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ACTS 1:8

Power Unmasked

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, "Who was that masked man?" Folks never learned his identity, and it didn't matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, "I'm sorry." Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone's tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by the good God has brought about through you?



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Painting Parties by Lucy



Holy Trinity Church Hall, Cherry, on June 26th at 6:00 pm \$30pp
Personalize your cross. Over 25 paint colors to choose from!
Open to members of our 3 parishes & their family. After June 11th open to public.
Book online: www.paintingpartiesbylucy.com
Minimum of 10 ~ Maximum of 30 people

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 22, 2023

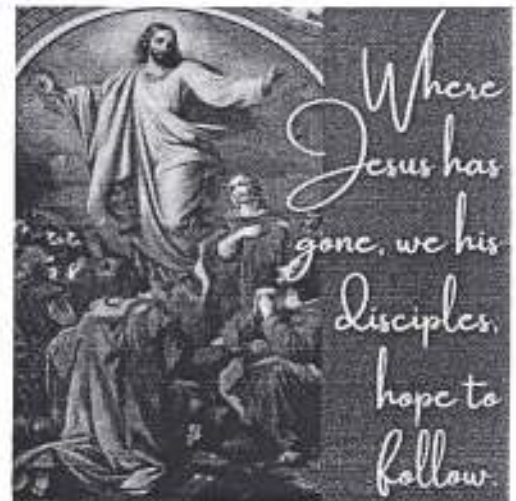
Monday	5/22			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/23	9:00 am	STM	† Doris Schwamberger
Wednesday	5/24	5:30 pm	HT	† Wayne Pinter
Thursday	5/25	9:00 am	HT	† Nellie Cattani
Friday	5/26	9:00 am	STM	† Darlene Kruger

Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 27-28, 2023

Saturday	5/27	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Dec. Mem. Goodrick/Wiese Fam
Sunday	5/28	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Don & Virginia McNally
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Joanne Brown Oberheide
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners

A Brief Reflection on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Today's Feast of the Ascension is a peek behind that well-guarded pearly gate, which undoubtedly contains an astronomically heavenly treasure. What the believers see is life, fulfillment, and hope. In the Ascension, we have a preview of coming attractions and much, much more. Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, the disciples witness the Lord go away. But they are not sad. Saint Luke relates that the disciples were full of joy upon returning to Jerusalem after witnessing Jesus' Ascension on the Mount of Olives. Jesus had gone away but had not died. He had departed but was fully alive. Christ showed that there was an alternative path, a different way to "do" leaving time and space.



The 2022-2023 Religious Education Program has been a tremendous success, thanks to the dedication of all our teachers and helpers. They are:
K & 1 – Ellie Herrmann, Nancy Lowry, & Judie Hahn;
2nd – Michelle Bickett; 3rd – Tim & Mary Van Fleet;
4th – Hannah Pinter; 5th Rey Arteaga;
Confirmation Class – Jaime Bazydlo & Jyll Pozzi.
A special thank you to Carol Lauer, Religious Education Director and Michelle Bickett, Activity Coordinator for a job well done.

Congratulations!



A big Congratulations to all our Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (PDCCW) volunteers who are honored this year for their faith, hard work, and dedication given to our 3 churches. They are:

SP – Linda Beattie & Robin Lovgren

HT – Nancy Floroplus & Judie Hahn

STM – Sharon Schweickert & Judy Szymowicz

Once their certificates from the diocese arrive, we will honor them publicly.



Please do not forget to grab your copy of The Five Foundations #4. The purpose of this is to keep our faithful well informed of what is going on with the process and where we are at.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND MAY 14TH

HT – \$965.00

SP – \$644.00

STM – \$1,181.00

Congratulations!

Hats off to all our graduates in class of 2023. We wish them a bright shiny future and may they have a memorable and safe summer.

CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. MAY 27TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). *Prophet* is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning "spokesperson." In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2-4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me" (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●



Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others. Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 20, 2019

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MONDAY

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23