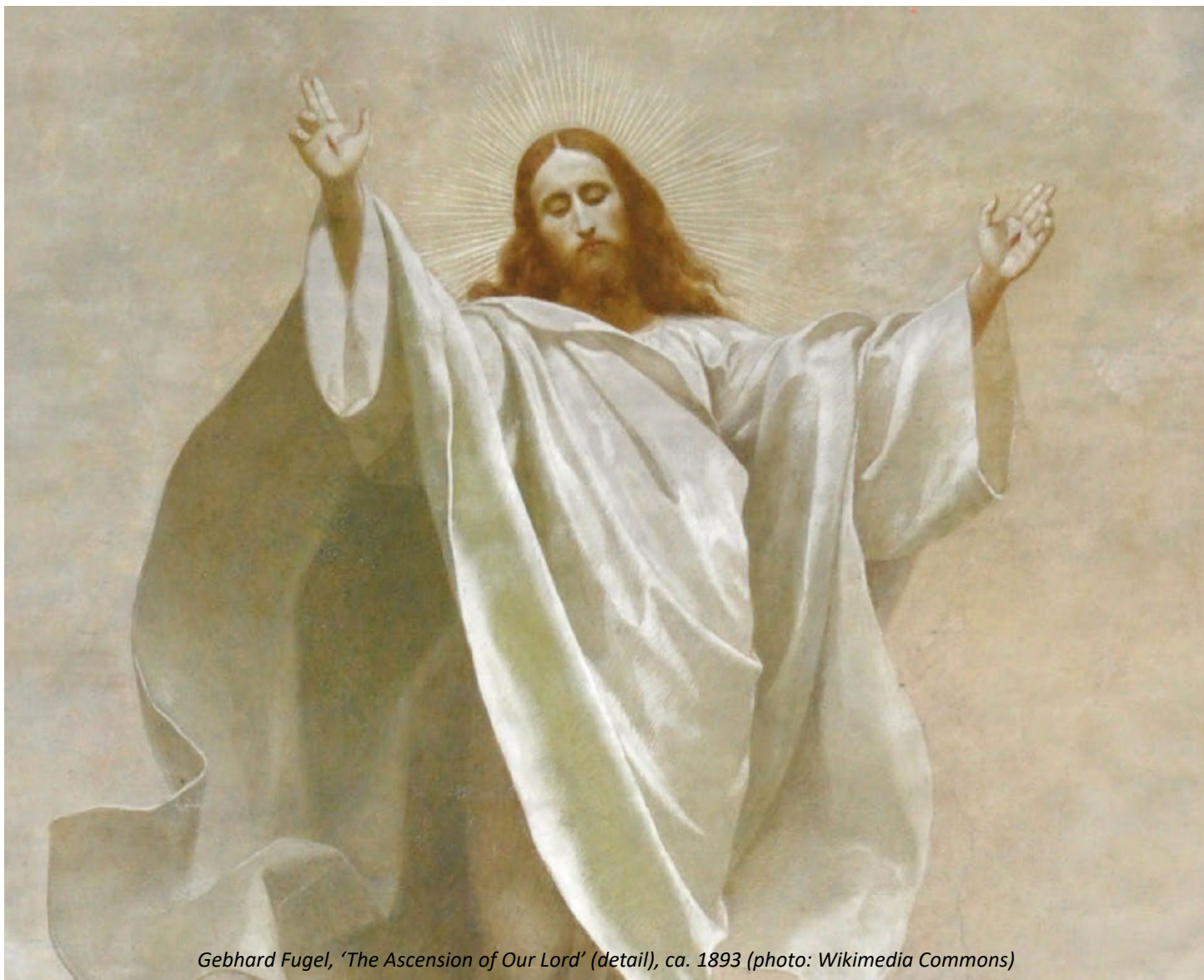


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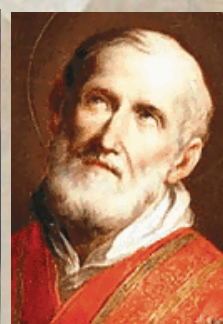
Gebhard Fugel, 'The Ascension of Our Lord' (detail), ca. 1893 (photo: Wikimedia Commons)



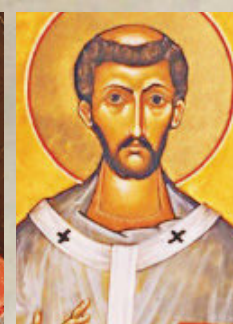
May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia



May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi



May 26 -
St. Philip Neri,
Priest



May 27 -
St. Augustine
of Canterbury

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 21st

Sun: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tue: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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THE POPE TWEETS

MAY 15, 2023

The family is the main antidote to material and spiritual poverty, and to the problem of the demographic winter. Family-friendly social, economic and cultural policies need to be promoted in every country, as well as policies that welcome life.

Franciscus



TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE IN PERSON OR LIVESTREAMED

Each Wednesday, at 6:30 pm

In the church, or via YouTube at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>.

Pathways for Justice

Pathways for Justice invites you to "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable," the fourth in our Catholic Social Teaching series, on Thursday, June 1st from 7 to 8:30 pm in Brunsmann Hall. Our own Sister Libby Fernandez will inform us regarding the important work her group, Mercy Pedalers, does on their bicycles and tricycles reaching out to those experiencing homelessness on the streets. It is a ministry of presence and action based on the "Works of Mercy" and emphasizing "Welcoming the Stranger".

Our second speaker is Angie Hassell, director of Loaves and Fishes, a non-profit organization providing service in a spirit of love, racial hospitality and generosity to all those who come for assistance. In this environment of welcome, hospitality, safety, and cleanliness they seek to provide an oasis for homeless men, women, and children seeking survival services. We will meet in person and by Zoom.

Please register at: pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com.

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment 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.

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

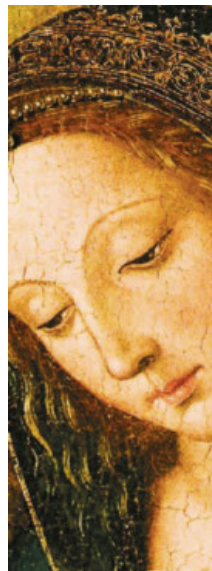


Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

While this prayer has always been attributed to St. Francis, the author is actually unknown. The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.

Amen.



The Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.

FRANCISFEST



MAY 21, 2023 8:00AM-2:00PM

**Our springtime Celebration of
Community is here!
THIS SUNDAY!**

COME JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FROM 8:00am-2:00pm for FrancisFest! There will LOTS to do and LOTS of items for sale. The cost of script will be 1 for \$1, and may be used for purchases from the Treasure Chest, Book Nook, Plant and Bake Sales, as well as the Cook-Out and Ice Cream.

PLEASE NOTE:

The church/school parking lot will be closed on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 for FrancisFest. Thank you for your understanding.

And ... Safeway is generously offering vaccinations for Covid, pneumonia, tetanus, and shingles
AT THE EVENT.



Laudato Si' Week - May 21-28

Laudato Si' Week will be celebrated May 21 – 28 to mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation.

This global celebration will unite Catholics to rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life. We invite you to join in this global celebration through prayer and action during Laudato Si' Week and all year round.

Visit: bit.ly/42oJsWq OR use this QR Code to view the web page.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

At the end of "*Gaudete et Exsultate*"
(§176) Pope Francis writes:

**I WOULD LIKE THESE REFLECTIONS TO BE CROWNED BY MARY,
BECAUSE SHE LIVED THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS AS NONE OTHER.**

She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. **ALL WE NEED DO IS WHISPER, TIME AND TIME AGAIN: "HAIL MARY..."**





Thank you to Parents, Teachers and Catechists for another year of Faith Formation...

In the Introduction to the Order of Baptism of Children it states: "After the conferral of Baptism, the parents, grateful to God and faithful to the duty they have undertaken, are bound to guide their child to a knowledge of God, now his child by adoption... Christian formation, which by right is owed to the children, has no other purpose than to lead them little by little to discern God's plan in Christ, so that ultimately they may be able to ratify the faith in which they have been baptized."

As we come to the end of this school year, we acknowledge with gratitude all the parents, both in the parish school and in the parish Faith Formation program, who have provided this opportunity for their children to grow in their knowledge of our Catholic faith and in their relationship with Jesus. This has been a special year for the 45 children who received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion and the 45 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and we congratulate them. We look forward to continuing the progress of ongoing faith formation of our parish children in the 2023/2024 school year.



Secular Franciscans of Sacramento

The **St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity** of Sacramento is happy to provide information about our Fraternity! We welcome you to attend one of our monthly meetings. We meet the fourth Sunday of each month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Brunsman Hall. We welcome question about what we do as a Fraternity, and why we are all excited to be part of this faith community. To learn more, visit these websites:

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
May 20-21, 2023

We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering:

Resucitó/He Is Risen

Kiko Argüello

Re - su - ci - tó, re - su - ci - tó, re - su - ci - tó,
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
a - le - lu - ya.
re - su - ci - tó. A - le - lu - ya.

La muerte ¿dónde está la muerte? ¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria? **(to Refrain)**

The kingdom, praise to God, the kingdom! Raised up to the kingdom, we shall live in love. **(to Refrain)**

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Gloria:

Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

REFRAIN
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. **(Refrain)**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **(Refrain)**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **(Refrain)**

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Psalm: Psalm 47: "Shouts of Joy..."

Ken Canedo

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy! God mounts the
throne to shouts of joy, joy, joy! God mounts the throne.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Marty Haugen



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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN+

Preparation of Gifts:

Be Not Afraid

Robert J. Dufford, SJ

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live. **(Refrain)**



If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. **(Refrain)**

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you! **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion

Worthy is the Lamb

Ricky Manalo, CSP

REFRAIN

Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re-ceive hon-or and glo-ry.
 Wor-thy are the ones who be-lieve to re-ceive the good-ness of God.

REFRAIN

1. Wor-thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb. Wis-dom and strength be -
 2. Wor-thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal - va - tion and joy be -
 3. Wor-thy are you, O Ris - en Christ. Won - ders and signs, re -

1. long now to you. You laid down your life and died up - on the
 2. long now to us. By con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new
 3. veal - ing your might. Your pow - er and glo - ry shine up - on our

1. cross: we've be - come a peo - ple of hope.
 2. life: we've be - come a peo - ple of praise.
 3. lives: we've be - come your light for the world.

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Sending Forth:

Go Out, Go Out

Curtis Stephan

REFRAIN

Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News!
 Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News.

Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, all you nations!
 Glorify, glorify, you peoples! **(to Refrain)**

Steadfast, steadfast is God's kindness toward us,
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures! **(to Refrain)**

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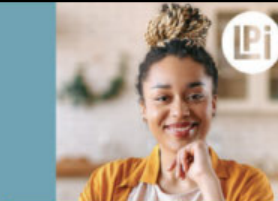
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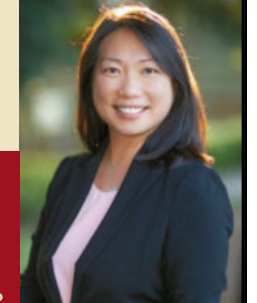
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