

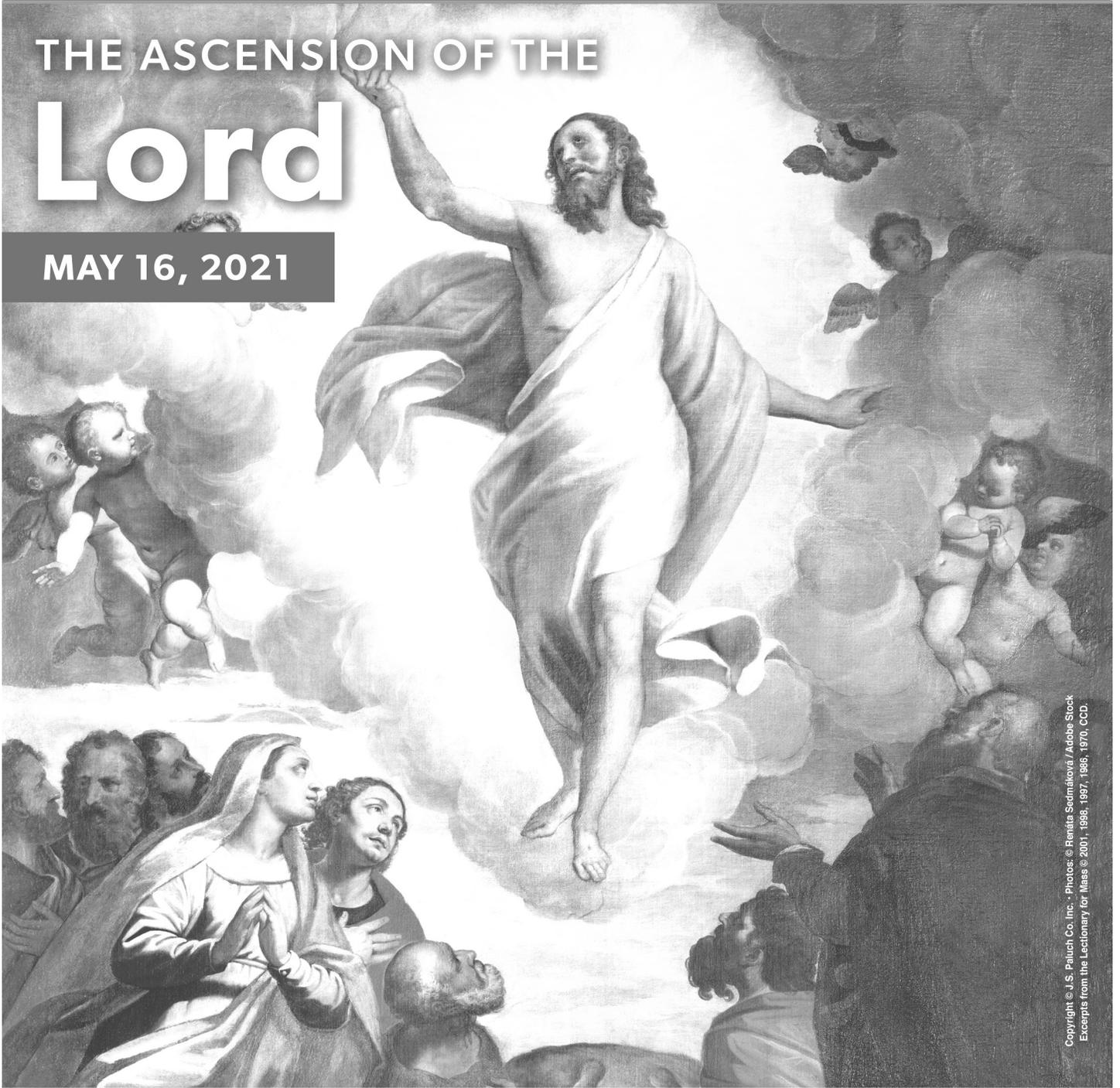


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THE ASCENSION OF THE
Lord

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**Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature.**

Mark 16:15

Ascension of the Lord

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-7

Thus begins the Second Reading for the Mass of the Ascension of the Lord. These verses from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians are a beautiful meditation. We should take time to ponder and reflect on them. He begins by reminding us to live in humility and gentleness for Our Lord said, "learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls," Mt. 11: 29. He adds, "with patience" because "love is patient", 1Cor. 13:4. We are called to love one another as Christ loved us. It is through love that we bear with one another, which is to say, support one another.

Our Lord gave to us the gift of His peace, a peace different from the kind the world gives. At every Mass we are reminded of this when we are invited by Christ, in the person of the priest, to offer to one another the sign of peace. It is in virtue of this peace that we strive to preserve the unity of the spirit. Like the first "community of believers," Acts 4:32, we strive to be of one heart and one mind.

Reflect on the marvelous oneness of the community of believers. "For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread," 1Cor.10:17. The one bread is the Living Bread come down from heaven, Jesus Christ, who gives us the Blessed Sacrament of His Body.

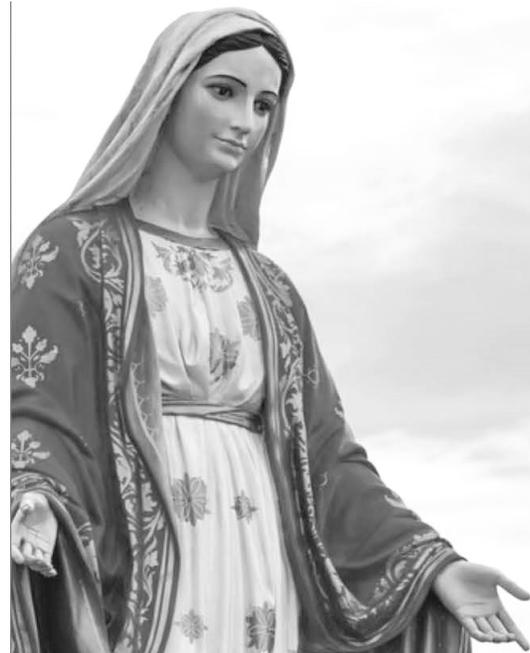
How glorious is this unity, this oneness! One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. *E pluribus unum* is the motto used on the Great Seal the United States found on most American coins. Our nation aspires to be "one out of many." As desirable and commendable as this aspiration is, it is only truly realized in the Church founded by Jesus Christ.

At the Last Supper, Jesus told the Apostles that it was good for Him to go, Jn. 16:7, so that the Holy Spirit could come and guide, instruct, and remind them of all that Jesus taught them. That is why the Church reads the Acts of the Apostles throughout the Easter Season. This New Testament book has been called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit because it reveals how the Holy Spirit guided the Apostles and first Christians in building this Church of ours which is truly made one out of many. "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus," Gal. 3:28.

Jesus is now sitting at the right hand of the Father. He intercedes for us. "The Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered," Rom. 8:26.

This week let us make a good preparation for the Solemn Feast of Pentecost which is next Sunday. I again recommend meditating on the verses above from the Letter to the Ephesians. We have Jesus the Living Bread in the Blessed Sacrament, we have the Holy Spirit of truth, we have the bond of love and the gift of faith. We are well prepared to do as Jesus instructs us. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature," Mk. 16:15.

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.



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8:00am Catherine Darmer/Improved Health

5:30pm Robert Reeves/R.I.P.

Sunday, May 16th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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12:00pm Catherine Darmer & Manny

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Confessions Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español)

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Saturdays

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass inside church

Sundays

6:30 a.m. Mass inside church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Spanish) at Capilla de Guadalupe

10:00 a.m. Mass inside church

12:00 p.m. Live-stream and opened to the public Mass

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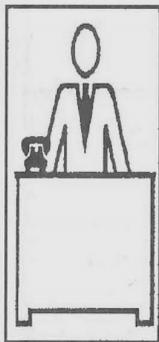
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