



**Parish Bulletin
May 16-17, 2015**

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YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Did you know that we are celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life? Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate the lives of religious sisters, brothers, and priests, and invite others to consider a religious vocation. This is one reason we pray our diocesan vocation prayer on Sundays. But there are many ways to celebrate and many prayers that can be said. Please remember to pray for those living the religious life and for those contemplating it.

LORD OF THE HARVEST, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen. — Pope Francis

*** THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE NEXT WEEK (MAY 23). Please join us as we celebrate Pentecost together as a parish on Sunday at 10:30am. We will have a pancake / potluck immediately following mass.

Remember in your prayers

Those who are ill or in need of prayer: Francis Alvanna, Connie Bartko, Elsa Bronson, May Bernhardt, Cindy Briscoe, Everett Buzek, Gemma Carlisle, Mathilda Crisci, Cathy Freericks, Jens Hildreth, Carlee Hobbs, William Kaleak III, Jerome Koezuna, Joe Kunnuk, Andrew Kunayak Sr, Wilbert Landry, Ben Mercurief, Megan Mackiernan, Nancy McGuire, Pauline Montminny, Peggy & Ray Mucillo, Fr Armand Nigro, SJ, Sigwien Omiak, Mary Omnick, Alex Oyoumick, Gabriel Payenna, Emily Regan, John Schaeffer, Pete Schaeffer, Ross Schaeffer, Christine Schultz's father Norman, Louise Scratcher, Annette Sherwood, Antonia Stewart & family, Charles Tunley, Phillip Villa, Bryce Warnke-Green, Rylan Lewis

Those in the military: Souther Board, Bryan Braswell, Frank Ellanna, Jake Froehle, Travis Kayouktuk, Andy Lean, Christina McGuire, Michael Miller, Jennifer Thomas, Jeffery Wysong

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass 10:30 am

Monday Mass 8:00 am

Tuesday Mass 8:00 am

Wednesday—AMCC

**Thursday Mass 8:00
am**

**Friday Hospital Mass
12:10 pm**

**Saturday Vigil Mass
5:30 pm**

**Confessions Saturday
4:30 pm**

**Father Vince Burns
443-5527**

**Deacon Bob Froehle
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Mo Koezuna

Parish Council:

Rebecca Callahan

Patrick Callahan

Angela Gorn

Megan Mackiernan

Nancy McGuire

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Fr. Ross is now off to Maryland and can be reached by mail at:

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The Sunday Gospel - taken from "Sunday connection" by Loyola Press

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

LECTOR / EMHC SCHEDULE

Saturday May 16	5:30 p.m.	Lector: Gretchen Froehle
Sunday May 17	10:30 a.m.	Lector: Sylvia Paniataaq EMHC: Kitty Scott
Saturday 23	No evening service	
Sunday 24	10:30 a.m.	Lector: many!! EMHC: Sylvia Paniataaq
Saturday May 30	5:30 p.m.	Lector: Tom Moran
Sunday May 31	10:30 a.m.	Lector: Kitty Scott EMHC: Gretchen Froehle

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- Sunday, May 17 - 5pm
Confirmation Class
- ◆ Saturday - 5/23 - NO
SERVICE!!
- ◆ Sunday, May 24 -
Pentecost Sunday - Pancake
Breakfast after 10:30 mass
- ◆ Monday, June 15 -
Fr. John Hinsvark comes
to Nome for 2 weeks