

Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2009

"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." John 17: 11-19

Honor Your Conscience

The Buddhist master assembled his young charges. "Times are very hard. As you can imagine it takes many resources to keep our school open. We are in desperate need of funds right now and I'm afraid we are forced to resort to unsavory measures in order to survive. Today I must send you into the town on the other side of the hill where many people of affluence live. You will need to steal whatever you can - money, valuables, food - if we are to continue." "But you have taught us that it is wrong to steal," said one student. "Yes, I have," the master agreed. "And it would be wrong if it were not absolutely necessary. Take only what we need and no one will suffer. However, you must be very careful so no one recognizes that you are stealing. If you are caught, the reputation of our school will be tarnished forever. Do you understand the task I have given you?" In stunned silence, the students looked at one another and then at their master. He stared at them. "Do you understand?" he asked again. They nodded. "Very well," the master said. "Now go and get the things I have put on this list." The students left the room reluctantly. "Remember!" he called out, "no one can know." As he turned back to the room, he noticed one student remained. "Why are you still here?" the master asked. "You should be with the others." "But you have given us an impossible task," the boy cried. "How so?" the master asked. "You told us no one would find out we were stealing. But if I were stealing, then I would be the first witness to my own actions." "That's it," the master shouted with joy. "That is the lesson I am trying to teach you in all of this. Now go, run after your brothers and bring them home."

"Consecrate them in the truth," Jesus prays for his followers the night before he dies.

The Gospel challenges us to realize how the prejudices, ambitions and hatreds that exist within each one of us affect the decisions we make and what we uphold as "truth". We are called to honor, regardless of the cost, the holiness of truth - truth that is rooted in the reality of God's love and in the sacredness of every person as created in the image of God.

Wedding Banns

Mark Lembke & Rebecca Chase I

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11
Wednesday: Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26
Friday: Acts 25: 13-21; Jn 21: 15-19
Saturday: Gn 11: 1-9; Rom 8: 22-27; Jn 7: 37-39
Sunday: Acts 2: 1-11; 1Cor. 12: 3-7, 12-13;
Jn 20: 19-23



Memorial Day Mass Schedule - Cluster Churches

SS. Cyril & Methodius - 8:00 AM Mass
(6:30 AM Communion Service)
St. James - 9:00 AM Mass
St. Luke - 9:00 AM Mass
St. Rose of Lima - 9:00 AM Mass

Please try to attend one of the Masses listed above for Memorial Day at our cluster churches. Due to my obligation as Chaplain to the Parma Hts. Safety Forces, I will be participating in their service to remember those who have sacrificed so much on our country's behalf. Fr. John

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable

No Mass - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri

8:00 AM Anna Prusak

Wednesday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

5:15 PM Bill Lambert

Thursday, May 28 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM

Friday, May 29 - Easter Weekday

5:15 PM Jorge Suarez

Saturday, May 30 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM

5:15 PM Jerry Becker, Sr.

Unexpected changes in the schedule may cause Masses to be cancelled and Mass intentions to be moved to the first available date open. We apologize for any inconvenience.



We Must Always Remember!



"This land is your land, this land is my land"

(American Revolution - 4,000 deaths)

"From California to the New York Island"

(War of 1812 - 2,000 deaths)

"From the redwood forest to the
gulf stream waters"

(Indian Wars - 1,000 deaths)

"This land was made for you and me"

(Civil War - 497,821 deaths)

"As I was walking that ribbon of highway"

(Spanish-American War - 11,000 deaths)

"I saw before me that endless skyway"

(WW I - 116,000 deaths)

"I saw before me a golden valley"

(WW II - 406,000 deaths)

"This land was made for you and me"

(Korean Conflict - 55,000 deaths)

"I've roamed and rambled"

(Vietnam - 109,000 deaths)

"And I've followed my footsteps"

(Gulf War - 9,000 deaths)

"To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts"

(America's War Total - 1,090,200 deaths)

"And all around me a voice was sounding this...
land was made for you and me."

(America's on-going War on Terror - 3,000+)

"And I'm proud to be an American where at least I
know I'm free...and I won't forget the men who
died and gave that right to me...and I'll gladly
stand up next to you and defend her still
today...cuz there ain't no doubt I love this land -
GOD BLESS THE U.S.A."

Lyrics by Woodie Guthrie and Lee Greenwood

**Deaths by our Brothers and Sisters
we must never forget!**

Mass of Thanksgiving

With gratitude to God, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated to mark the Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood of Bishop Anthony M. Pilla on Monday, June 1st at Saint John Cathedral. The Mass will be followed by a public reception at One Cleveland Center (one block north of the Cathedral on E. 9th St.). Please join in giving thanks to God for the many years of priestly ministry of our friend and shepherd, Bishop Pilla. Free and secure parking is available.

Coffee and Donuts

Join the parish family for coffee, donuts, and conversation after all Sunday Masses.

Congratulations - Father John...

on the 15th anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood on May 28th!

Celebrate Pentecost Sunday - May 31st

There will be a special gathering of Catholics, Lutherans and Episcopalians for an afternoon of discussion, light refreshments and evening prayer. This will take place at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral located at 2230 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Parking is conveniently located next to the Cathedral.

Financial News

Offertory Contributions

Last Sunday \$ 5,285.19

Monthly \$ 2,051.00

Corpus Christi Procession

at St. John Cathedral

Children who received First Holy Communion during this school year are invited to participate in a procession at the Cathedral on the vigil of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Children are asked to wear their First Communion clothing. Children will participate in the entrance procession of the Mass. The procession will take place on Saturday, June 13th at 4:30 PM. After Mass the children and their families will be encouraged to tour the Cathedral.

Come and See Weekend

Attention single women ages 18-40. Are you discerning a call to religious life or wondering what this life is all about? The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland invite you to a Come and See Weekend July 24-26th. For more information, call Sr. Juliana Beck at 440-449-1200 ext.138, or at jbeck@ursulinesisters.org

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Catherine Reinhard, Ashley Wiot, Clara Lintner, Tania Gheen, Kelly A. Kuhar, Kenneth Hillegas



Volunteers Needed

Could you help make one of life's most challenging moments easier for people in your community? You're invited to explore the possibility of becoming a Volunteer for the Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice. A wide range of volunteer skills are needed. Volunteer training will take place on Wednesdays beginning June 17, or Thursdays beginning June 25. Call to register 216-902-7352, or for more information email pkampf@vnacleveland.org