

**May 6, 2021**



Blessings to all of you as you complete your finals. I'm hoping that you have a wonderful end of the school year. I recall the years when I taught school, and I discovered that God led me to find out how much joy it was to teach. I had taught for many years, but did not discover how much joy there was in it until God led me into something different. We don't often know what God wants for us until we try it. Good luck to all of you as you complete this school year.

This week will be the **Pinning and Graduation Ceremonies** for many of our graduates. I will be praying for **all of you** as you complete this school year. Next week, we will celebrate the **Feast of the Ascension of Jesus** into heaven. Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after his resurrection. Ten days later is the **Feast of Pentecost**, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.

This year the feast of St. Matthias falls on May 14<sup>th</sup>, about a week before the feast of Pentecost. St. Matthias was made an apostle years later, as Acts 1:15-17 says, "*The scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke...concerning Judas... It is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time Jesus was among us became a witness to his resurrection.*" So, they proposed the names of two men and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was counted with the Eleven. John's Gospel for that day says: "*If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love... just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.*"

I believe that the Gospel Acclamation for that day says it all: "***I chose you to go and bear fruit that will last.***" (Jn 15:16)

May God bless you all as you strive to bear fruit that will last!

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