



Americans will celebrate Memorial Day on May 26. The federal holiday has its roots in the American Civil War era, and honors the more than one million men and women who have died while serving our country. Those who have sacrificed their lives in the United States Armed Forces to protect American liberty are remembered with gratitude by displays of patriotism around the nation.

Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May, which typically coincides with the last few weeks of grade school. According to Wikipedia, Memorial Day was originally called "Decoration Day" and was first celebrated to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. It later developed into a holiday which honors all men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is distinguished from Veterans' Day in that Americans honor those who have died while serving our country on Memorial Day.

Americans have historically celebrated this holiday by placing American flags or flowers on the gravesites of loved ones and those buried in Arlington National Cemetery. American flags are to be set at half-staff on this day until noon to symbolize mourning for those who have died serving our country, and are thereafter raised to full-staff to remind Americans to continue the fight to uphold the freedoms that we have been given. Many cities also celebrate those who have served our country with parades.

Believers are reminded on this day of the ultimate sacrifice that was paid on our behalf - that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, willingly bore our sins on the cross at Calvary so that we might be reconciled to Him, offering free forgiveness and new life to all of those who call on His name. John 3:16-17 says:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him"(English Standard Version).

*From Shirley Beelik
The tree outside and to the left
of the Church front door*

I was embarrassed when you asked me about the tree, because I am having trouble with all plant names, as well as other names! I still don't know what it is, and would need a specimen to look it up.



A name that came up is tulip tree, one of the magnolia family. Liriodendron came into my mind, and that is the generic name for a couple of species. Pictures I saw have unusually shaped leaves, so that might give a clue. Magnolia liliiflora Tulip Tree"- picture I saw looks like what I remember. Magnolia liliiflora also know as tulip tree"will grow from 60-80 feet tall, They have a moderate to rapid growth,18 inches a year, and is tolerant to most types of soil, as long as it drains well. They need full sun and do best in zones 4-9. In the spring time they will bloom showy purple flowers seemingly all at once (I think we are zone 8 here) Other descriptions I saw say large shrub that can grow to 12 feet high and wide'

I used to ask this sort of question to the county agent - agricultural agent I think..

*Sorry I can't do any better from here!
Shirley*

(Editors's note: Shirley has always been able to define "love" with words and actions! Fr. Joe)

**St. David
of Wales**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
MAY 25TH - MAY 31TH**

When we have met our Lord in the silent intimacy of our prayer, then we will also meet him in the *campo*, in the market, and in the town square. But when we have not met him in the center of our own hearts, we cannot expect to meet him in the busyness of our daily lives.

Henri J. M. Nouwen

Who is the mysterious spirit that heals us, that binds us together, that rebuilds broken families, that heals the psychotically estranged, that evokes a tenderness and forgiveness and hope in us? Who is the Mysterious Spirit that conceived the delicate wonder of childhood, the sensuous warmth of mature beauty, the gnarled gray wisdom of age, the endless mystery of life and death, tears and laughter? In a sense, I do not know, but I sense his presence, feel his power and I have learned to trust his love. *Edward Stein, scientist*

There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering, too much pain. Then suddenly, the spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer in extraordinary ways. *Mother Teresa*

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

7:30 AM SERVICE

LECTOR: ANN BAKER
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: ANN OLLI
 GREETER: JOHN CALLEJA

10:30 AM SERVICE

LECTORS:
 1ST LESSON: JORDAN HANSON
 PSALM: LAURIE McCLANAHAN
 2ND LESSON: MIKE CALLAHAN
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: LAURIE McCLANAHAN
 GREETERS: BILLIE HOWARD & JUDY CALLAHAN
 ALTAR GUILD: ANN OLLI, DOROTHY CALLEJA & ANN ANDERSON
 FLOWERS: GRACE WICKWARD
 REFRESHMENT: HOST @ 10:30 AM MARIAN EVELETH & !!!
 ORGANIST: SUZANNE MONTGOMERY
 DEACON: THE REV. JOAN NIEMANN
 GUEST PRIEST: THE REV. JOSEPH MIKEL

ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

Norine	Mary Lynn
Elizabeth (BJ)	Jen
Brian	Carol
Steve	Janet
Allison	Mary
Lissa	Elaine
Gordon	Jamie
Laura	Betty
Jody	Carey
Linda	Kathy
Elizabeth	Isabel
Shawn	Grandma Marion
Al	Dan
Ilene	Bernell
Saylah & Hector	Marilyn H.
Nancy	St. David's Church

Did you sign up to Host our Fellowship Hour after the 10:30 am Eucharist? Marian Eveleth seems to be "on deck" each Sunday and I'm hoping others could help! We Need You! This is a ministry of us all, so please look at our sign-up sheet on the information table in the back of the Church and join the fun!

MINISTRY FAIR SUNDAY JUNE 8TH!

What's a "Ministry Fair"? Find out Sunday in June 8th! In our Sunday Fellowship area tables will be lined up around the walls providing information about all (did I say "all"?!) the ministries of St. David's Church! From Altar Guild to Outreach, the ways in which we help "be" the church are amazing and awaiting your time to browse and "get-to-know" who, what & where!

ST. DAVID'S LAST WEEK

Attendance	
7:30	10:30
12	42
Pledge	Plate
\$2,948	\$74

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Fr. Dick Swanson	May 21st
Barb Weza	May 23rd
Laura Hamilton	May 26th
Joan Niemann	May 30th

Knit & pray! Join us: Monday, June 2nd at 1:30 pm at Alpine Way in the Dogwood Dining Room. Questions/information, call Suzy Petty at 432-0989.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♥ **MAY 28ST @ 4 PM;** 1st Communion Class for all young people!
- ♥ **MAY 29TH;** Liturgy Planning Team (all are welcome!).
- ♥ **MAY 29TH;** Compline @ 5:30 pm.
- ♥ **JUNE 1ST;** Sr. Graduate Recognition Sunday: Robert MacEwen
- ♥ **JUNE 1ST;** Eucharistic Ministers meeting in Library @ 9 am.
- ♥ **JUNE 2ND;** Knit & Pray @ Alpine Way, 1:30 pm
- ♥ **JUNE 5TH;** 6:30 - 8:30 pm; Willipa Regional Meeting @ St. David's!
- ♥ **JUNE 7TH;** Meeting for those interested in Cursillo; 8 am - 2:30pm.
- ♥ **JUNE 8TH;** EFM Graduates Recognition Sunday.
- ♥ **JUNE 8TH;** Ministry Fair 7:30 - 12 noon; back of the Church.
- ♥ **JUNE 15TH;** Choir begins summer break next Sunday.
- ♥ **JUNE 21ST;** Baseball with the Bishop (see Fr. Mikel for details!)
- ♥ **JULY 11TH & 12TH;** Rummage Sale! Mark your calendars now! Friday: 9 am- 3pm; Saturday: 9 am - 1 pm.
- ♥ **JULY 19;** 1st Communion Celebration!
- ♥ **JULY 23RD & 24TH;** Fr. Joe @ Camp Michael in Olympia.