 24, 2020	\$
May 31, 2020	\$

Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to Do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

"Continuing the Mission" Capital Campaign

	5/13/20	5/20/20
Receipts this week (Pledge Payments + One-time Gifts):	\$ 4,822.06	\$ 3,359.78

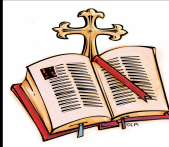
Total Pledges (Payments + Balances):	\$ 1,834,672.64	\$ 1,834,672.64
Pledge Payments (paid):	\$ 1,165,274.16	\$ 1,165,274.16
Pledge Balances (outstanding):	\$ 633,126.42	\$ 633,126.42

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Cumulative Receipts (since 1/1/17):	\$ 1,458,719.51	\$ 1,462,079.29
TOTAL RAISED (Pledge Balances + Cumulative Receipts):	\$ 2,091,845.93	\$ 2,092,445.93



Mass Intentions

Tuesday	5/26/2020		
Wednesday	5/27,2020		
Thursday	5/28/2020		
Friday	5/29/2020		
Sunday	5/31/2020	Mari Pat Curtis	Bunko (RIP)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

May 25- Monday

ACTS 19:1-8, JN 16:29-33

May 26-Tuesday

ACTS 20:17-27, JN 17:1-11A

May 27-Wednesday

ACTS 20:28-38, JN 17:11B-19

May 28-Thursday

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11, JN 17:20-26

May 29- Friday

ACTS 25:13B-21, JN 21:15-19

May 30- Saturday

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31, JN 21:20-25

May 31-Sunday

ACTS 2:1-11, PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13, JN 20:19-23



We are tentively looking at starting Mass back on June 6th. We will come back with several protective measures.

- ◆ Mask will be required, we have about 400 mask and will be sanitizing them after every mass.
- ◆ Hand sanitizing when entering the Church.
- ◆ 6 ft. social distancing
- ◆ 50 people per Mass we will sign up for Mass.
- ◆ Families may sit together.
- ◆ No gathering.

We will be posting more information as we figure this out together.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



THE WILD GOOSE

Father Dave Pivonka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

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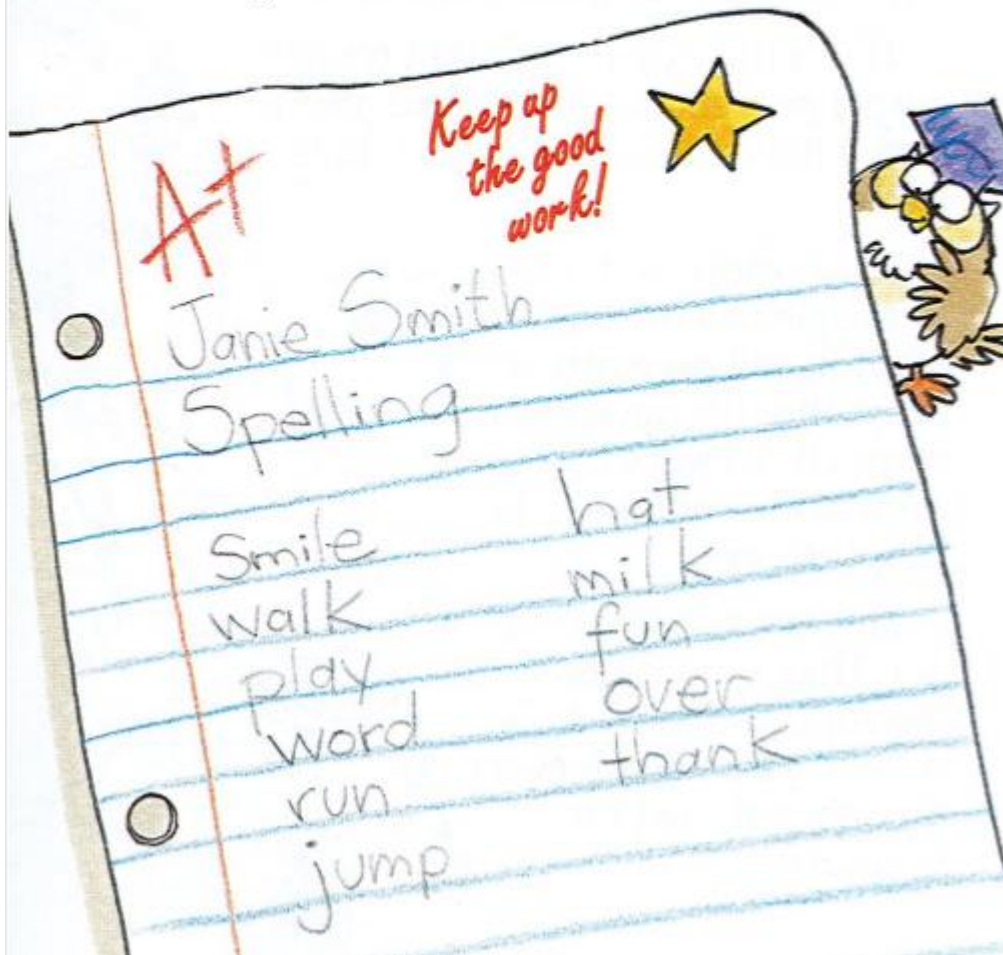
explaining GOD'S WORD

May 24, 2020

Ascension of the Lord (A) • Matthew 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) • John 17:1-11a

If you got a paper like this, what would your mother do with it? She would probably hang it somewhere so everyone could see it. Good work should always be saved.



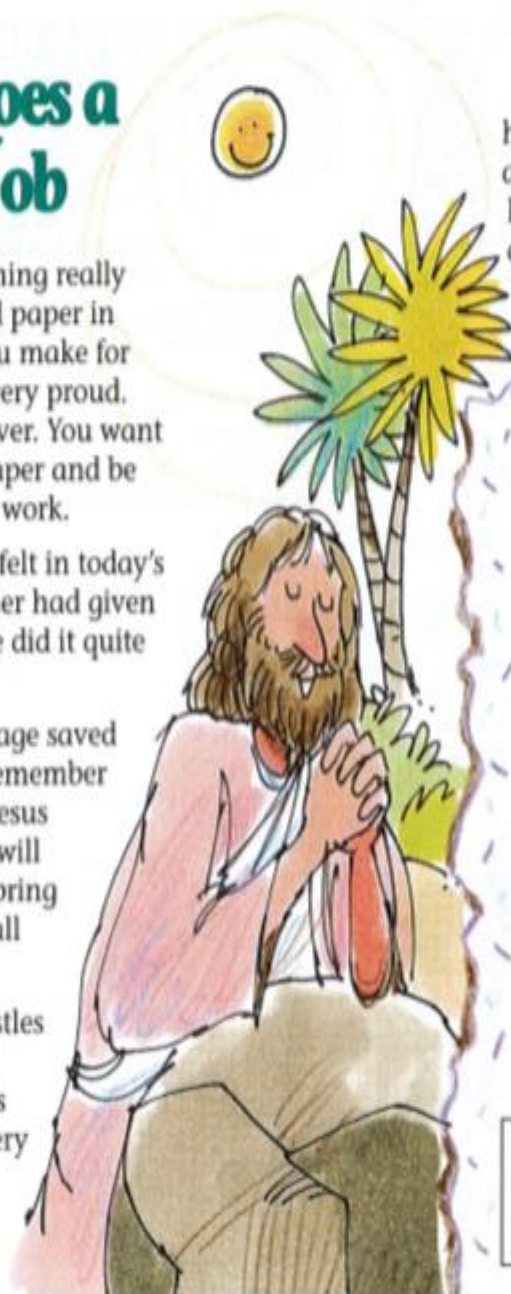
Jesus Does a Good Job

When you do something really great, like a super-good paper in school or a drawing you make for Grandma, you feel so very proud. You'd like it to last forever. You want everyone to see your paper and be reminded of your good work.

That's the way Jesus felt in today's gospel prayer. The Father had given him a job to do, and he did it quite well.

Jesus wants his message saved so people will always remember what he did on earth. Jesus prays that his apostles will carry on his work and bring his message of love to all people forever.

This is what the apostles did. They taught Jesus' message and relived his suffering and death every time they shared the Eucharist.



When you go to Mass today, when you hear Jesus' words repeated by the priest and reader, it's just like having Jesus' work hanging right before your eyes. And you are reminded once again of the Father's love for you and of the wonderful work Jesus did for all God's people on earth.

Carrying on JESUS' Work

Hidden in the magic square below are some things you can do to help Jesus' work go on. How many can you find?

A	B	E	S	H	A	R	E	L	Z
L	O	V	E	R	A	F	M	I	N
J	E	A	M	S	P	U	Y	T	B
U	T	R	I	P	P	K	L	Q	C
B	E	A	F	R	I	E	N	D	S
E	B	V	I	A	N	S	I	N	S
A	X	V	R	Y	E	Z	R	M	K
R	W	O	R	K	S	T	Y	C	U
H	E	L	P	O	T	H	E	R	S
S	M	I	L	E	E	S	X	Q	W

Word List

LOVE SHARE BE A FRIEND PRAY
WORK HELP OTHERS SMILE

Family Page



Concentrate this week on learning to understand how important it is to preserve memories of special times and good works. Here are some starter ideas.

1 Show the children some of the things you have saved over the years, items your family has passed down to keep alive the memory of important times in your lives (baptismal certificates, baby books, Bible with family history).

2 Talk about why these items were saved and how each in its own way carries on the pride and love of the past.

3 A trip to a local museum or historical monument can also illustrate this message by showing how talent, art, and valor all live on long after the artist or great person has gone.

4 Tie this all in by discussing how Jesus' message survives and continues growing — not just for the apostles of his day but for God's people always. Because of this, Christians all over the world can participate in the drama of Calvary — a work of love that will last for all time.



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