

SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English

7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English

9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

1:00 PM Spanish

4:00 PM Vietnamese

6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)

8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)

6:30 PM Spanish (Mon)

6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri)

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Fri)

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Sat)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)

9:00 AM (Friday)

3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM,

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday

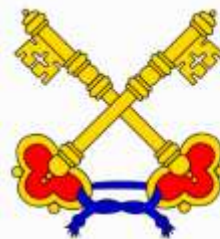
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you.'" John 17:1



POPE'S INTENTION - MAY

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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May 17, 2026

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYÊN**

Saturday, May 16, 2026

5:00 PM Antonia Montelongo † & Herminia Rubio †;
Francis Xavier † & All Souls †
7:00 PM All Souls †; Anna † & Anthony † & Vincent †

Sunday, May 17, 2026

7:30 AM Peter Trap Mai † & All Ancestors
9:00 AM Mario Salinas Neri †; Ernesto Torres † &
Reyna Sandoval † & Froylan Torres †
11:00 AM Andrew Rubio †; Jesus Villegas Garcia †
1:00 PM Luis Segura † & Marcos Lopez †;
Ramon Linare † & Victoria Saldana †
4:00 PM Pray for Vocations
6:00 PM Vicente Villagrana † & Jorge Guzman †

Monday, May 18, 2026

6:30 AM Jose Manuel Nares Lemus † &
Margarita Contreras † &
Victoria Contreras †;
Cesar Tapia (Health and Birthday)
8:30 AM Silvia Vazquez † & Rita Ramirez Lopez;
Antonia Castillo Vian †
6:30 PM Rodrigo De Jesus Montenegro † &
Leonor Ortiz †; Jesus Villegas Garcia †

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:30 AM Evelin Abarca Soto (15th Birthday);
Family of Jesus Preciado
8:30 AM Efrain Pulido †;
Rosa Maria Mai Thi Phuong †

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

6:30 AM Jose Manuel Nares Lemus † &
Francisco Ortiz †; Souls in Purgatory †
8:30 AM Natalia Salazar † & Juanita Legaspi †;
Theresa Pham Thu Hoai †

Thursday, May 21, 2026

6:30 AM Gustavo Montoya †;
Gomez Quezada Family (Well Being) &
Alberto Leon (Health)
8:30 AM Carmen Martinez † & Bonifacio Cortez †;
Jose De La Luz Bautista Quijano †

Friday, May 22, 2026

6:30 AM Giuse and Children back to church;
Souls in Purgatory †
8:30 AM Maurilio Cisneros (Health) &
Court appointment of Juan Diaz;
Catarina Hong Pham †
6:30 PM Special Family Intention for
Alphonso Hung Tran & Mai

Saturday, May 23, 2026

8:30 AM Theresa Pham Thu Hoai †; Basilio † &
Angela Calangi †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/
Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/
Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see
Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62)
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

PSA 2026 REPORT
AS OF 05/01/2026
PLEDGES RECEIVED: 360
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$165,643.00
TOTAL PAID: \$119,301.00
OUR 2026 PSA GOAL: \$109,760.00

Thank You!

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May 9/10 Masses \$ 20,397.50
May 9/10 Online \$ 2,370.72
Total collection: \$ 22,768.22

*Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người.*

Dear Parishioners of Saint Polycarp,

This weekend, we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus. Originally, this Solemnity falls on a Thursday of the Sixth Sunday of Easter, which is forty days after the celebration of Easter. However, due to work, most dioceses in the U.S have transferred this Solemnity to Sunday, so that this holy celebration can easily be celebrated and observed by the faithful.

The celebration of the Ascension is principally understood as Jesus being taken up to heaven. Yet, there is a secondary perspective that we rarely pay attention to—that is, this is the final encounter of the Lord and His disciples, which takes place “at a mountain where Jesus has directed them” (Mt 28:16).

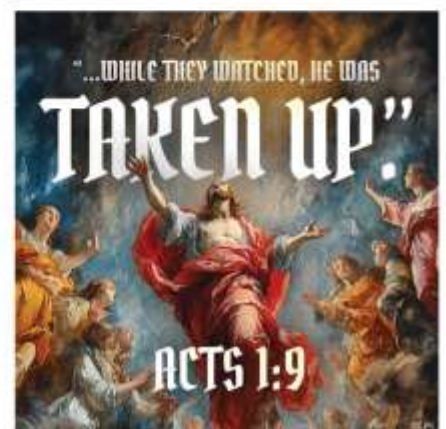
Citing scriptures, the late Pope Francis elaborated the significance of the location of this final encounter. He said, “The “mountain” has a strong symbolic and evocative charge. Jesus proclaimed the Beatitudes on the Mount (cf. Mt 5:1-12); He withdrew to the mountains to pray (cf. Mt 14:23). He welcomed the crowds there and healed the sick (cf. Mt 15:29). However, this time on the mountain, [H]e is no longer the Master who acts and teaches, but rather the Risen One who asks the disciples to take action and to proclaim, entrusting to them the mandate to continue his work” (Angelus of May 24, 2020). To the disciples, on this mountain, where the final encounter with their Master takes place, they receive the ultimate assignment to fulfill the mission to all peoples: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28: 19-20).

Speaking of the final encounter and ecclesial mission, Sister MaryAnne who oversees the Vietnamese Faith Formation Program will make her final profession or final vows on July 04. She will leave in the middle of May to attend a canonical retreat to prepare her for this special commitment to Christ and the Church.

On a slightly different note, yet still related to ecclesial mission, I want to announce to you that Sister Jessica Corral, who has been with us since 2022 and who has been instrumental in building up the English/Spanish Faith Formation Program at Saint Polycarp, will depart from our parish for a new assignment at the end of June. Her superior informed me of Sister Jessica’s new assignment in March. Please join me in thanking Sister for her dedication, cheerfulness, and ministerial zeal. Pray that her new assignment be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that she always finds joy in her new ministry.

To conclude this pastoral letter, I wish you a blessed and joyful Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. May we continue to live and carry out His mission faithfully.

Fr. Viet Peter Ho
Pastor



Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de mayo

Domingo: Hch 1, 1-11/Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9/Ef 1, 17-23/
Mt 28, 16-20

Lunes: Hch 19, 1-8/Sal 67, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 16, 29-33

Martes: Hch 20, 17-27/Sal 67, 10-11. 20-21/Jn 17, 1-11

Miércoles: Hch 20, 28-38/ Sal 67, 29-30. 33-35. 35-36/
Jn 17, 11-19

Jueves: Hch 22, 30; 23, 6-11/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/
Jn 17, 20-26

Viernes: Hch 25, 13b-21/Sal 102, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20/Jn 21, 15-19

Sábado: Hch 28, 16-20. 30-31/Sal 10, 4. 5 y 7/Jn 21, 20-25

Domingo: *Vigilia:* Gn 11, 1-9 o Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20 o Ez 37, 1-14 o Jl 3, 1-5/Sal 103, 1-2. 24. 35. 27-28. 29. 30 (ver 30)/
Rom 8, 22-27/Jn 7, 37-39
Vigilia Extensa: Gn 11, 1-9/Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20/
Ez 37, 1-14/Jl 3, 1-5/Sal 103, 1-2. 24. 35. 27-28. 29. 30
(ver 30)/Rom 8, 22-27/Jn 7, 37-39
Día: Hch 2, 1-11/Sal 103, 1. 24. 29-30. 31. 34/
1 Co 12, 3-7. 12-13/Jn 20, 19-23

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 17 de mayo

Domingo: La Ascensión del Señor; 7º Domingo de Pascua;
Día de las Comunicaciones Mundiales

Lunes: San Juan I, papa y mártir

Miércoles: San Bernardino de Siena, sacerdote

Jueves: San Cristóbal Magallanes, sacerdote, y compañeros mártires

Viernes: Santa Rita de Casia, religiosa

Domingo: Domingo de Pentecostés

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflexión: Hacemos lo mejor que podemos, con las palabras que tenemos, para expresar quién es Dios. Pero decir las palabras no es suficiente. Tenemos que llevarlas al silencio de nuestro corazón y mantenerlas allí, invitando al Espíritu a moverse entre ellas. Librarlas. Soltarlas.

Cuando las Palabras Fallan

Yo amo las palabras (obviamente; Soy escritora).

Pero a veces, las palabras son como jaulas diminutas. Encierran, confinan y restringen nuestra comprensión de realidades sobrenaturales que, por su naturaleza, son más grandes que el lenguaje.

Hacemos lo mejor que podemos, con las palabras que tenemos, para expresar quién es Dios. Usamos términos como "Padre" e "Hijo" porque son las más precisas. Pero a menudo, sin realmente darnos cuenta, damos demasiado peso a las palabras y nos encontramos pensando en Jesús como un hijo humano y en el Creador como un padre humano, con todas las implicaciones que esas palabras en particular conllevan para distintas personas.

Por eso me encanta escuchar a Cristo hablarle a Dios Padre en los Evangelios. Estas conversaciones unilaterales (al menos desde nuestro punto de vista) despliegan un poco el telón sobre la intimidad impresionante que existe entre ambos. Nuestros

malentendidos sobre su relación —enmarcados por nuestra propia experiencia humana de padres e hijos, de tiempo y lugar, de creación y muerte— se rompen.

"Ahora glorifícame, Padre, contigo", dice Jesús, "con la gloria que yo tenía contigo antes de que comenzara el mundo."

Antes de que el mundo comenzara.

En nuestra imaginación colectiva, con demasiada frecuencia imaginamos a Jesús conectado — realmente atado — a un tiempo y lugar determinados: la Encarnación y todo lo que vino después. Pero no nos confundamos: la Encarnación significa que el Hijo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros. La Encarnación no significa que el Hijo *se haya creado*.

El Hijo lo era. Desde el principio, lo fue. Engendrado, no creado. Consustancial.

Decimos estas palabras cada semana en el Credo. Pero decir las no es suficiente. Tenemos que llevarlas al silencio de nuestro corazón y mantenerlas allí. Tenemos que invitar al Espíritu a moverse entre ellas. Reorganizarlas. Libéralas. Soltarlas.

Solo entonces entenderemos lo que las palabras no logran explicar.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Jesús ora por el nuevo pueblo de Dios y encomienda al Padre a sus hijos, que se quedarán en el mundo. Nos dice que la vida eterna consiste en conocer al Padre, único Dios verdadero, y en reconocer que Jesús viene de Él. Estas verdades nos ayudan a seguir adelante en medio de las tribulaciones. El sufrimiento existe en el mundo y nunca desaparece, pero está unido a la esperanza de llegar a resucitar como Jesús; alienta el corazón y fortalece la oración: *"El mensaje que recibí se lo he entregado, y ellos lo han recibido y reconocen de verdad que yo he salido de ti, y creen que tú me has enviado"* (Juan 17:8). Sin duda alguna, el mensaje de Jesús es que experimentemos la vida eterna desde aquí, en la tierra. San Carlo Acutis decía: "La Eucaristía es mi autopista hacia el cielo". "Cuanto más recibimos la Eucaristía, más nos haremos semejantes a Jesús, de modo que en la tierra tendremos un anticipo del cielo". ¿Qué piensas tú de esta oración de Jesús a su Padre?

"Jesús reza, pide para que la tristeza y el aislamiento no nos ganen el corazón. Nosotras queremos hacer lo mismo: queremos unirnos a la oración de Jesús, a sus palabras, para decir juntos: 'Padre santo, cuidalos con el poder de tu nombre... para que estén completamente unidos, como tú y yo', y que 'su gozo sea completo'. Jesús reza y nos invita a rezar, porque sabe que hay cosas que solo podemos recibir como don; hay cosas que solo podemos vivir como regalo". (Papa Francisco, 20 de septiembre de 2015) Señor, ayúdame a experimentar tu presencia en mi corazón.

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THÔNG BÁO HỌP HỘI ĐỒNG MỤC VỤ

Chúa Nhật, 17/5/2026 lúc 1 PM tại phòng St. Polycarp

Kính mời quý thành viên và các hội đoàn tham dự đông đủ và đúng giờ.

Chuỗi Mân Côi Liên Kết

Trong Tháng Hoa, kính mời quý Ông Bà Anh Chị Em cùng tham gia **Lần Hạt Chuỗi Mân Côi Liên Kết** để dâng lên Mẹ những đóa hoa thiêng.

Mỗi người, mỗi gia đình xin hiệp ý lần một chục hoặc một chuỗi, kết nối với nhau thành tràng hoa Mân Côi sống động dâng Mẹ.

Qua lời kinh đơn sơ, chúng ta cầu nguyện cho Cộng Đoàn, cho hòa bình thế giới và cho các ý nguyện riêng.



Tiệc Tri Ân Cha Mẹ & 10 Năm Hồng Ân Linh Mục

Mùng Ngày Hiến Phụ,

trong Thánh Lễ 4h00 chiều, Chúa Nhật ngày 21/6/2026

Cộng Đoàn sẽ hiệp ý cầu nguyện đặc biệt cho những Người Cha.

Địp này cũng là Kỷ Niệm 10 Năm Thánh Chúc Linh Mục của Cha Quản Nhiệm.

Cộng Đoàn sẽ tổ chức Tiệc Tri Ân Cha Mẹ

và Mừng 10 Năm Hồng Ân Linh Mục lúc 5h30 chiều cùng ngày

tại Diamond Seafood Palace 3

Vé tham dự là \$40/ người, được bán tại các hội đoàn

và cuối nhà thờ sau các thánh lễ.

Kính mời quý ông bà anh chị em tham dự để cùng tri ân các Đấng Sinh Thành và chung vui cùng Cha Quản Nhiệm.



DAD
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

THÁNH LỄ TẠI LINH ĐÀI ĐỨC MẸ LA VANG



Cộng đoàn chúng ta được phụ trách Thánh Lễ tại Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang,
Nhà Thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô - Christ Cathedral
vào lúc **8:30 sáng Thứ Bảy, 06/6/2026.**

Kính mời quý cộng đoàn cùng sắp xếp thời gian tham dự và hiệp ý cầu nguyện.



CHẦU THÁNH THỂ 48 GIỜ

Kỷ niệm 50 Năm Thành Lập Giáo Phận Orange.

Giáo xứ trân trọng kính mời cộng đoàn hiệp thông cầu nguyện

Thứ Sáu, 5/6/2026 ngay sau Thánh lễ 6:30 tối:

Rước Mình Thánh Chúa sang Hội Trường **bắt đầu 48 Giờ Chầu Thánh Thể**

Chúa Nhật, 7/6/2026 lúc 5:45 chiều:

Rước Mình Thánh Chúa từ hội trường trở lại nhà thờ, kết thúc giờ chầu.

Kính mời quý ông bà anh chị em sắp xếp thời gian đến Chầu Thánh Thể,
để cùng dâng lời tạ ơn và cầu nguyện cho giáo phận, giáo xứ
và cho gia đình chúng ta.



Thánh Lễ Tạ Ơn Cho Các Sinh Viên Tốt Nghiệp

Cha Quản Nhiệm sẽ dâng Thánh Lễ Đặc Biệt cầu nguyện cho các em tốt nghiệp Trung Học và Đại Học
trong năm 2026 vào Thánh Lễ 7h00 tối Thứ Bảy ngày 06/06/2026.

Để việc tổ chức được chu đáo và trang trọng, xin quý phụ huynh và các em vui lòng ghi danh sớm
trước ngày **31/5/26** qua email: cdpolycarp94@gmail.com

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English/Spanish Religious Education

(714) 892-3158

Monday/Thursday 2PM - 6PM
Saturday 9AM - 1PM

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(714) 890-5200

Tuesday/Wednesday 1PM - 5:30PM
Friday 1PM - 5PM
Sunday 8AM - 3PM

Vietnamese Religious Education

(714) 620-7895

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 2PM - 5:30PM
Saturday 10AM - 1PM

 **Pro Sanctity Movement**



Easter
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APRIL 16, 23, 30; MAY 7, 14, 21
AFTER 8:30 AM MASS UNTIL 10:30 AM

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No registration is needed.
Please contact Cathy for any questions at 714-496-9597

Pray for the Sick

Eliam Phan
Esperanza Ramirez
Jason Minton
Diego DiMassimo Velasquez
Ngoc Tran
Richard Saragosa
Maria Urendiz
Rosa Garcia
Yolanda Meillon
Evangalina Escobedo
Anaid Serrato
Brenda Barrios

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Juan & Micaela (50th Anniversary)



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LEO XIV

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 8 April 2026

The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*. 7. Holiness and evangelical counsels in the Church

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

The Constitution of the [Second Vatican Council *Lumen gentium*](#) ([LG](#)) on the Church dedicates an entire chapter, the fifth, to the universal vocation to holiness of all the faithful: every one of us is called to live in the grace of God, practising the virtues and imitating Christ. Holiness, according to the Conciliar Constitution, is not a privilege for the few, but a gift that requires every baptized person to strive for the perfection of charity, that is, the fullness of love towards God and towards one's neighbour. Charity is, in fact, the heart of the holiness to which all believers are called: infused by the Father, through the Son Jesus, this virtue "rules over all the means of attaining holiness and gives life to these same means" ([LG](#), 42). The highest level of holiness, as in the early days of the Church, is martyrdom, the "supreme witness of faith and charity" ([LG](#), 50: for this reason, the Council text teaches that every believer must be ready to confess Christ even unto blood (cf. [LG](#), 42), as has always been the case and continues to be so today. This readiness to bear witness is realized every time Christians leave signs of faith and love in society, committing themselves to justice.

All the Sacraments, and in a pre-eminent way the Eucharist, are nourishment that fosters a holy life, assimilating every person to Christ, the model and measure of holiness. He sanctifies the Church, of which He is the Head and Shepherd: holiness is, from this point of view, His gift, which is manifested in our daily life every time we receive it with joy and respond to it with commitment. In this regard, [Saint Paul VI](#), in the General Audience of 20 October 1965, recalled that the Church, to be authentic, requires that all the baptized must "be holy, that is, truly worthy, strong and faithful children of hers". This is realized as an inner transformation, whereby the life of every person is conformed to Christ by virtue of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Rom* 8:29; [LG](#), 40).

[Lumen gentium](#) describes the holiness of the Catholic Church as one of her constitutive characteristics, to receive in faith, inasmuch as she is believed to be "indefectibly holy" ([LG](#), 39): this does not mean that she is so in a full and perfect sense, but that she is called to confirm this divine gift during her pilgrimage towards the eternal destination, walking "amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God" (Saint Augustine, *De civitate Dei* 51,2; [LG](#), 8). The sad reality of sin in the Church, that is, in all of us, invites each person to carry out a serious change of life, entrusting ourselves to the Lord, who renews us in charity. It is precisely this infinite grace, which sanctifies the Church, that entrusts us with a mission to fulfil day after day: that of our conversion. Therefore, holiness does not only have a practical nature, as if it were reducible to an ethical commitment, however great, but concerns the very essence of Christian life, both personal and communal.

From this perspective, a decisive role is played by consecrated life, which the Conciliar Constitution considers in the sixth chapter (cf. nos. 43-47). In the holy People of God, it constitutes a prophetic sign of the new world, experienced here and now in history. Indeed, signs of the Kingdom of God, already present in the mystery of the Church, are those evangelical counsels that shape every experience of consecrated life: poverty, chastity and obedience. These three virtues are not rules that shackle freedom, but liberating gifts of the Holy Spirit, through which some of the faithful are wholly consecrated to God. Poverty expresses complete trust in Providence, freeing one from calculation and self-interest; obedience takes as its model the self-giving that Christ offered to the Father, freeing one from suspicion and domination; chastity is the gift of a heart that is whole and pure in love, at the service of God and the Church.

By conforming to this style of life, consecrated persons bear witness to the universal vocation of holiness of the entire Church, in the form of radical discipleship. The evangelical counsels manifest full participation in the life of Christ, unto the Cross: it is precisely by the sacrifice of the Crucified One that we are all redeemed and sanctified! By contemplating this event, we know that there is no human experience that God does not redeem: even suffering, lived in union with the passion of the Lord, becomes a path of holiness. The grace that converts and transforms life thus strengthens us in every trial, pointing us not towards a distant ideal, but towards the encounter with God, who became man out of love. May the Virgin Mary, the all-holy Mother of the Incarnate Word, always sustain and protect our journey.

APPEAL

Following these past few hours of great tension in the Middle East and throughout the world, I welcome with satisfaction, and as a sign of deep hope, the announcement of an immediate two-week ceasefire. Only by returning to the negotiating table can we bring the war to an end.

I urge you to accompany this time of delicate diplomatic work with prayer, in the hope that a willingness to engage in dialogue may become the means to resolve other situations of conflict in the world.

I reiterate my invitation to everyone to join me in the Prayer Vigil for Peace, which we will celebrate here in Saint Peter's Basilica on Saturday 11 April.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When they entered the city
they went to the upper room where they were staying.
(Acts 1:13)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the
land of the living. (Ps 27)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,
just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave
him." (Jn 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God.
It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not
earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly
not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is
ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

Observances for the week of May 17, 2026

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day
- Monday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. We are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church, and to the Christian way of life.

Blessing for Communications

Dear Jesus,
On this World Communications Day,
bless each of us as we communicate,
whether by conversation, email,
text, post, letter, or phone. May our
words bring peace, comfort, healing,
promise, joy, and love. May we bring
your blessing wherever we go.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. But saying the words isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there, inviting the Spirit to move among them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

When Words Fail

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

Before the world began.

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son *became*.

The Son was. From the very beginning. He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer:

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!



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