TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s celebration varies from place to place. In some parts of the United States, people gather for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while other places celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Several years ago, regions of bishops were permitted to decide whether to retain Ascension Day on Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, or to move the celebration to the nearest Sunday. This new flexibility in the Christian calendar has to do with the desire to gather the Church to celebrate its central feasts fully, and with the Eucharist. Increasingly, as priests serve remote and scattered parishes, this is not always possible mid-week.

The Ascension is a key moment for grasping what life in Christ is all about. It is not about a departure, but rather a plan for presence. We who are nourished by the Lord’s body and blood in the Eucharist are transformed to be his abiding presence in the world. That is a truth so worth celebrating that we can adjust our calendar in order that the fullest possible gathering of the Church can be achieved.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus’ resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples’ Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

PERSEVERANCE

Life would be so much easier for us if Jesus were still walking the earth among us. It would eliminate so many arguments and provide undeniable proof that Jesus lived, died, and rose again. But what would his physical presence mean to us? There would indeed be benefits: we really could ask the question, “What would Jesus do?” and get an answer! But there would also be enormous temptation to expect him to solve all life’s problems directly. “Jesus, please stop the war in . . .,” “Lord, please find me a new job,” “I beg you, Lord, to cure my friend.” We might want to spend countless hours in his presence, neglecting our personal vocation and responsibilities. Jesus commanded his disciples to proclaim the good news to every nation. He promised that the power of the Holy Spirit would be given to them to help them persevere.

This power would also help them do extraordinary things in his name. Then Jesus disappeared from their sight, and returned to his place at the right hand of God. We have never had the grace of knowing Jesus in human form. The disciples were promised they would be clothed with power from on high; by the same token we received a white garment at our baptism and were told we were now clothed in Christ. For those of us who were baptized as infants, the idea of being clothed in power meant nothing at the time. But this power was indeed given to us, to be nurtured and to come to fulfillment in our adult lives. For us to persevere as followers of Jesus we continually need the power of the Spirit. Let us set aside a time each day, as the first disciples did, to seek out the Spirit’s power in prayer as we approach the feast of Pentecost.

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

This is the weekend of the annual Oak Tree Festival and we welcome all visitors to the parish grounds. As a side effect of the festival, the silence of the chapel may not be with us adorers during the festival hours, but it should be a reminder of the community spirit which is the foundation of the gathering of our friends and neighbors. Just as Jesus, during His presence on earth, was constantly surrounded by “the multitude” when it was known where He would be, so it is during our celebrations with our visitors. Certainly a very “Christian” spirit and so we ask: “please bear with it”!

This Sunday is also the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord – a delayed Holy Day of obligation. As the angel at the scene of the ascension tells us, we should remember that Jesus is in fact still with us in the form of the Holy Spirit, as evidenced by the gaiety on our festival grounds. But we, at Saint Dorothy, have the added pleasure of having Him with us in the chapel in the form of the Blessed Sacrament. Let us take some moments to visit our Lord during this week before Pentecost, to adore His Real Presence!

STATELINE TURNAROUND

The Cursillo Community’s Annual Bus Turnaround to Stateline, Nevada

Saturday, June 23
Includes free buffet snacks, drinks and prizes.

Bus cost is $28.00 per person.
Make your reservations early to ensure seating.
Call Kevin Curley (626.335.5139) or Jim Lang (626.963.4088)

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Little Rock Scripture Study group will continue the Book of Wisdom study every Thursday morning in the parish hall from 9:15 - 10:45 A.M., ending on May 24, 2012. Won't you join us as we seek wisdom in order to find God? All adults are welcome!

“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.” Today’s Gospel certainly is to the point. Jesus does not waste time. He gives a direct order to His disciples.

Well? We are His disciples aren’t we? Are we doing what Jesus commanded? By our lives, our words, our friends, our actions, our attitudes, our habits, and all the rest of our lives; are we proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus to everyone we meet? We can laugh nervously and say Jesus was exaggerating. Prove it. He was not exaggerating; he was giving us His marching orders. So if we are to show we love Him, we will follow his commands. If we claim to be His disciples, we will follow what he told His disciples to do. How will you follow his command today?

I look forward to seeing you at the Oak Tree Festival today. What a fun way to gather with your brothers and sisters and proclaim how we can proclaim the Gospel through good clean fun and joy. To share a laugh and a meal, what a way to proclaim the love and joy of the Lord! Join us today!

St. Dorothy Pray For Us!

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study covering “The Act’s of the Apostles” 7:00PM – 8:30PM Wednesdays With Fr. Mike Carcerano in the Parish Hall The New American Bible will be used May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & June 6 Sponsored by Adult Faith Formation Committee. For more information contact Bob Bodkin Chairman 626-824-9991
Registration for Fall
We have a few openings available in each grade for the 2012-2013 school year. Please pick up an application and call to schedule a time to test your child.

Scrip for Vons, Stater Brothers, Superior, Kohl's, The Corner Butcher Shop and Albertson’s may be purchased in the school office. In addition, we have Great Lakes Scrip with over 150 stores available, such as: Macy’s, Barnes & Noble, Lowe’s and American Airlines. Orders must be placed before 9:00 a.m. on Mondays.

All Religious Ed. Families are required to work 2 hours at the Oak Tree Festival
Please support our Parish - Forms are in the office, and were sent home this past week again. We need your help! Please call Bernie Martin 626-335-2811 ext 104 or email her at bmartin@stdorothy.org to schedule your 2 hours.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2012
The monthly pledge billings for the Together in Mission pledges have been mailed. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal. Once the pledge payments have exceeded our goal, we will receive all of the additional funds for use in our parish ministries.

Our goal for the 2012 Together in Mission campaign is $87,160.41. At this time we have received $74,677.15 in pledges and payments totaling $52,115.15. We have a remaining balance of $35,045.26.

We would like to thank all who have responded by mail or during our in pew solicitation. If you have not already pledged please fill out a pledge envelope or return your direct mail pledge. The pledges can be returned by mail, in the weekly collection baskets, or dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response to the Annual Catholic Appeal, Together in Mission.
Today (May 20): No 3:33 Peer Liter meeting
Tonight (May 20): No LIFE Night

Thru the Week:
Monday: Adoration from 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Next Week (May 27): 3:33 Peer Liter Meeting
Next Week (May 27): LIFE Night

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Events:
May 18-20: Oak Tree Festival

Check our website, www.life-teen.com, for more information about these, and all our events.

LITTLE THINGS
Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.
—St. John Chrysostom

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
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;
Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP

Our Prayer Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday night in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are praying for many needs, especially for the needs of our parish. We have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Litanies to the Infant of Prague, and other prayers. For more information, please contact Caroline Wooten (626.852.7822, carolinewooten@yahoo.com).
ADVERTISING PAGE
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Our Parish Festival is only a few weeks away! Here are some details:

**Friday May 18, 2012 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM**
**Saturday May 19, 2012 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM**
**Sunday May 20, 2012 12:30:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

- Rides for All Ages
- Food Booths
- Entertainment
- Beer Garden
- Country Store

Check your mailbox for raffle tickets and help out by selling a book or two. The sale of the raffle tickets provides the majority of the Festival revenue for the parish. Therefore, we really need your help. This year’s raffle will feature a **Grand Prize worth $10,000, $3,000 for 2nd place and $1,000 for 3rd place.**

If you can help out at the Oak Tree Festival this year, please contact **Kelly Gauer** as soon as possible. Your help is needed to make this year’s festival a success.

_Call 914-3941 or sign up at 2012oaktree.webs.com and click on “Contact Us”_

**Bingo Hours**

- **Saturday, May 19 5:00—11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, May 20th 3:00 —9:00 p.m.**

Play in air conditioned comfort with a great snack bar, drinks and wonderful company!

**Join in the “Auction”**

A combination **raffle** and **auction**! Usually there is one "hat" from which names are drawn, but in our auction each prize has its own "hat". This allows ticket buyers to choose which prize to focus on! Come check out our recumbent bike, handmade quilt, massage gift certificates, etc. $20 for a sheet of tickets!