



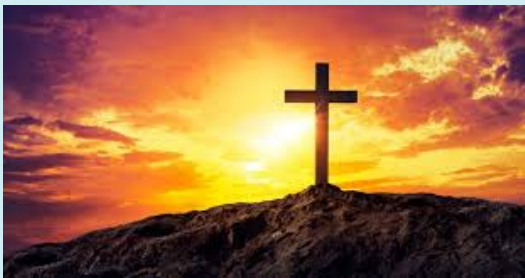
May 27, 2020

St. Mary's **MESSENGER**

Hello St. Mary's Family,

Bishop Doyle has continued the suspension of "at Church worship" for the time being. Check your email for your copy of the readings for this Sunday, and tune in on our website, www.ourstmarys.org Sundays at 10:00 AM for live worship services. (Click on "Worship" tab then "Live Media"). We will continue to keep you updated!

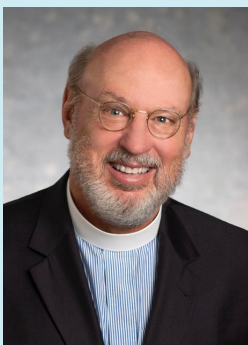
**In His Peace,
Rev. Bill**



*Readings for Day of Pentecost
Whitsunday
May 31, 2020*

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 33:12-22
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

From Your Priest:



"The Coming Spirit"
John 20:19-23

It is a moment of high drama when the Risen Lord makes his appearance with the disciples. He shows them the pain he has borne, his wounds on his hands and side. Offering them "Peace," he gives them a great mission

—Christ sends them (and us) into the world just as he has been sent into the world. A new commission in the name of Jesus Christ is created. We call it the Church. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church.

In triumph over suffering and death, Christ breathes on them and gives his Church the Holy Spirit, another revelation of the household of God. He tells them to “receive” the Spirit, as a gift which is presented, and is to be greeted with great joy as it guides, sustains, and comforts the Church. How’s that for a birthday present?

- Rev. Bill

THINK ON THIS: *Happy Memorial Day Week!*



We sincerely appreciate those who have served and actively serve in the Armed Forces of this great Nation!

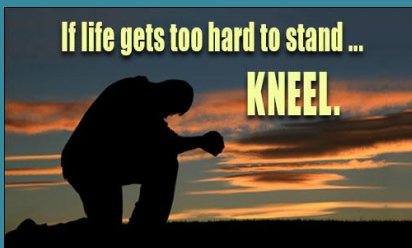
Below is an excerpt of letters from a Special Forces Medic in Vietnam:

"Don't worry about me not knowing life and treating it foolishly. I want to go back to America so bad its not even funny. I want to enjoy all the good things we are so lucky to have. I wont get any medals here in Special Forces for what I have done or will do, but inside I'll always know what I am capable of doing and what I have done with pride. I had men die for me in 1776, 1812, the Alamo, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I & II and in Korea. I feel like I owe someone something by being here. I love life, and I love fighting for my country. It's a son of a gun and scares me to death sometimes, but it's what I like, fighting for our flag and country. Sounds crazy, but I realize more and more how wonderful life is in America."

• **Staff Sgt. Joseph E. Smith**, 5th Special Forces (Airborne) A-402 at Muc-Hoa, Vietnam.
(d. Sept. 5, 1968)

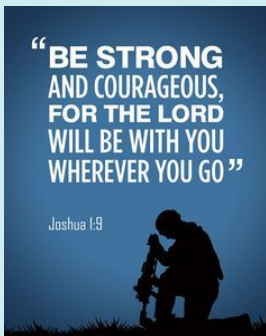
"For the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard."
Isaiah 52:12b

"There is a time for war and a time for peace." **Ecclesiastes 3:8**



Bow the Knee

"Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...in the presence of your King, bow the knee." -Chris Machen



A Prayer for Soldiers

Brave warriors,
should fate find us
in battle,
May our cause be
just.
May our leaders

have clear vision.

May our courage not falter.

May we be triumphant and earn victory
as we show mercy to our enemies.

May our efforts bring lasting peace.

May our sacrifice be always
appreciated by those we serve.

May we return to our loved ones
unharméd.

Should we be harmed, may our wounds
heal.

Should we perish in the struggle,
may God embrace us and find for us
a place in His Kingdom.



Prayer List:

**Mike Hetherly, Larry & Becky
Hart, Ricky Gilmore, Anne
Brown, Jim & Pat
Anderson, Alec Richardson,
Katherine Mezger, Lynn,
Dusty, Buck, Alex, Randy,
Debbie, Jack, John, Buddy,
Rebecca, Heather, Sally,
Norman, Mary Jo & Kiersten.**

May we remember that Christ is our
Invincible Army. He is our forward
and our rearguard.

"The glory of the Lord will
be your rearguard." **Isaiah
58:8b**

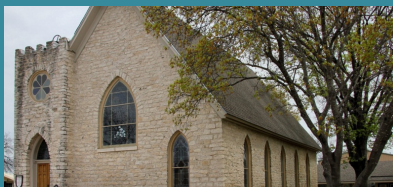
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