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May 21, 2023

The Ascension Of The Lord
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We as a family of faith encourage the full and active participation of all members in Worship of our God, by learning about and sharing our Catholic faith and by developing a loving community of care and concern for one another.
Fiscal Year 2022/2023
Offertory Budget: $132,800
Weekly Offertory Budget: $2,554
May 13/14: $1,397
Online Giving: $750
Difference: $407 Less
2023 Returning God’s Gifts Goal: $9,211
Pledged: $8,578 Percent of Goal Pledged: 93%
Collected: $6,556 Percent of Goal Collected: 71%

SPRING MEDITATIONS

Beauty is that which gives pleasure upon being seen, according to perhaps the greatest philosopher and theologian of Western civilization, St. Thomas Aquinas. A more modern saint, Pope John Paul II, described beauty as God’s goodness made visible. Without a doubt both of these definitions apply to the beauty particular to springtime. We don’t want to look away when we spot a field bursting with wildflowers or the edge of a forest where the trees are just beginning to display their leaves.

And then it’s over. The blossoms fall, the intense colors fade, the exultation settles down, and summer begins. And although summer has breathtaking beauties, those of springtime pass away. That is how it is with all earthly beauty. It passes. Or we become accustomed to it and it no longer moves us dramatically as it did at first. And that is good. We are not meant to live in the intensity of spring all the time.

This is a lesson we have forgotten. We have come to desire perpetual youth, perpetual springtime beauty. Why would a healthy sixty-year old man want to look like a teenager? Why do we habitually disregard the value of our elders? Older and wiser cultures have always looked up to their elders with appreciation, esteem, and docility.

The same God who poured His goodness into springtime has also poured His goodness into summer and autumn and winter. The same God has given us the ability to appreciate His goodness as it shows itself in every person of any age. If we want to see it, we can.

Reflect - “Search and you will find...for the one who searches always finds” (Mt 7:7-8).
(Spring Meditations by John Bartunek, LC, STHD)

GOD’S SALVATION

LAW AND GRACE

Grace - Grace is first and foremost a gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. But grace also includes the gifts that the Spirit grants us to associate us with His work, to enable us to collaborate in the salvation of others and in the growth of the Body of Christ the Church. There are sacramental graces, gifts proper to the different sacraments. There are special graces, also called charisms after the Greek term used by St. Paul and meaning ‘favor,’ ‘gratuitous gift,’ ‘benefit.’ Whatever their character, sometimes it is extraordinary, such as the gift of miracles or of tongues-charisms are oriented toward sanctifying grace and are intended for the common good of the Church. They are at the service of charity which builds up the Church.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition)

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Fr. Bogdan will be away May 15th through June 1st. During his absence there will be no weekday morning Masses, no Thursday Confessions, and no Thursday Adorations. Saturday and Sunday Masses will be held during this period at the same times. Saturday Confessions will be held directly before Mass as usual.

What does a shark and a computer have in common? They both have megabites.

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