

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT STORIES OF THE SAINTS ~from Catholic Online~

St. Isidore the Farmer

St. Isidore the Farmer is also known as St. Isidore the Laborer. He was born at Madrid, Spain, in about the year 1070 or 1082, of poor but very devout parents, and was christened Isidore from the name of their patron, St. Isidore of Seville in the latter half of the 12th century. Isidore spent his life as a hired hand in the service of the wealthy Madrilanian landowner Juan de Vargas on a farm in the city's vicinity. He shared what he had, even his meals, with the poor. Juan de Vargas would later make him bailiff of his entire estate of Lower Caramanca. Many marvelous happenings accompanied his lifelong work in the fields and continued long after his holy death. He was favored with celestial visions and, it is said, the angels sometimes helped him in his work in the fields. According to one story, Isidore would usually attend Mass at one of the churches in Madrid in the morning before going to work. One day, his fellow farm workers complained to their master that Isidore was always late for work in the morning. Upon investigation the master found Isidore at prayer while an angel was doing the ploughing for him. Isidore married Maria Torribia, known as *Santa María de la Cabeza* in Spain; she has never been canonized, pending confirmation by Pope Francis. Isidore and Maria had one son. On one occasion, their son fell into a deep well and, at the prayers of his parents, the water of the well is said to have risen miraculously to the level of the ground, bringing the child with it. In thanksgiving Isidore and Maria then vowed sexual abstinence and lived in separate houses. Their son later died in his youth. St. Isidore was canonized in 1622. Another miracle story is how Maria, who always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble home because Isidore would often bring home anyone who was hungry. One day he brought home more hungry people than usual. After she served many of them, Maria told him that there simply was no more stew in the pot. He insisted that she check the pot again, and she was able to spoon out enough stew to feed them all. It is believed that Isidore died on 15 May 1130, at his birthplace close to Madrid, although the only official source places his death in the year 1172. On April 2, 1212, after torrential rains had exhumed cadavers from cemeteries in Madrid, his body was discovered in an apparent state of incorruptibility. He is the patron of farmers and the National Rural Conference in the United States. His feast day is May 15.

And let them remember that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that God and man may talk together; for "we speak to Him when we pray; we hear Him when we read the divine saying."
~St. Ambrose



Dear Padre | May 14, 2023

If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends. Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes Confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of Confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their Confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed. Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the Sacrament of Baptism is, but while other churches might have Communion, Confirmation, and Ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid.

~ Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Jesus said:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

(John 14:15a)

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.



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Reconciliation:

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At St. Lawrence every Saturday from
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm CT

Baptism:

Class is required for the first child.
Please contact Father or the office
to schedule a Baptism.

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(praying with the Bible)
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~St. Theresa~
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A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds.
A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy
reaps friendship, and he who plants
kindness gathers love.
~St. Basil the Great

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it
be heard; proclaim to the ends of
the earth; alleluia.

~Entrance Antiphon

Lord, help me follow Your commandments.

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421 Court Street Flasher, ND

Church of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

Carson, ND

Church of St. Gertrude the Great

Raleigh, ND

Mass Schedule

St. Lawrence

T 5:30 pm CT W, Th, F 7:00 am CT Sun 9:00 am CT

St. Theresa

Wednesday 5:30 pm MT Sunday 10:30 am MT

St. Gertrude

Thursday 5:30 pm CT Saturday 7:30 pm CT

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Lawrence - Tues 4:30 pm CT

St. Theresa - Wed 4:30 pm MT

St. Gertrude - Thur 4:30 pm CT

Reconciliation

before each Mass or by appointment *anytime*.
at St. Lawrence every Saturday from
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm CT

Rosary

The Rosary begins 25 minutes before each Mass

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Mary 14: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mon May 15: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Jn 15:26-16:4
St. Isidore the Farmer, Holy Man

Tue May 16: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Jn 16:5-11
St. Margaret of Cortona, Religious

Wed May 17: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
St. Pascal of Baylon, Religious

Thu May 18: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 68:8-9, 20; Jn 16:16-20
St. John I, Pope & Martyr

Fri May 19: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
St. Dunstan, Bishop

Sat May 20: Acts 18:23-28; 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 18:23-28
St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

SUN May 21: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
The Ascension of the of the Lord

usccb.org has *all* the daily Scripture Readings

The truth is like a lion; you don't have to defend it.
Let it loose; it will defend itself.
~ St. Augustine of Hippo

Church of St. Gertrude

Mary, Mother of our Creator, Pray for us!

Raleigh, ND

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgical Ministries May 20, 2023

SAT {MAY 13}
+LOUIS KRAFT
BY FRANCIS & ROSALIA FERGER

SAT {MAY 20}
+KEVIN TERNES
BY FRANCIS & ROSALIA FERGER

Reader: Kelly Hetzel
Servers: Callie Deichert
Cyndi Deichert
Noah Hetzel
Gifts: Don Miller Family
Ushers: Francis Fergel
PJ Deichert
Rosary: Kelly Hetzel
Music: V. Noel Wax

Church of St. Lawrence



MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgical Ministries May 21, 2023

SUN {MAY 14}
FOR THE PEOPLE
SUN {MAY 21}
+MARK HINTZ
BY JOHN & PAM HOFF

Readers: Chelsea Hintz
Servers: Sophia Jochim
Payton Omlid
Isaac Jochim
Gifts: Darrick Frank
Family
Ushers: Chris Becker
Joe Becker
Rosary: Shelly Meyhoff
Music: BLJCA & Guitar
Counters: Shelly Meyhoff
Hilda Hinderer



May is dedicated to our
Blessed Mother.



Church of St. Theresa



MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgical Ministries May 21, 2023

SUN {MAY 14}
+ANNELLA LEINGANG
BY TY AND JENNIFER ZINGG
& FAMILY

SUN {MAY 21}
FOR THE PEOPLE

Readers: Ann Hertz
Servers: Addison Miller
Eva Petrick
Steve & Mary Nehl
Gifts: Ralph Ruscheinsky
Ushers: Steve Nehl
Joanie Bahm
Rosary: Karen Ulrich
Counters: Jackie Stewart

Fellowship Today

Summer Fellowship
There will Fellowship
at St. Theresa:
May 7, 14, 21, 28,
& June 4

Her Children
RISE UP
And Call
Her
Proverbs 31:28 **BLESSED**

May the blessing of the Divine
Be an especially bright benediction
Upon mothers everywhere
On your blessed day -
On Mother's Day!



Deadline for Bulletin Items: Tuesday at 3 pm CT

Tri-Parish News

BACCALAUREATE MASS

We would like to honor our graduating Catholic seniors at Baccalaureate Masses on May 21 at our parishes. We would like to have the seniors process in at the beginning of Mass with Father at their home parish. They would then join their families for the rest of the Mass. At the end of the Mass Father will read the list of all our Catholic seniors from all of our parishes. We hope all our seniors will attend one of these Masses in their honor. We are so proud of you!

The New Sound System at St. Lawrence

A great new sound system has been installed at St. Lawrence. The cost for this system is \$2,500. We are asking for donations to help pay for it. Please make your check out to "Church of St. Lawrence." Put "Sound System" on the memo line or on the front of the envelope. Put it into the collection or send it to the office. Thank you.

Going On Vacation?

Remember - God never takes a vacation from you... masstimes.org will help you find a Catholic church near you for those summer vacation Sundays.

Please keep Fr. Biju in your prayers.

For Prayer This Week

What will I do today to better follow the ways of God? (am)
Did I show God my love for Him today? (pm)
Lord Jesus, help me to follow Your ways!

St. Lawrence Cleaning Schedule

May 2023 Families:
Brent Erhardt, John Hoff,
Wayne Eckroth, Devin Frank,
Wayne Schafer

Ordinations

We have two young men to be ordain to the diaconate in May:
Ryan Martire and Eric Artz
We have three young men to be ordain to the priesthood in June:
Josh Hill, Dustin Johns, and Steven Vetter

Please keep these future priests in your prayers as they take the next steps in their journey of faith.

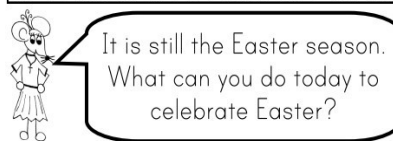
Saint Philip Neri

God's love appeared to Saint Philip Neri. It looked like a ball of fire and entered his heart.

There are some strange symbols in this picture. Saint Philip Neri did weird things to get people to listen to God's word. Once, he shaved only half of his beard! Saint Philip Neri wanted to teach a man to be humble so he asked him to "walk a dog" by carrying the dog around all day.



Year A: Sixth Sunday of Easter



Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Praying for the dead is a **Spiritual Work of Mercy**. Please pray for our beloved dead and those who have no one to pray for them.

+John Riehl 05-01-09
+Carol A. Borchert 05-01-19
+Doris Hartman 05-04-22
+Exseferius Riehl 05-07-08
+Blaise Koch 05-09-21
+Genevieve Eckroth 05-10-14
+Kenneth Hintz 05-11-08
+Rose Bohl 05-12-15
+Robert Gustin 05-15-08
+Beverly Diehl 05-16-21
+Richard Schmidt 05-19-10
+Allyssa Frank 05-20-06
+Arthur S. Kraft 05-21-00
+Robbyn Weinberger 05-21-20
+Patrick Kopp 05-24-03
+Anna Moran 05-24-20
+Monica Schmidt 05-25-19
+Therese M. Miller 05-26-03
+Leo Miller 05-31-18
+Peter R. Miller 05-31-03

3 Saints Vacation Bible Camp Wings of Heaven

Who: Children who were in Kindergarten - Grade 6 this year - from **any our parishes**
When: May 23-25, 2023

Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm CT

Where: St. Lawrence Parish Center, Flasher

What: Bible stories, prayers, songs, games, crafts, snacks, friends and fun

Cost: FREE!
Come and have some fun and learn about your faith.

Kids' Jokes

Why is a computer so smart?

It listens to its motherboard.

What did the baby panda give her mommy?

A bear hug.

Why does the mamma horse like to go running on a rainy day?

She was a mudder.

Why did the baby beans give their mother a sweater?

She was chili.

How many moms does it take to change a lightbulb?

One, obviously, and she has to do it or it won't get done.

Why did the mom cross the road?

To get some peace and quiet.

What three words solves every dad's problem?

Go ask Mom.

Thoughts & Prayers

A Tweet from Our Holy Father Pope Francis

Life is not about showing off our abilities, but a journey towards the One who loves us: by keeping our gaze fixed on the Lord, we will find the strength needed to persevere with renewed joy.

Let us pray that we may practice in our lives the faith we profess.

From the Catechism

¶44: Man is by nature and vocation a religious being. Coming from God, going toward God, man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God.
¶45: Man is made to live in communion with God in Whom he finds happiness: When I am completely united to You there will be no more sorrow or trials; entirely full of You, my life will be complete."

¶46: When he listens to the message of creation and to the voice of conscience, man can arrive at certainty about the existence of God, the cause and the end of everything.
¶47: The Church teaches that the one true God, our Creator and Lord, can be known with certainty from His works, by the natural light of human reason.

¶48: We really can name God, starting from the manifold perfections of His creatures, which are likenesses of the infinitely perfect God, even if our limited language cannot exhaust the mystery.

¶49: "Without the Creator, the creature vanishes." This is why believers know that the love of Christ urges them to bring the light of the living God to those who do not know Him or who reject Him.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We praise You and give You glory:
We bless You for calling us to be
Your holy people.
Amen

St. Lawrence
First Saturday
Rosary
June 3
12 Noon CT
Voices for Our Fathers

St. Theresa
Weekly Wednesday
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
6 pm MT
Come pray for our nation and leaders.

Ever-living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate.
Amen.

A Tweet from Our Bishop David D. Kagan

Jesus asks only for our faith in Him. If we truly believe in Him then nothing will deter us from following Him, the Way, the Truth and the Life. There is nothing else we need, there is nothing else we do in this life that matters.