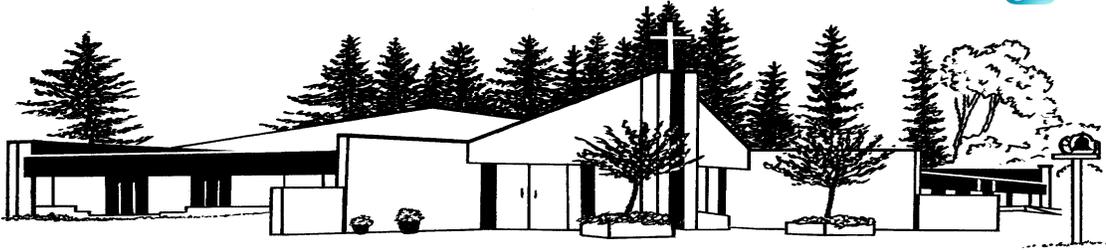

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| THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | May 24, 2020 |
| Sat, May 23 , Mass for May Intentions | 5:00 pm |
| Sun, May 24 , Mass for the Parish | 9:30 am |
| Mon, May 25 , Memorial Day | No Mass |
| Tues, May 26 , Mass for the Soul of Frank Aufdermaur, rb the Bauers | 8:45 am |
| Wed, May 27 , Mass for the Int of Kidde Ghekiere, Sandy Carter..... | 12:10 pm |
| Thurs, May 28 , Mass for the Soul of Reenie Berg, rb Sandy Carter | 9:00 am |
| Fri, May 29 | No Mass |

FINANCE COUNCIL

Our Finance Council members are: **Roger Ackerly, Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill, Loren Vranish, Wally Walbruch, and John Gunnerson**

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Your Pastoral Council is always interested in your concerns. The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community. Take your questions about the future of the parish, your hopes and needs, to a Pastoral Council member:

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May | 24 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | |
| | | Rosary..... | 9:10 am |
| | 25 | Memorial Day, Parish Office closed..... | NO MASS |
| | 26 | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | 27 | Ladies Scripture Group Prayer Service..... | 10:15 – 11:00 |
| | 28 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm |
| | 30 | Rosary..... | 4:40 pm |
| | 31 | PENTECOST SUNDAY | |
| | | Rosary..... | 9:10 am |
| June | 2 | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | 4 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm |
| | 7 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | |
| | 9 | Choir | 7:00 pm |

Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 3:45-4:30 pm, or by appointment.

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm

To be sure your announcement gets into the bulletin, please have your information in the

Parish Office by noon, **Tuesday**

The deadline for altar announcements is noon, Thursday.

~OUR GIFT TO GOD~

“Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another each in the measure he has received.”

(1 Peter 4:8-10)

Thanks to everyone who so generously supports our parish.

Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

May 16 & 17, 2020

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$6,953 |
| Building Maintenance Envelopes | \$115 |
| Easter Envelopes | \$120 |
| Mass & Stole Gifts | \$20 |
| Holy Day Envelopes | \$10 |
| Total | \$7,218 |

“My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not fall.” Psalm 62: 6,7

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2020**

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter
Pete & Jami Hoagland, rb Ann Hoagland
Jim Thomas, rb Bobbie Thomas
Poat & Roberts Family, rb Chris Beyer
Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
John & Michael Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Daniel & Catherine Callahan, rb Dan & Rosemary Brockman
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Doris Sloan, rb Risen Christ Parish
Pete Hoagland, rb Risen Christ Parish
Robert Schweigert, rb Risen Christ Parish

SPECIAL INTENTION

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Rose Stopp, rb Charlotte Boyland

**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Shelley Hembd, Lavine Heuscher, Michael Arace, Eileen Erie
Joe Riska, Sherry Miller, Bob Neitzling, Tim Slobojan
Larry Visocan, Audrey and Jerry Turner, Mike Wright
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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Dillon Armstrong, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich
Kaleb Mitchell, Kyle Tannehill

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT - SOLEMNITY OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION

In today's Gospel Jesus charges his followers to "make disciples of all nations." What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice to others. The Good News of Jesus Christ is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities either do not know about Jesus Christ, reject his Good News or have abandoned him. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?

READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020

Acts 2: 1-11

All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

There are different gifts but the same Spirit.

John 20: 19-23

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

~ QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~

“How can a Catholic explain to non-Catholics how wonderful and good the Blessed Virgin Mary is, how we do not worship her but rather ask her to pray to God for us?”

Jesus was a good Jewish boy who kept the Commandments perfectly. The fourth commandment requires us to “Honor your father and mother” (Ex. 20:12). The Hebrew word for honor also means to glorify. So, Jesus glorified His mother.

Our goal as Christians is to imitate Jesus. We, too, should “glorify” His mother (CCC 970). This is not only scriptural (Lk. 1:48); it is also the command of Christ. For Mary is not just the mother of our Lord: she is our mother, too. That is why John’s Gospel tells how Jesus told the “beloved disciple” to “behold your mother” and commanded her to “behold your son.” That story is not just about John and Mary. Rather, John wants us to understand that we are the beloved disciple, too, and Mary is our mother.

The real question you should ask your non-Catholic friends is, “Why are you *not* giving Mary high recognition? She played a very important role in our salvation by allowing the Father to give us the Son through her.” If we can honor Thomas Jefferson or a modern sports hero, why can’t we honor a great saint like Mary?

Regarding the “worship” of Mary, the Catholic Church would seriously condemn such an action. Mary is a created being, whereas worship (or *latria* in Greek) is reserved for God alone (Ex 20:1-6).

Sometimes you will find older Catholic writings that do speak of “worshipping” Mary. It is important, however, to understand that “worship” is an English word that has changed in meaning over the centuries. The same time period that spoke of “worshipping” Mary also had wedding vows in which the husband and wife said to each other, “With my body, I thee worship.” In short, *worship* used to mean what we now mean by *honor* or *reverence*. Today, *worship* is used to describe the honor given to God alone (though its older meaning still lingers on whenever a British citizen calls a judge “Your Worship”).

The Church encourages us to give Mary the special recognition she deserves (CCC 971). We are allowed to give the saints *dulia*, which is Greek for “praise.” And, we are allowed to give Mary *hyper-dulia*, which is Greek for “extra praise.” Catholic teaching on Mary authentically expresses the biblical idea that Mary is “blessed among women” (Lk 1:42; CCC 148) and that “all generations” shall call her blessed (Lk 1:48; CCC 971).

Matthew J Pinto, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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SUMMER MINISTRY 2020 CANCELLATIONS

Vacation Bible School

Legendary Lodge

OYYAM Events & Programs

(per Bishop Vetter)

SON LIGHT RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for a 2020 Subaru Ascent Limited are available in the parish office for \$25.00 per ticket. Unbeatable odds of winning! Only 5,000 tickets will be sold!

All tickets sold by September 1st will qualify for the Early Bird Drawing. The parish designated on the ticket stub drawn will receive a Campership to offer one of their youth for the 2021 Legendary Lodge camp season. The pastor of the parish that sold the ticket and the ticket holder will each receive an early prize of \$100 and the ticket stub will be included in the final drawing for the grand prize!

EXCITING NEWS!!

Risen Christ Parish now has a Music Channel on YouTube.

Members of our Music Ministries have begun posting Video's of some of our Songs on YouTube. It is very easy to access by following these directions:

1. Type YouTube.com in the address bar line on the top of your Browser's Homepage and hit Search
2. Double click on the link to YouTube.com
3. Enter "Risen Christ Parish of Kalispell Music Channel" in the Search section.
4. Click on the big red (R) next to our Channel name and it will take you to the Channel. We currently have 5 Video's posted.
5. Please remember to "Subscribe" to the Channel and feel free to leave a comment, (especially if you enjoyed a piece of music)

We really hope that you visit and enjoy these musical presentations, (and don't forget to "LIKE" and "Subscribe" to our Channel.

NEW HYMN

Fr. Michael Joncas explains: "These are difficult times for all of us, individually and globally. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted life as normal and called for acts of corporate and individual heroism in the face of present suffering and an uncertain future. People of faith may be struggling to articulate their belief in an all-good and all-powerful God in this new era.

"Shelter Me" is my attempt as a church composer to find God's presence even in these fraught times. Based on the beloved Psalm 23, my paraphrase adapts the psalmist's sentiments to respond to our present anxieties. May God sustain us with mercy and compassion as we travel through the valley of the shadow of death to the banquet of eternal life." 27 March 2020

SHELTER ME
A Prayer-Song in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic
Michael Joncas

The musical score is written on four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and contemplative. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff repeats the first line of the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
The way a-head is dark and dif-fi-cult to see.
O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
All will be well if on-ly you will shel-ter me.

1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.
You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

2. Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;
Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.
I cannot find your peaceful place
But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

3. I will look back in days to come
and realize your faithfulness has led me home.
Within your house I'll find my peace,
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

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RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call Lavine Heuscher at 406-752-4007 should you or someone you know need prayer. The Risen Christ Prayer Line is in place to pray for the needs of our families, friends, or our community intentions. You are also invited to join us in this important ministry. Please call for more information.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 2:12

FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

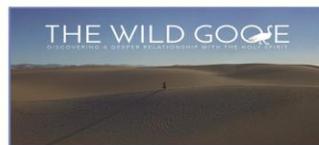
If there is a birth, a sickness or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 250-8610. She will send a card.



RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP

Your Risen Christ Gift Ministry has gifts available for Confirmation, Baptism and First Communion such as small scapulars, cross necklaces, rosaries, key chains, and holy water fonts. Check it out for yourself! Please see Andrea Wright or Connie McCubbins before or after weekend Masses, or the office during the week.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



THE WILD GOOSE Father Dave Pivonka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
May 24, 2020 – Seventh Sunday of Easter
John 17:1-11

Our awareness of life and death has increased dramatically over the last few weeks. Thousands and thousands have tragically died during the corona virus pandemic. So, it is almost impossible not to think of those who have died and to think about our own life in terms of our own eventual death.

From this Sunday's gospel we recall that Jesus himself carried similar thoughts, especially as he neared the end of his own life. He thanked God for his life, a reminder that besides being divine himself, he was also human. Yet he fully believed that the end of his earthly life was not the end of him. He spoke of returning to the Father. He mentioned in his prayer toward the end that he had completed what he was sent to do, which was to offer to us an incredible gift from God. Eternal life!

We live in a very secular culture. In such a milieu, some see death as a final ending. We die and that's it. Nothing more. But that's not the gospel message for us today. In the midst of widespread tragic death there remains our belief that there is more to come. Much more. We will experience life with God and with each other that will not cease. No one who is still alive here has seen any details of this future life. No one has heard or smelled or tasted or felt what "eternal life" will be like. We are assured; however, that it will lack one aspect of our current life, and that is its duration. It will be eternal. It will not end.

We don't know if there will be clocks or calendars, days and nights, seasons and change. Some have suggested that it will simply be one everlasting ecstatic moment of happiness and joy. Perhaps. It's anyone's guess. I like to imagine that it will be an unending continuation of the best moments of my earthly life. That would be great.

I do know that we all seem to share a hunger for some form of eternal life. St. Augustine, a brilliant Fifth Century theologian of the church, wrote that our hearts yearn for God and will not rest until they rest fully in God. In other words, we desire more. And we can believe that God placed that desire in us.

We might want to talk among each other about this. We are all getting closer to our deaths each passing day. We should not feel that we are being selfish or illusionary if we try to imagine what's after our death. Such thinking can also help us to appreciate more each breath of life here. In a sense, it's all part of God's gift of life to each of us.

David M. Thomas, PhD