

Pope Francis: God loves each and every one of us



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Speaking on Wednesday at the weekly **General Audience**, Pope Francis continued his catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy reflecting on the parable of the Good Shepherd.

He said that the Lord uses the image of the shepherd who leaves his flock to go in search of one lost sheep to express God’s closeness to sinners. He emphasized that God does not want even a single person to be lost and that in his infinite mercy, he is always ready to meet us wherever we are.

And reflecting on the “throwaway culture” of the contemporary world, the Pope said it is something that is totally foreign to God who would never “throw away” a single person.

“God loves all, he reaches out to every person: one by one! He knows nothing about ‘throwing away people’ because He is all about love and mercy” he said.

The example of the Good Shepherd, Pope Francis continued, also challenges us to go out in search of those in particular need of God’s mercy, especially those who have gone astray.

He said that Jesus teaches us that in his eyes there are no lost sheep, but only sheep needing to be found and that the joy which the Good Shepherd feels must also be the joy of the entire flock.

Continuing to reflect on the parable the Pope pointed out that the faithful must also resist the temptation to close themselves in the pen where there may be no ‘stink of sheep’ but the stuffiness of a closed and airless room.

“Christians, he said, must never be closed. Ever! We must not be closed within ourselves, or within small communities or parishes thinking we are ‘right’.

Christians, he said, are called to embrace the missionary spirit that takes them into the world to encounter others.

He said that for the Lord no one is definitely lost: “He looks for us up until the very last moment”.

Pope Francis concluded saying that we are all lost sheep who were found by the Lord’s mercy.

“No distance can keep the shepherd far from his sheep; no flock can afford to give up on a member” he said.

And he called us to rejoice in his merciful love, to bring that love to others and to join him in gathering all into the fold.



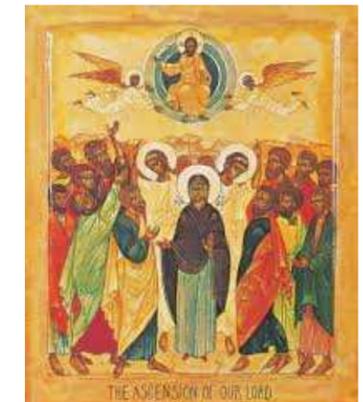
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Ascension of the Lord May 8, 2016



[Jesus] said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24:46-53 ESV

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday: 7:00 pm
Sunday Rosary 8:15 am
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Spanish Mass 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Rosary: Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am and 7:15 pm
Perpetual Help Devotions at both Wednesday Masses

Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (confession)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Priests are available anytime by appointment



REDEMPTORIST PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Each Wednesday at 6:30 am and 10:30 am the Redemptorists offer Perpetual Help devotions on Vision TV. Shaw Cable 122 Sasktel Max 23
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Monday to Friday

PRAYER LIST

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Arnie Fortowsky	Walter Prochera	
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Nora Hayes	Paul Ruot	
Janice Herbers	Filomena Santoro	
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Marjorie Joseph	Ray St. Germaine	
Sr. Mildred Kaufman	Cheryl Tullis	
Bently Keindel	Laura Ulsifer	

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 9
9:00 am †Jose, Maria, & Tony Figueiredo

Tuesday, May 10
9:00 am †Mary Young

Wednesday, May 11
9:00 am †Anne Geenen
7:15 pm †Catalino & Epifania Odtohan

Thursday, May 12
9:00 am †Frank Kerbler

Friday, May 13
9:00 am †Bernadino Moreira & Family

Saturday, May 14
9:00 am Michael Prystupa
7:00 pm †Agustinino Sousa & †Elean Cabral

Sunday, May 15
9:00 am †Jose Antonio Sousa & †Emilia & Manuel Sousa
11:00 am For the Parish

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 5,130
Week of May 2—May 8, 2016	
Envelopes & PAD:	\$ 7,234
Loose:	\$ 851
Total for the week	\$ 8,085
Over Budget	\$ 2,955
Year to Date Budgeted offering	92,340
Year to Date Donations	\$89,113
Under Budget	\$ 3,227
Long Range Planning: Have you considered including your parish in your will or naming "St. Mary's Parish Building Support" as an alternative charity in an obituary notice?	

Next Sunday May 15th— Pentecost Sunday
Sunday Summary
Acts 2:1-11
 The Spirit of God makes it possible for all to understand each other plainly.
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
 God's spirit renews creation, making all things fresh and vital again.
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13,
 The Spirit of God makes it possible for us to utilize the many spiritual gifts.
John 20:19-23
 In an intimate gathering, Jesus breathes the Spirit onto his disciples.

Dates to Remember		
Mon, May 9	RCIA	7:00PM
Tues, May 10	*Mass with Anointing*	1:30PM
Tues, May 10	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00PM
Wed, May 11	CWL Meeting	8:00PM
Wed, May 11	K of C Meeting	8:00PM
Sat, May 14	Sacramental Prep	10:30AM
Sat, May 14	Sodalitas	10:00AM
Mon, May 16	RCIA	7:00PM
Tues, May 17	Prayer Shawl Minister	1:00PM
Tues, May 17	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00PM
Tues, May 17	Finance Committee Meeting	7:00PM
Wed, May 18	PPC Meeting	7:00PM

LECTORS AND MINISTRIES OF HOLY COMMUNION
Next Week May 14/15

	LECTORS	COMMUNION
7:00 PM	Sr. Lenore Moldenhauer Pat Fortosky	Sr. Carol Borreson Sr. Josie Bouvier Brian Favel Vic Fortosky
9:00 AM	Jim Penna Annette Piche	Josie Savino Rose Wasylenka Marlene Blom Maureen Blom
11:00 AM	Vina Edwards Sylvia Zakreski	Francis Ecijan Ben Fortosky Arnel Mendoza Eileen Provost

The Ascension and God's Plan for the Restoration of All Things

by Fr. James M. Donahue, C.R.

With his two brief accounts of the Ascension (in the Gospel and in Acts), Luke remains our main source of information about Jesus' Ascension to heaven. What is striking here is that the passage speaks more about the disciples—their fears, their questions and their mission—than about Jesus himself. Throughout the resurrection narratives, Jesus has helped the disciples to understand the story of Jesus within the larger story of salvation history. Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus indicates that the messiah would not immediately be a glorious king, but on the contrary, that it was necessary that he should suffer and die before entering into his glory. In this light, the suffering and death of Jesus do not destroy the messianic credentials as the disciples had feared. Indeed, their hearts now "burn" as he opens the scriptures to them. The angels in the tomb ("Remember what he said to you...that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and crucified."), Jesus on the road to Emmaus ("Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"), and now Jesus at the supper with all the disciples ("Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.")—all contain words that try to help them to understand this. This is what makes them witnesses of the resurrection and ministers of the word...they just need to wait for the outpouring of the Spirit (an allusion to the prophet Joel 3:1-5, who looks forward to the day when God will "pour out the Spirit upon all flesh") which they will receive at Pentecost. It will be through the Spirit's presence and power that Jesus' commission for mission will be extended to the entire world.

In the last verse of the gospel, we are told that the disciples returned to "Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God." Through this verse, Luke connects the disciples with the significant figures in the infancy narratives, as well as those many who have been beneficiaries of Jesus' ministry throughout the gospel. Now the disciples also have come to the knowledge of salvation (Brendan Byrne, *The Hospitality of God: A Reading of the Gospel of Luke*, Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2015: 211). It is this same knowledge of salvation in our own lives that will provide hope and confidence for the ministry that we are called to undertake today.

The second reading refers to God's plan of restoring all things in Christ. God has made humans and all things in the cosmos to be united with God. The bodily resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of the completion of this plan. God has, after all, become incarnate in Jesus, and now in his bodily resurrection, Jesus takes with him the very "stuff" of creation into the life of the Trinity. This anticipates our final end and the destination of the entire cosmos.

PLEASE BEAR WITH US St. Mary's has recently changed phone systems and staff are still in a learning curve. We ask parishioners be patient with us as we go through the growing pains of the new system. Thank you.

K OF C BREAKFAST The next Knights of Columbus Breakfast will be held on **Sunday May 8th** following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Everyone is welcome!

It's Time to Talk... Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide
 The Scriptures teach that life is a precious God-given gift. Our society's acceptance and potential normalizing of physician-assisted death and euthanasia are worthy of reflection. This presentation will explore the dangers these practices pose to all Canadians, providing participants with the necessary tools to engage in this discussion. Come deepen your understanding of the political situation in Canada, share your stories and questions, and learn more about how you can approach suffering with the compassion of Christ.
 Presenter: Mary Deutscher, Ph.D.(c)
7:00—9:00 pm Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at Forest Grove Community Church, 502 Webster Street, Saskatoon. This session is free of charge. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by, and for more info, contact the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan www.chassk.ca (306) 655-5330

Pleasant Hill Community Spring Clean Up Day
May 28th
9:00am to 1:00pm
 All Volunteers meet at St. Mary's Affinity Credit Union Parking Lot at 9:00am. Instructions and maps will be given out at this time. Please wear closed toe shoes and bring gloves and rakes, if possible. We need trucks, trailers and a lot of energetic people to have fun cleaning up our community. In appreciation there will be a BBQ at Grace Adam Metawewinik Park behind St. Mary's School after the clean-up for those who have volunteered.



Pentecost
 Our major celebration will occur during the 11:00am Mass where you are encouraged to wear your ethnic clothing and bring a flag or banner that represents your Cultural group. We will meet at the rectory lawn at 10:45 am and process into the Church for Mass. Please bring samples of your ethnic foods to be blessed and shared following the Mass. Please wear your ethnic clothing to the other two Masses. We will each be reciting The Lord's Prayer during each Mass in our own ethnic languages. Thanks to all who help make our Pentecost celebration a success!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meeting has been moved to Wednesday May 11 at 8:00pm. Nominations for next years officers will take place at this meeting. All are encouraged to attend.

ST. MARY'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
 7:15 pm in lower hall
 Theme: Jesus calls young people to follow him "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Tim. 4:12

ANNUAL MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE will be held 7:00 p.m. **Wednesday, May 11**, at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres East, Saskatoon. Beginning with Mass celebrated by Fr. Pius Schroh and Fr. Denis Phaneuf, followed by Cenacle prayers. Everyone welcome. For information call Edna Evans (306) 382-1680. (This cenacle will replace the regular cenacle which is normally held the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral.)



Thanks to all who helped to make our Mission in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help a success: the Redemptorist Associates, the chairs, those leading the Rosary, the school children who coloured, those in décor and special thanks to Bishop Bryan Bayda for leading us in the Mission.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 15, 2016
All Weekend Mass