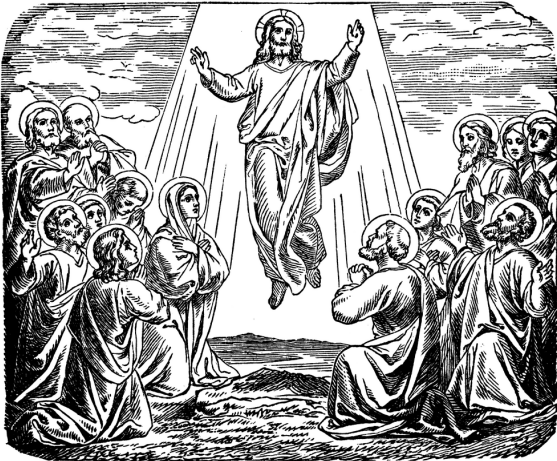


**MAY 20 & 21, 2023**  
**SOLEMNITY OF**  
**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**



**When the going gets tough,  
the tough get . . . praying**

Jesus is ascended into heaven. What do his disciples do now? Not too long ago, we heard about their first reaction, which was to stop and stare upwards. We might forgive them this momentary lapse of initiative. If Jesus had been your constant companion for three years, minus a significant three days, it may never have occurred to you that his departure was in the offing. Jesus' presence was such an absolute fulfillment that his physical absence must have seemed like an unthinkable event, an unfillable void at first. So, their eyes followed him until he was completely out of view. Then the angels barked at them to stop staring at nothing and to get going. So, they did. They got right to the heart of the task of discipleship, which was to get together in one place and to pray.

Does that sound disappointing? Does that seem rather anticlimactic? After the Passion and death and Resurrection of Jesus, followed by countless apparitions and weeks of deeper teaching, concluded with the grand exit of the Ascension, we might well ask: Is a session of prayer the best they could do? Why didn't they run into the streets and jumpstart Pentecost? Why didn't they turn the upper room into a war room of tactical planning for the church to come? Why not sit down and outline the first gospel at least? I can think of a dozen things that would seem more purposeful and productive than a prayer meeting. We've sat through so many of those, and whatever came out of them that we could hold in our hands or claim as an achievement?

Yet the disciples didn't feel the need for a mission statement or a fundraiser or a building committee or even the inkling of a doctrinal pronouncement. The one thing needful in that initial hour of being church was to devote themselves, as it says in Acts, to prayer. If you and I have never attacked prayer with single-hearted devotion, then we can't compare our experience of praying to theirs. We can't imagine that, in a book that describes the actions of apostles, how prayer can be a very active form of engagement.



**WHAT IS THE “FINAL BATTLE” THAT SISTER LUCIA OF FATIMA SPOKE OF?**

The Blessed Mother's message is not over.

The sheep grazed lazily, drifting about with heads to the ground and eyes half-closed. The three children who herded them were busy about a little furze bush, building a wall with the loose rocks lying about. A bee buzzed nearby in the last of the spring flowers.

Suddenly, a flash lit the air.

The children hesitated, dropped their stones, and looked at the sky.

*“We'd better go home,”* said the oldest, *“that's lightning; we may have a thunderstorm.”*

They had pushed the reluctant sheep onto the road when a second flash like lightning flickered around them. Then, on a holmoak quite near them, a radiant Lady appeared and said to them, *“Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm.”*

Thus, began the Fatima apparitions, wherein the Blessed Mother appeared to the children six times, bringing them a message that urged repentance. If the world did not repent soon, she said, God would send horrific punishments upon it.

We know what happened over the next one hundred years: the horrors of World War I ended, only to return with greater force in World War II; Russia, *“spreading her errors,”* embroiled the world in the Cold War and the influences of the Communist ideology; countless martyrs shed their blood for the Faith.

It would be easy to draw a breath of relief and say, *“Well, thank goodness all that is over now.”*

But is it? Lucia warned us that—because the Fatima message has been ignored—another terrible punishment will fall on the world.

*“The final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan,”* she said, *“will be about marriage and the family.”*

In our times, we can see that the battle has begun—but it's not too late. God's punishment is not fixed. Just as He offered the city of Nineveh an opportunity to repent of their sins, so He now offers a way by which mankind can be saved. If we turn to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and follow her plan for peace, we can lessen the full consequences of our sin by means of penance.



**THE ORIGINAL CAP'N FLINT'S RECIPE  
WONTON & SHRIMP CREOLE'**

**PICK UP IN THE CHURCH HALL  
605 Maple Street  
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

All proceeds to benefit OLGCC Catholic Church.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CONFESSIONS FOR STUDENTS  
RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION  
(ONLY)**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM IN THE CHURCH.

**FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE  
FRIDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 6PM IN THE CHURCH.**

**FIRST COMMUNION  
MASS FOR CATECHISM GROUP:  
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023 AT 11AM.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
SEMI ANNUAL TRI-TIP ROAST SALE FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

ROASTS ARE MARINATED, BBQ, AND READY TO EAT.

ORDER BEFORE JUNE 12, 2023.

PRE-SALE ONLY

EACH ROAST \$35.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLACE ORDERS, PLEASE CALL  
DAVE SWENSEN: 707-489-3028, STEVE BEEMAN: 707-480-4614,  
PARISH OFFICE: 707-964-0229 OR EMAIL: [olgcinfb@gmail.com](mailto:olgcinfb@gmail.com).

**SUPPORTS ON GOING EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM.**



**We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good  
Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online  
giving software! This is a convenient and secure way to make your  
one-time or recurring donations.**

*Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.*

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new giving page at  
[olgcinfb.org](http://olgcinfb.org).

*From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account  
online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up  
with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!  
If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office  
at 964-0229.*

**MASS INTENTIONS  
MAY 20 - 26, 2023**

Saturday (20)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Harold & Pearl Johnson †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Juan Mendoza † Victor Martin & Raquel Dzul † Socorro Cortez Esquivel † Rafaela Terán Salgado † Elia Osorio (healing) Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (21)	8:00am	Ezequiel Cruz †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (22)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (23)	12:05pm	Julián Mora † Marina González † Wendy Alcalá (b-day)
Wednesday (24)	12:05pm	Alice Bergin †
Thursday (25)	12:05pm	Buren Haag †
Friday (26)	12:05pm	Eddie Mary †

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

MAY 13 & 14, 2023...\$2,692.00  
MAINTENANCE FUND...\$718.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
AMA (ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL)**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
MAINTENANCE FUND**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela  
Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie  
Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna  
Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis,  
Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM, WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION  
AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father  
Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or  
Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229  
and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN  
WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.  
ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT  
PERMANENT MEMORIALS  
TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH  
SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE  
DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND  
ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A  
LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE

## **Lake County Outdoor Passion Play**

Saturday & Sunday, May 20th and 21st, 2023,  
at 4:00-6:00 PM.

Off Highway 29, about 4 miles north of Lakeport  
7010 Westlake Rd, Upper Lake CA, 95485.

Free Admission.

Please join us in the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension  
of our Lord, Jesus Christ, here in beautiful Lake  
County, California.

- Free of charge; donations are gratefully accepted.
  - Bring your own chair.
- No smoking, food, drink, or pets on grounds.
  - Water available.
- Facilities for the handicapped.  
HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Visit our website at: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org) or call:  
707-263-0349