



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

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May 16, 2021 | Ascension of the Lord

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Ministers for next Sunday, May 23

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director
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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing

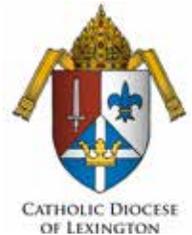
Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community.
Amen.

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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



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



Religious Education

Our last Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place today May 16 from 2 to 3 pm.

Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will meet today Sunday May 16 from 6pm to 7:30 pm.

Lectors

There will be a new schedule in June. If you would like to be a lector at Mass please let Lori know to add you to the schedule.

Adult Faith Formation

During the months of May - July adult faith formation will be taking a look at the Appalachian Pastoral Letters. Tuesday May 25 at 7 pm will be the first gathering. This event will be in person and virtual. Contact Lori to sign up for this event.

Meal & Ice Cream Social Service Project

Our new members of of Mother of Good Counsel will be making a simple meal and ice cream for those who need it. Join them at 4 pm at Mother of Good Counsel to prepare the meal and serve at 5:30 pm at the picnic shelter next to the courthouse.

Community Garden

Are you interested in helping in the community garden downtown? There is a group of community members forming to begin working on the communal beds in the peace park. Contact Anthony Ritchie for more information at glenn.ritchie@louisville.edu

Rosary in the Grotto

This Wednesday, weather permitting the parish will be praying a Rosary in the Grotto, as we honor Mary during the month of May. Bring your chairs and come pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm followed by Word & Communion Service.

Honoring our deceased Veterans

MGC is participating in a Hazard wide remembrance of our veterans who have died. Please let Lori know of any deceased parishioners who were veterans, so we are able to honor them on our signs.

Second Collection for Catholic Communications Campaign

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain in the Diocese of Lexington to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc

Cleaning at Mother of Good Counsel

Please sign up to help clean the church. Talk with Lori for available dates.

Laudato Si Week 2021 May 16 - 25

Laudato Si week is the crowning event of the special Laudato Si anniversary, a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. Laudato Si week will be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and prepare for the future with hope. The Laudato Si Commission of the Diocese of Lexington, KY has some resources to share.

One simple way of celebrating is to pray the prayer written by the Commission, that is on the back of the bulletin.

RESOURCES

Local:

One March 3, 2021, Pope Francis promulgated Pastoral Guidelines on Climate Displaced People. Read the document <https://bit.ly/3yhui6z> and Learn who the climate displaced are in our diocese.

For families:

Season of Creation Pilgrimage for Families

<https://bit.ly/3uTqOW1>

Laudato Si Week resources

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>

This url has links to webinars from the Vatican for each day, as well as other resources

How Faith Communities can help in Suicide Prevention

Studies show that persons experiencing mental health problems or emotional distress frequently turn to faith communities and their leaders for help. You and your faith community can help in many ways:

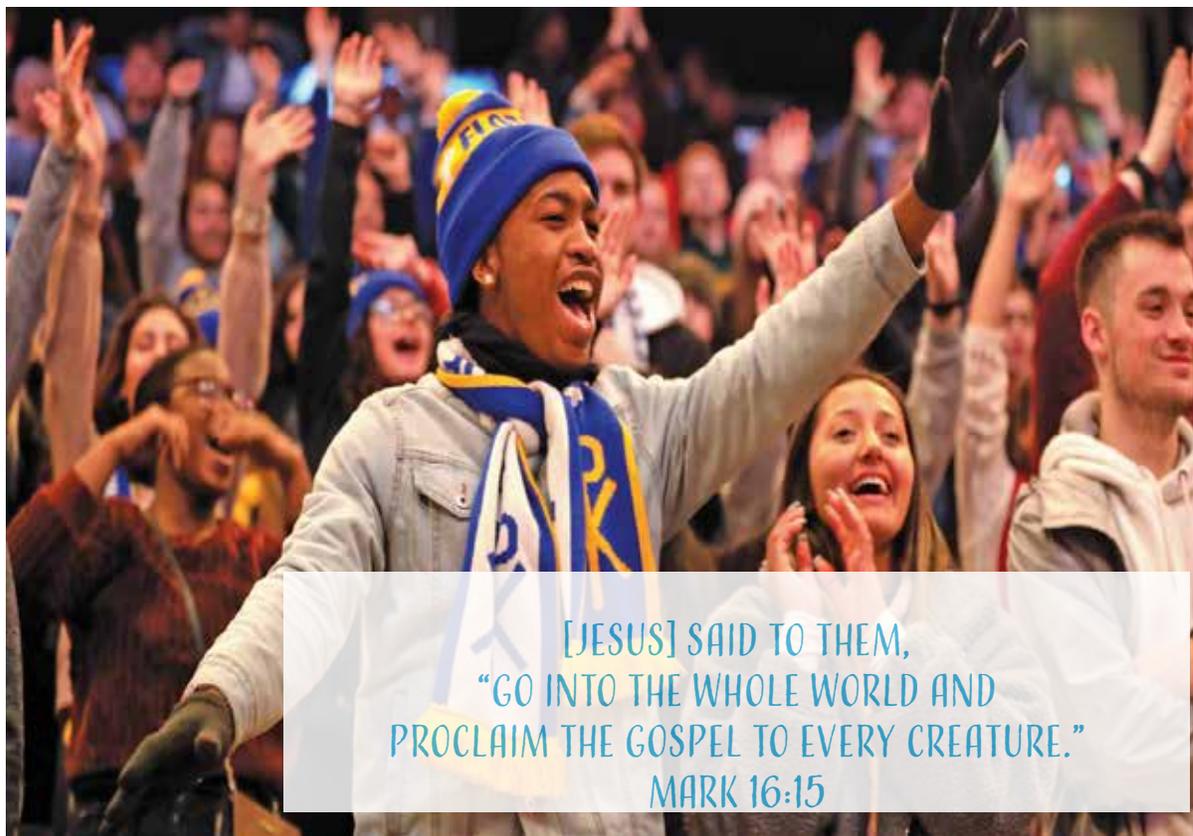
1. Know the facts. Suicide does not discriminate; it can touch people of all ages and classes; all racial, ethnic, and religious groups. However, suicide is also preventable and your faith community can play a role. There is hope and help.
2. Talk about mental illness. Help your faith members understand mental health problems as being real and treatable in the same way that physical health problems are. Speak and pray about mental illness just as you would about physical illnesses, such as cancer, heart disease, or diabetes.
3. Promote connectedness. Fellowship groups, choirs, service work, worship—all are ways people connect in faith communities. Such connections let people know they are not alone and that they are cared for.
4. "Narratives of hope." Faith communities share stories—from the Bible, the Koran, or other sacred texts—of how people have overcome adversity and experienced God's presence in times of struggle and hardship. They also share the stories of their own lives—their faith and courage—that can give hope and strength to others.

Resources for Help

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (24 hours): 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Pathways2Promise: Ministry and Mental Illness: pathways@mimh.edu

Source : <https://theactionalliance.org/faith-hope-life>



[JESUS] SAID TO THEM,
 “GO INTO THE WHOLE WORLD AND
 PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.”
 MARK 16:15

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.

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Readings for the Week

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



Dear Padre

May 16, 2021

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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Prayer for Creation

Laudato Si Commission

Creator God,
Thank you for the glorious gift of the earth, especially our own little piece of it! The entire material universe speaks of Your love, Your boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. Help us to share our intimate connection and Care of our Common Home through care of creeks and mountains, meadows and forests. Help us to share our relationships and knowledge so that all may partake of the gracious bounty that You have given us. Awaken our memories to those places where revisiting them is a chance to recover something of our true selves in You, our God. For we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good; especially those of us who have grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighborhood square. Going back to those places is a chance to recover something of our true selves. May we continue to cultivate this great love revealed into us in your creation and in those places in our memories. In your Holy name we pray! Amen



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Birthdays This Week:

5/16: John Manuabg
5/17 : Kanye Braman

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttter, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, and Renee Messer.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Our Weekly Offering

for 05/09/21

Loose: \$42

Envelopes : \$480

Monthly: \$120

Online : \$740

Total Weekly Offering: \$1360