

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Although last week marked the final lesson of our REP school year, I could not pass up this opportunity to share this. This is because we will be celebrating Ascension Thursday (May 21st), and Pentecost Sunday (May 31st). Two important occasions in our Catholic Faith.

I am providing a brief summary of each of these holy days as well as activities and videos for the kids.

Ascension video:

<https://youtu.be/7wLrw60bY5w>

Pentecost videos:

https://youtu.be/_rjQ_XDPIis

<https://youtu.be/OMQKy1Mx49M>

I leave you with this excerpt from J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, which I thought was very appropriate for these times.

*"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.
"So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live
to see such times. But that is not for them to decide.
All we have to decide is what to do with the time
that is given us."*

And so my faithful families, stay positive, stay faithful, stay hopeful and call upon the Holy Spirit to help you during these trying times. I keep you all in my prayers and I ask you to also pray. Pray for one another. May we continue to take care of our neighbors, and may our faith in God grow even stronger through these hardships and one another.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Keep the Faith!