

EASTER SEASON

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



“Be imbued with the hope that is so much a part of the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ’s victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world.

Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken His place with His Father, whom He loved infinitely. And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that He can come back again and take us to himself.”

+POPE JOHN PAUL II

Mother’s Day Blessings



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
	12:30pm
	5:00pm

Daily

Monday-Friday	6:30am
Monday-Saturday	8:15am
Wednesday	6:00pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.
Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30–3:30pm every Saturday;
Weekly Holy Hour with
Confessions from 6:30–7:30pm
every Wednesday.
Anytime upon request.
(Call for appointment.)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish office.

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NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at www.saintmichael-cd.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing srriya@stmichael-cd.org.



ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m., Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m., Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up. You can also visit the Church on Wednesdays for our weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each week.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 12, 2024

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11

4:00 p.m. For Our Parish Confirmandi
& Their Families

Sunday, May 12

8:30 a.m. + Joan Brown (The Brown Family)
10:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of our Parish
12:30 p.m. + Patricia Reynolds
5:00 p.m. + Vera T. Jaketic (Dennis P. Jaketic)

Monday, May 13

6:30 a.m. That the Message of Fatima
May be Adhered by All
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Sr. Maria Fatima, O.P.
(The Schmitt Family)

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 a.m. + Patrick Gordon
8:15 a.m. + David Simmons

Wednesday, May 15

6:30 a.m. +Cathy Miller (Claire Miller)
8:15 a.m. For the School
6:00 p.m. Special Intention of Jennifer Valley

Thursday, May 16

6:30 a.m. For the Needs of All Farmers
8:15 a.m. + Joseph & James Kellenbarger

Friday, May 17

6:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Evans & Perrini
Families (Karen & Lou Griffith)
8:15 a.m. +Tom Kalinoski (The Kalinoski Family)

Saturday, May 18

8:15 a.m. +Jeffrey Brader (Mary Stuller)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention of Sr. Maria Kolbe, O.P.
(The Lund Family)

Sunday, May 19

8:30 a.m. + Thomas Hackman (Suzanne & John Blute)
10:30 a.m. + Tony Petrarca (Jim & Cory Bracken)
12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of our Parish
5:00 p.m. For all of our Parish High School Graduates

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

MAY 5, 2024:

Envelopes \$ 14,014.00
Online Giving \$ 14,532.00
Total:..... \$ 28, 546.00



As of May 9th, we have raised 29% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider how you are called to help this year. You can donate online using the QR code or by using the envelopes which are available in Marian Hall.

The Appeal
Supporting Catholic Ministries
— 2024 —

GOAL: \$500,000

Total Raised as of May 9th:
\$146,530.00

MAKE YOUR GIFT NOW!



Attention High School Graduates!

Help us recognize our seniors graduating from High School. Parents or students graduating are invited to reach out and let us know so that we can recognize your accomplishment as you move to the next chapter of your life. Simply email us at rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with your name and what High School you are graduating from. Thank you and know of our prayers for you as you complete your time in High School.

PARISH CALENDAR MAY

SUNDAY, May 12	11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (UMR)	Thursday, May 16	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting (U)
Monday, May 13	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Meeting (LMR) 7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (LMR)	Friday, May 17	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Tuesday, May 14	11:30 a.m. Live Wires Spring Luncheon (MH) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)	Saturday, May 18	7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Wednesday, May 15	6:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	SUNDAY, May 19	11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (C)

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

FROM THE PASTOR

ON THIS ASCENSION SUNDAY, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, into heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of the Father. And this, folks, is where we turn our eyes to Jesus, in heaven. We celebrate the day Jesus returned home, to the place from which He came to earth to save us and redeem us. He returned differently than He left, taking our human nature with Him across the great threshold of death into life. But we also celebrate the fact that Jesus awaits us there – each and every one of us. The whole point of our human life journey is to prepare us for life with God, here in this world, and eternally with Him in the next. Prior to His Ascension, during the Last Supper, Jesus told His closest followers about this connection between His Ascension and our assumption. He said, “I am going to the Father... the one who sent me” (Jn 14:17, 16:5). But He also said, “You have faith in God, have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.” Heaven is the place where Christ has prepared for us so that we might rejoice with him forever. The mission that Jesus gives each of us as His disciples is simply this – to be zealous and faithful witnesses to Him, to His message, to proclaim “repentance and forgiveness of sins... to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem” (Lk 24:47), to “go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mk 16:15). As Jesus was ascending into heaven, He gives us a share in the mission which the Father gave Him – the salvation of the world. He basically has us look at the reality that there are many people on that wide road leading to eternal perdition and says to us, “What are you going to do about it?” Jesus gives us the mission to proclaim to them, by our words, by our deeds, by our love, by our service, the Good News – call everyone to repentance, to Baptism, to Jesus. This is the greatest mission we’ve ever received or will receive – a share in Jesus’ own mission of salvation and redemption through Him. He loved us enough and He trusted us so much that He placed His own mission into our very hands. On this Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we also pray for a renewed outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit – the gifts of the Spirit we received at our Confirmation – and those same gifts that our own young men and women receive this Saturday, when we **welcome Bishop Fernandes to Saint Michael**, as he celebrates the 4:00 p.m. Mass and administers the Sacrament of Confirmation. Of course, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit next Sunday in celebration of Pentecost, as referenced, per se, in today’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, and in doing so, we learn from the example of the first apostles. As soon as the Lord ascended, they went back to the Upper Room, surrounded themselves around Mary, and prayed for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Nine days later, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Those who previously were cowards and abandoned the Lord on the night He was betrayed now gave fearless witness to Him – such were the gifts and grace that the Holy Spirit gave at Pentecost, such are the gifts and graces we all receive through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Folks, on this Solemnity of the Ascension, we are reminded about the call to discipleship in Christ in today’s Gospel: “Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.’” Let’s all proudly and boldly proclaim the timeless truth of Jesus Christ, both in word and by the way we live our lives. Let’s live Christ-like lives day in and day out, so that we share in His mission, and follow Christ to eternity with Him in Heaven when our earthly journey comes to an end.

BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Ezra Adams + Matthew Ballard + Dallas Barnhart + Justin Birtcher + Joey Brader + Carter Canterbury
Carlos Carbajal Oserin + Will Chadwick + Luca DeAscentis + Carte DiSabato + Ella Donnelly + Harper Drenik
Eli Eagan + Grace Elliott + Mollie Graham + Gwynn Griffin + Cal Harmeyer + Chloe Hernandez + Ellie Junk
Amelia Keller + Ryan Kish + Kevin Kovach + Stella LaMorte + Grace Lones + Sebastian Lovely + Rachel Martin
Alyssa Marzola + Isabella Melfi + Jillian Moreno + Evan Mosely + Samantha Paben + Brayden Palmer
Jack Phillips + Ellie Pillivant + Cole Pistone + Alex Pivarnik + Leah Preston + Gabrielle Smullen + Aubrey Stiers
Sam Stofer + Mason Taylor + Claudia White + Robert Wickham + Gabby Witney + Isabella Wood + Joey Wozniak

A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FOR MOTHER’S DAY

Dear Mother Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace.
Dear Mother, thank you for your “Yes” to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God’s word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
Dearest Mother, please intercede for all our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own “Fiat.” May they find daily strength to say “Yes” to the call to sacrificial love – the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mother’s Day,
Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen.

MAJOR THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED THUS FAR TO “THE APPEAL!” As of this writing, \$146,530.00 has been donated, which is just shy of our Diocesan goal of \$148,861.00, and 29% of our \$500,000.00 enhanced Appeal goal, with this increased goal going to pay down our parish debts. Remember, every dollar given above and beyond the Diocesan goal is returned to our parish so that we can pay down our debts. I hope we can count on everyone to participate. God bless!

– Fr. Mike

Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

Ezra Adams
Matthew Ballard
Dallas Barnhart
Justin Birtcher
Joey Brader
Carter Canterbury
Carlos Carbajal Oserin
Will Chadwick
Luca DeAscentis
Carte DiSabato
Ella Donnelly
Harper Drenik
Eli Eagan
Grace Elliott
Mollie Graham

Gwynn Griffin
Cal Harmeyer
Chloe Hernandez
Ellie Junk
Amelia Keller
Ryan Kish
Kevin Kovach
Stella LaMorte
Grace Lones
Sebastian Lovely
Rachel Martin
Alyssa Marzola
Isabella Melfi
Jillian Moreno
Evan Mosely

Samantha Paben
Brayden Palmer
Jack Phillips
Ellie Pillivant
Cole Pistone
Alex Pivarnik
Leah Preston
Gabrielle Smullen
Aubrey Stiers
Sam Stofer
Mason Taylor
Claudia White
Robert Wickham
Gabby Witney
Isabella Wood
Joey Wozniak

*Join us in praying for them as they are strengthened
by the gifts of The Holy Spirit.*



**LIVE WIRES SPRING BANQUET
TUESDAY, MAY 14TH
11:30AM
MARIAN HALL
LUNCH IS PROVIDED!**

A headcount is needed for planning purposes,
please RSVP to the parish office at 614-885-7814
by 9:30am on May 13.
We hope to see you there!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society asks you to
SAVE THE DATES!



Fill the Pantry Food Drive

Bags will be available
in Marian Hall after all
Masses June 8-9 with
collection June 15 & 16



Fill the Truck!

The SVDP Truck will
be onsite again this
year to accept your
household items on
July 13 & 14

Mark your calendars & stay tuned for more details!!

NO WEDNESDAY MASS AND HOLY HOUR ON MAY 29

St. Michael will not have our usual 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday, May 29th as we celebrate our graduating 8th grade students at St. Michael School that evening. Please join us in praying for them as they complete their time at St. Michael School and head to High School!



EXPERIENCE PIETRA ...

Join us for *Pietra*: an exercise class that strengthens body, mind, and spirit! Upcoming classes include our regular *Women's* Saturday morning classes. Information and sign-up can be found at the QR code or by visiting www.viribuswellness.com/pietra.



CENTRAL OHIO PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. Join the Central Ohio Purgatorial Society in praying a chaplet and litany after the 6:30 a.m. Mass on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Michael Worthington, in the church. For more information, see <http://holysoulsolumbus.com/>.



MEMORIAL DAY

Join us in praying for our fallen heroes

MONDAY, 29 MAY 2023
DAILY MASSES AT 6:30AM & 8:15AM
WORTHINGTON MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE BEGINS AT 10AM

JOIN US FOR THE PARADE AND ENJOY
COMPLIMENTARY LEMONADE AND
HOT DOGS SPONSORED BY
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

+SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

**Monday, May 13 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter
107th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima**

Catholic Culture web page – Special Section on Our Lady of Fatima

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/feasts/fatima/fatimahome.cfm>

An excellent web page of information: The Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, in Fatima

<https://www.fatima.pt/en>

Send your prayer requests to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, in Fatima

<https://www.fatima.pt/en/pages/prayer-requests>

Watch Live Masses and Liturgies from the Chapel of the Apparitions, in Fatima

<https://www.fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions>

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:27-28 As Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Meditation: When an admirer wished to compliment Jesus by praising his mother, Jesus did not deny the truth of the blessing she pronounced. Her “beatitude” (which means “blessedness” or “happiness”) recalls Mary's canticle: All generations will call me blessed (Luke 1:48). Jesus adds to her words by pointing to the source of all true blessedness or happiness - union with God in heart, mind, and will. Mary humbly submitted herself to the miraculous plan of God for the incarnation of his only begotten Son - the Word of God made flesh in her womb, by declaring: I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:38). Mary heard the word spoken to her by the angel and she believed it.

Prayer: O God, who chose the Mother of your Son to be our Mother also, grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world, we may further more effectively each day the reign of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When Jesus says, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” Jesus is reminding us that divine teaching must reign supreme in guiding every aspect of our lives. As disciples of Christ we are called to be “doers of the word, not hearers only” (James 1:22). The teachings of Christ bring us to everlasting life as He is the way, the truth, and the life. If we hear the word but do not follow it – making a conscious choice to say no to God and to Jesus – we are choosing not to live a life in Christ now and, thus, jeopardizing our opportunity to spend eternal life with God and His Son, Jesus Christ, in Heaven. Do not be misled. Do not be misguided by those who claim to be “progressive” as they are progressing away from Jesus and His timeless truths, and progressing toward a way of life that separates us from God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Why would anyone ever think of doing that!

On this day we remember the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the children at Fatima – Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. On May 13, 1917, Mary chose to give her Rosary message to these three shepherd children in rural Fatima, Portugal. The Mother of Jesus’ purpose for these visits was to save souls from Hell and to warn us of the coming tragedies that would happen if we didn't repent and

change our ways. The children received many messages, mostly calling for personal conversion and prayer, as well as the words of five new prayers. The first prayer is one many Catholics are likely already familiar with, but the other four are not as well-known. Here are the five prayers given to the children at Fatima:

1) The Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen." Mary told the children that people should add this prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary.

2) The Pardon Prayer: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee." This prayer was given to the children by the angel that visited them in 1916, the year before Mary appeared to them.

3) The Angel's Prayer: "O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners." This is another prayer given to them by the angel. There was a Eucharistic host and chalice suspended in the air, and the angel led them in kneeling before it and praying this prayer.

4) The Eucharistic Prayer: "Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament." When Mary appeared to the children for the first time on May 13, 1917, she said, "You will have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort." According to Lucia, one of the children, a bright light shone all around them, and without thinking about it, they all started reciting this prayer.

5) The Sacrifice Prayer: "O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners [that I do this]." Mary gave the children this prayer, as well as the Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer, on June 13th, 1917. The prayer is meant to be recited when you are offering up suffering to God.

Tuesday, May 14 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17 Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Meditation: Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never out give God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

Prayer: O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles, grant us, through his intercession, that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us, we may merit to be numbered among the elect. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

The Blessed Virgin Mary

The Month of May

By Father George Rutler

*The month of May stirs feelings most in lands
where it follows dismal winters.*

In the northern damps Chaucer chanted: "And after winter folweth grene May." By understandable instinct, it is the month specially dedicated to our Lord's "Mother of Fair Love." This May 13 will have a special elegance of symmetry, marking the anniversary of the day three children in the remote village of Fatima north of Lisbon said they had seen the Virgin Mary.



That was a "private revelation" which, since it is not part of the essential deposit of faith, is not like a doctrine that Catholics must acknowledge as true. But what happened at Fatima on May 13, 1917 is one of twelve apparitions which the Church considers "worthy of belief."

Lucia Santos and her two young cousins claimed to have received heavenly messages and visions on the thirteenth of each month from May to October. Jacinta Marto died shortly after that at the age of nine, and her brother Francisco died at ten. This week Pope Francis will go to Fatima and declare both of them saints. The beatification process began a few years ago for Lucia, who died in 2005 at the age of 97.

The ways that some have tried to read their own ideas into the messages do not detract from the astonishing manner in which these untutored visionaries conveyed such powerful descriptions of things eternal, and even spoke of Russia and the Communist revolution, of which they had

no earthly knowledge. Most riveting was the promise the Lady gave of a "sign" which then happened exactly on the appointed day on October 13 when over 60,000 people, including many who had come to scoff, saw the sun appear to spin and seem to plummet near the ground.

In 1981 as a student in Rome, I saw the chaos on May 13 when Pope Saint John Paul II was shot. A year later, he went to Fatima and presented one of the bullets to the shrine, saying that he had come "because, on this exact date last year in St. Peter's Square in Rome, there was an attempt on the life of your Pope, which mysteriously coincided with the anniversary of the first vision at Fatima, that of 13 May 1917. The coincidence of these dates was so great that it seemed to be a special invitation for me to come here." It has been said that coincidences are God's way of remaining invisible.

In 2000, the future Pope Benedict XVI, having visited Sister Lucia, wrote: "The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word."

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Prayers for and Congregation First Communicants of



Congratulations to our
and their families!



I believe...

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He ascended into Heaven...

A Meditation on the Creed by Rich Maffeo

Creed Statement: *I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. **He ascended into Heaven...***

Terror smothered the disciples' joy like a thick, wet blanket when the soldiers captured Jesus in the Garden. They fled before they, too, could be let away with their Lord. Peter following at a safe distance, denied three times that he knew his best friend.

None of the disciples knew it at that time, but their emotional roller coaster was just beginning. When Pilate crucified the Lord, their hopes died - only to rekindle three days later to Mary Magdalene's, "He's risen! He's alive!" Their hope collapsed again when they found the tomb empty. When the Lord appeared in the upper room, hope soared once more - and then plummeted forty days later as they watched Him leave.

Do you know about emotional rides? As I've said before in these meditations, I know how it feels to scan heaven in vain for answers to prayer. I know what it's like, even in the midst of what should be a glorious celebration of the Mass, to fixate on my family losses, broken relationships, or financial reversals.

I'd do much better to focus instead on the miraculous event taking place before my eyes as bread and wine transform into His body and blood. I should drop to my knees in awe and in reverence as He appears before me. I should fix my eyes on Jesus, "the author and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2 NASB).

What must it have been like for the disciples to fix their eyes on Christ as He ascended, to see earth lose its hold on Him? What were they thinking? If I'd been there, I'd have wondered how I could go on.

When we recite, "He ascended into heaven," God gives us opportunity - especially during times of loneliness and sorrow - to go on. He beckons us to look with eyes of faith to the heavens, from where our help comes. The Holy Spirit trades our emotional derailment for His encouragement, our loss for His sufficiency, our defeat for His victory.

That's a critically important point, and we should take care not to miss it. Sorrow, overwhelming as they may be, last only for a time, but the shout of victory is ours come morning (Psalm 30:5). Just as earth's gravity could no more hold Christ than death could, sorrows hold us only to the extent we give them permission.

He is risen. He is ascended. He is sitting - now, at this moment - at the Father's right hand. Unless and until we look beyond the bottom of our ride, we won't recognize the personal significance of Christ's ascension to the Father. We'll settle for emotional derailment and defeat instead of the victory we have in the risen and ascended Savior. "Lift up your heads, O gate and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!" (Psalm 24:7 NASB).

Prayer: Hallelujah to the crucified One. Glory to the risen One. Adoration to the ascended One. Who is like You, Oh, Lord! Perfect in majesty, ever in unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit and ever present at our right hand. Amen.

Richard Maffeo is a convert to Catholicism from evangelical Protestant faith. He wrote forty meditations based on the Nicene Creed to stir a passion within the hearts of his fellow Catholics - a passion "for the faith that was once for all handed down to the holy ones" (Jude 1:3). His meditations are compiled in his book, "We Believe: Forty Meditations on the Nicene Creed." The book is available through bookstores and on-line. This article is made available courtesy of Holy Spirit Interactive.

Wednesday, May 15 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter
Saint Isidore the Farmer, Patron Saint of Farmers

Holy Gospel: John 17:11b-19 Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

Meditation: Jesus prayed that his disciples would be sanctified and consecrated in God's truth and holiness. The scriptural word for consecration comes from the same Hebrew word which means "holy" or "set apart for God." This word also means to be "equipped with the qualities of mind and heart and character for such a task or service." Just as Jesus was called by the Father to serve in holiness and truth, so we, too, are called and equipped for the task of serving God in the world as his ambassadors. God's truth frees us from ignorance and the deception of sin. It reveals to us God's goodness, love, and wisdom. And it gives us a thirst for God's holiness. The Holy Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, he transforms us by his purifying fire and changes us in the likeness of Christ. Is your life consecrated to God?

Prayer: Lord God, to whom belongs all creation, and who call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us, inspire us by the example of Saint Isidore to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of all people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Farmers: Heavenly Father, King of the Universe, you are the sole source of abundance. With your help I plant my crops and by your power they give forth a harvest. Grant me the grace always to work with all my strength and ingenuity in cultivating the soil so that it will bring forth fruits for my benefits and the benefit of all who will use them. Make me ever cognizant that without my part in the work of harnessing the goods of the earth, these particular goods would be lacking to my brothers and sisters in this world. Enable me at the same time to realize that without your part in this process I would be working in vain. Accept my thanks for your continuous help in the past and your never failing assistance in the future. Amen.

Thursday, May 16 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26 Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

Meditation: The unity of Jesus and his Father is a unity of love and obedience, and a unity of personal relationship. Because Jesus loves us and united us through the Sacrament of Baptism we are called to live in a unity of love. Through the Eucharist, we are united to Christ in the greatest gift to us – Christ's Body and Blood. Through his teachings, we follow him wherever he leads us as his disciples. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we demonstrate our heartfelt desire to reunite ourselves with him, recognizing our sinfulness, our sorrow for having sinned, and our pledge not to sin again. Jesus' prayer on the eve of his sacrifice shows the great love and trust he has in his beloved disciples. He knows they would abandon him in his hour of trial, yet he entrusted to them the great task of spreading his name throughout the world and to the end of the ages. The Lord entrust us with the same mission...to make him known and loved by all. Jesus died and rose again that all might be one as he and the Father are one.

Prayer: May your Spirit, O Lord, we pray, imbue us powerfully with spiritual gifts, that he may give us a mind pleasing to you and graciously conform us to your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Look around at the people in the pews who are with you in Church. Look around at the people in your office, your school, your home, your neighborhood. The distinctive mark of Jesus' disciples is their love for God and their desire to do his will, and their love for one another. Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper concludes with the prayer for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples. In a special way Jesus prays here for us that as members of his body we would be one as he and his Father – God the father – are one.

Friday, May 17 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 21:15-19 After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Meditation: Jesus calls us, even in our weakness and sin, to love him above all else. Saint Augustine in his book *Confessions* wrote: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ...You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace." Nothing but our stubborn human pride, our sinfulness, and our willfulness can keep us from the love of God. God's love is a free gift, unmerited and beyond payment. We can never outmatch God in love. He loved us first; we must reciprocate with total love for Him by following His commands, and the teachings of His Son and His Catholic Church.

Prayer: O God, who by the glorification of your Christ and the light of the Holy Spirit have unlocked for us the gates of eternity, grant, we pray, that, partaking of so great a gift, our devotion may grow deeper and our faith be strengthened. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you want the fire of God's love to burn in your heart? John the evangelist tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). His love is unconditional, without limit, and everlasting. It's the beginning and the end; and it's the essence of Christianity. It draws us to the heart of God and it compels us to give to him our full allegiance and our very lives. Saint Paul the Apostle tells us that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us (ref. Romans 5:5). As so we ask ourselves: Do I love God with all my mind, all my heart, and all my soul? If not, then ask yourself: what is holding me back?

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7:00 pm Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
8:00 pm Eucharistic Procession

TUESDAY JUNE 25

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark
4:00 pm Eucharistic Procession Church of
the Blessed Sacrament, Newark
5:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration
St. Francis de Sales, Newark
6:30 pm Picnic Dinner

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26

Seton Parish, Pickerington
9:00 am All Day Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Eucharistic Procession
8:00 pm Picnic Dinner

THURSDAY JUNE 27

Christ the King, Columbus
6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)
with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
8:00 pm Picnic Dinner

FRIDAY JUNE 28

St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus
5:30 pm Arrival time
6:00 pm Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
(Bilingual)

SATURDAY JUNE 29

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville
9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
10:00 am Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
11:00 am Eucharistic Procession
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Vocations Fair in the
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SUNDAY JUNE 30

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