

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (World Communications Day)
16th May**

Jesus has taken his place at the right hand of the Father. His entry into glory is a cause of hope for us: that when our time comes, we too, will flow Jesus into the glory of heaven.

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays 9a.m. & 11a.m.
HOLY DAYS.
(Working) Vigil 6p.m. Holy Days 10a.m. & 7.30p.m.
Weekdays. Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

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Prayer to Saint Joseph

God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.
Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, and Mary his mother and mother of the Church,
May we be guided through this time of peril?

Preserve us in peace; heal the sick; protect the vulnerable;
Keep safe our health care workers and all who serve society,
At home and abroad.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.....Amen



Deaths

We remember in our prayers
Philomena O'Connor late of Pic-du-Jer Park,
May she rest in peace?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I cannot remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals, but, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today?"

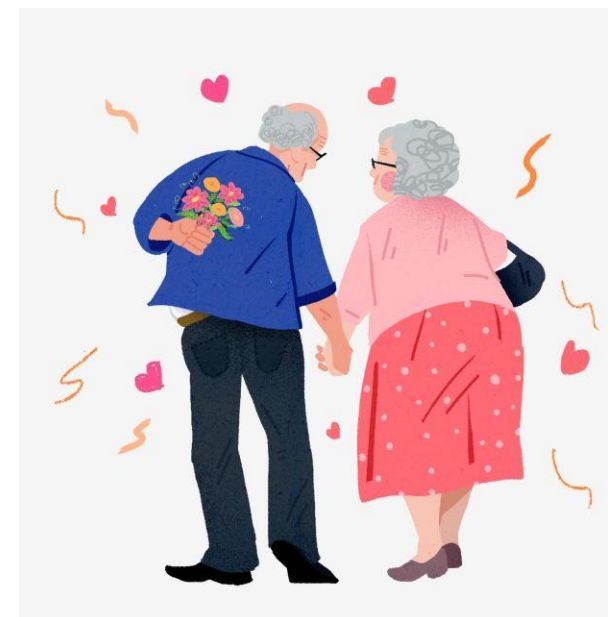
When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B.I.B.L.E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!



The local news station was interviewing an 80 year old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80 and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director" she answered. Interesting, "the newsman thought". He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining

that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20s then a circus ringmaster when in her 40s, a preacher when in her 60s and now in her 80s a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go".

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A man brings his best buddy home for dinner, unannounced at 7.30p.m. after work. His wife begins screaming at him and his friend just sits and listens. My hair and makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pajamas and I can't be bothered with cooking tonight! Why did you bring him home?

Her husband replied, "Because he's thinking of getting married and I promised him a demo!"

Prayer at the Beginning of the Day

**I lift these hands, dear God, to You,
in praise and thanks for all you do.
You light the path through all my days
and bless me with your living ways.
I lift these hands dear God, to You,
In troubled hours when joys are few.
You bear me up on eagles' wings and see
me through each test life brings.
I lift these hands, dear God, to You,
please grant me wisdom, patience, too.
Then fill my heart with love and caring,
Precious gifts you've made for sharing.**

