5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00pm,
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MASS TIMES:

Monday—12:00 Noon

Tuesday—7:00 a.m.

Wednesday—12:00 Noon

Thursday—12:00 Noon

Friday—8:00 a.m.

Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Sunday—7:45 a.m., 9:15 a.m. (in Spanish); 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday—May 3, 2021
1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14(561)

Tuesday—May 4, 2021
Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a(286)

Wednesday—May 5, 2021
Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8(287)

Thursday—May 6, 2021
Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11(288)

Friday—May 7, 2021
Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17(289)

Saturday—May 8, 2021
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17(56)

Sunday—May 9, 2021
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17(56)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-5

Blessings in Jesus,
Fr. David R. Wagner, Pastor
Fr. Rafal A. Duda, Parochial Vicar

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

A Tough One—Part 3

St. Leonard of Port Maurice stated, and I say he stated it harshly, that most Catholics will be damned. Jesus said that the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few.

Jesus also commanded His followers to evangelize. At the end of St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says this: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Can we take Jesus seriously about this? Can we believe that He meant exactly what He said? We are to go and make disciples *of all nations*. And Our Lord says He will be with us until the end of the age. Can we assume that Jesus gave this command intending that we do the best we can to achieve it? Or does He give us this command intending for us to fail? When He says He will be with us always, does He intend to share in our feeble attempts and our failures to do what He said?

Of course not. So then, don't we have a paradox here? If we do as the Lord commands, with everything we've got, giving it our best effort, intending to be as successful as we can, then what if we did evangelize and make disciples of *all nations*? Or even most nations? Wouldn't that mean that most people would be saved? And in that case, wouldn't Jesus's statement that few find the narrow path to life be false? How can that be?

Or, if it is true that few are saved, then what is the point and objective of going and making disciples of all nations? What is the incentive?

If few are saved, does that mean that Jesus' sacrificial atoning death on the Cross was mostly wasted? Did Jesus willingly and freely go to the Cross to sacrifice Himself to atone for the sins of the world and reconcile us to God knowing all the while that only a small percentage of those He died to save will actually go to Heaven?

John 3:16 tells us that God so loved the world, that He gave His Son so that anyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. If few are saved, does God still love the majority who are damned?

These are tough questions. But I believe they can be answered.

First, our objective is to make disciples of all nations, because Jesus told us to do it. That is all the reason and incentive we need. We can leave the particulars and the nagging tough questions to the Lord. He is always several steps ahead of us, and He's got it all figured out whether we do, or whether we understand things, or not.

Secondly, I believe we can rightly suppose that even if Jesus had to die to save sinners, He would still have gladly done so even if only one person was saved.

To be continued . . . ***Blessings in Jesus, Fr. David***

Algo Difícil – 3ª Parte

San Leonardo de Puerto Mauricio declaró, y yo digo que lo dijo con dureza, que la mayoría de los Católicos serán condenados. Jesús dijo que la puerta es ancha y el camino ancho que lleva a la destrucción, y los que entran por ella son muchos. Qué estrecha la puerta y estrecho el camino que conduce a la vida. Y los que lo encuentran son pocos.

Jesús también ordenó a sus seguidores que evangelizaran. Al final del Evangelio de San Mateo, Jesús dice esto: "Id, pues, y haced discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a guardar todo que te he mandado. Y he aquí, yo estaré con vosotros siempre, hasta el fin de los tiempos".

¿Podemos tomar a Jesús en serio sobre esto? ¿Podemos creer exactamente lo que dijo? Debemos ir y hacer discípulos de todas las naciones. Y Nuestro Señor dice que estará con nosotros hasta el fin de los tiempos. ¿Podemos asumir que Jesús dio este mandato con la intención de que hagamos lo mejor que podamos para lograrlo? ¿O nos da este mandamiento con la intención de que fallemos? Cuando dice que siempre estará con nosotros, ¿tiene la intención de compartir nuestros débiles intentos y nuestros fracasos?

Por supuesto que no. Entonces, ¿no tenemos una paradoja aquí? Si hacemos lo que el Señor manda, con todo lo que tenemos, haciendo nuestro mejor esfuerzo, con la intención de tener el mayor éxito posible, ¿qué pasaría si evangelizáramos e hiciéramos discípulos de todas las naciones? ¿O incluso la mayoría de las naciones? ¿No significaría eso que la mayoría de la gente se salvaría? Y en ese caso, ¿no sería falsa la declaración de Jesús de que pocos encuentran el camino angosto hacia la vida? ¿Cómo puede ser?

O, si es cierto que pocos se salvan, entonces ¿cuál es el sentido y el objetivo de ir y hacer discípulos de todas las naciones? ¿Cuál es el incentivo?

Si pocos son salvos, ¿significa eso que el sacrificio expiatorio de Jesús en la cruz fue en gran parte en vano? ¿Jesús fue voluntaria y libremente a la cruz para sacrificarse a sí mismo para expiar los pecados del mundo y reconciliarnos con Dios sabiendo todo el tiempo que solo un pequeño porcentaje de aquellos por quienes murió para salvar realmente irá al cielo?

San Juan 3:16 nos dice que tanto amó Dios al mundo, que dio a su Hijo para que todo el que crea en Él no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna. Si pocos son salvos, ¿ama Dios todavía a la mayoría de los condenados?

Éstas son preguntas difíciles. Pero creo que se pueden responder.

Primero, nuestro objetivo es hacer discípulos de todas las naciones, porque Jesús nos dijo que lo hiciéramos. Esa es toda la razón y el incentivo que necesitamos. Podemos dejar los detalles y las preguntas difíciles y persistentes al Señor. Él siempre está varios pasos por delante de nosotros, y lo tiene todo resuelto, ya sea que lo entendamos, que entendamos las cosas o no.

En segundo lugar, creo que podemos suponer con razón que incluso si Jesús tuviera que morir para salvar a los pecadores, lo habría hecho con mucho gusto aunque solo una persona fuera salva. Continuará . . . ***¡Bendiciones en Jesús! Padre David***

MINISTRIES AT NOTRE DAME

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021—

Cursillos—7:00 p.m. in the Social Center

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021—

RCIA—6:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021—

Ingles Tambíen—5:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM

Spanish Choir—6:30 p.m. in the Church

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021—

First Thursday of the month— Mass with Eucharistic Adoration—7:00 p.m. in the Church

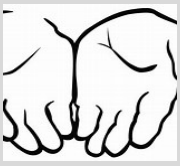
FRIDAY, May 7, 2021—

Divine Mercy—3:00 p.m. in the Church

SATURDAY, May 8, 2021—

Boy Scout Car Wash—9:30 a.m. in the Gym Parking Lot
Reconciliation—3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Church

he Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Special Intention for George Saip by Dianne Albrecht



The Second Collection on May 8 & 9, 2021 will be for Catholic Charities

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 2, 2021—Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:45 am *(Fr. Rafal)*	†Elvira Davila
9:15 am *(Fr. Rafal)*	†Juan Ramirez
11:00 am *(Fr. David)*	People of the Parish
5:00 pm *(Fr. David)*	Mass offered for Jose Gonzalez

Monday, May 3, 2021-Saints Phillip and James, Apostles

12:00 pm *(Fr. Rafal)*	Mass offered for Bishop Mike Boulette

Tuesday, May 4, 2021-Easter Weekday

7:00 am *(Fr. Rafal)*	†Natividad & Juana Gutierrez

Wednesday, May 5, 2021-Easter Weekday

12:00 pm (*Fr. Rafal)*	†Felisa Escalera

Thursday, May 6, 2021-Easter Weekday

7:00 pm *(Fr. Rafal)*	†Florence Guerrero

Friday, May 7, 201-Easter Weekday

8:00 am *(Fr. Rafal)*	Mass offered for Salvador Vazquez

Saturday, May 8, 2021-Easter Weekday

5:00 pm *(Fr. David)*	Mass offered for Juanita Rodriguez

Sunday, May 9, 2021– Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

7:45 am *(Fr. Rafal)*	Honoring All Mother's Living & Deceased
9:15 am *(Fr. Rafal)*	Honoring All Mother's Living & Deceased
11:00 am *(Fr.David)*	Honoring All Mother's Living & Deceased
5:00 pm *(Fr. David)*	Honoring All Mother's Living & Deceased

The Daughters of Notre Dame are currently accepting *Mother's Day Memorials.* A special Memorial Mass will be said on May 16, 2021 at the 11:00am Mass; names will be published in the weekly bulletin. Envelopes for donations are located in the back of the church in the Narthex. Donations may be placed in the ***collection basket or dropped off at the Pastoral Center. Deadline for intentions is Sunday, May 9, 2021.***

Pre-registration for the 2021-2022 Catechetical Year is now open!

Ensure your child's spot for next year, come by the YFM Office and register or online at: www.notredamechurch.cc

Annual Cost is:

1 child $25.00 2 children $40.00 3 children $60.00

For more information call 830.896.4322
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Pre Registración para la Doctrina

Asegure lugar para su niño/a. Pase por la oficina y matricule a su hijo/a para el próximo año Catequetico 2021-2022

¡También se pueden registrar en línea!
www.notredamechurch.cc

Costo:

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Para mas informacíon llame al 830.896.4322
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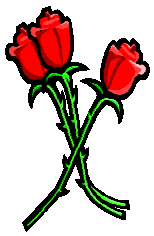
CATHOLIC KIDZ CAMP IS BACK!
"Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ"

Dates: June 7—11, 2021
Times: 8:00 am—12:00 Noon

Register your child on line at: notredamechurch.cc, click on Youth & Family; under children, click CKC. You may also pick up a registration form at the Parish Office.

For more information contact:
Denise Jenschke at 830.896.4233 x246 or email at:
denise.jenschke@notredamechurch.cc

Roy Ybarra, William Etchison, Ariana Lambdin, Bill Gibson, Marissa Hernandez, Marci Denton, Olan Mahlmann, Regina Kelly, Mauricio Reyes, Tom Miller, Sam Rodriguez, Steven Soveck, Clifton Leda, Viola Juarez, Laura Abbott, Noah Doran, Tony Perez, Mila Villagomez, Carl Stakes, Florencia Martinez.



Please pray for those who have died, and have gone to their eternal rest with the Lord, especially for *Jerry Torres, Rudy Garcia, Juanita Medina & Luis Valdez.* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 24-25, 2021

CHURCH

Envelopes/Checks	**$ 11,560.50**
Currency/Coin	**1,369.27**
Capital Improvement	**675.00**
TOTAL	**$ 13,604.77**
Catholic Home Missions Appeal (2nd Collection)	**$ 1,070.68**
TOTAL	**$ 1,070.68**

April 19-25, 2021
On-line Giving

Church	**$ 1,891.50**
Building Fund	**200.00**
School	**350.00**
TOTAL	**$ 2,441.50**

SCHOOL

School Envelopes	**$ 557.00**
GAP	**50.00**
TOTAL	**$ 607.00**

Online giving for your benefit and convenience. If you appreciate the ease of online banking, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer a regular tithe with automatic online donations. **Please visit notredamechurch.cc/online-giving to learn more**. Make a one-time gift, or create a personal recurring gift account. It is quick, easy and convenient.

THANK YOU for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised $1,070.68 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

MUCHAS GRACIAS por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Como parroquia, hemos recaudado $1,070.68 para ayudar a fortalecer la Iglesia aquí y asegurar que el Evangelio se difunda en todo Estados Unidos. ¡Si ustedes no alcanzaron a contribuir al llamado, aún lo pueden hacer! Solo visiten www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Beginning Experience of San Antonio presents:

"Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning" is a one-day program to help participants come to terms with the major loss of a marriage, the feelings surrounding that loss, and the changes that are a part of it.

When: Saturday, May 15, 2021
Time: 8:30 am—4:00 pm (Lunch provided)
Where: St. Peter Upon the Water
Cost: $40.00

Contact Barbara at 210.256.2859 (leave message)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to *thank* the Notre Dame congregation for the April second collection which amounted to $1,497.00. ***THANK YOU!***

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS
NOTICIAS DEL MINISTERIO PARA JOVENES Y FAMILIAS
APRIL 25, 2021

Congratulations to the following students who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Eucharist and to those who also received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to follow Jesus.

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Felicidades a los siguientes niños y adultos que recibieron a Jesús por primera vez en la Sagrada Eucaristía y a los que también recibieron El Espirito Santo en el Sacramento de Confirmación. Por favor, mantenga a estos niños y adultos en sus oraciones para que continúen su camino con Jesús.

Brianna Guadalupe Alva
Nadia Yaretzi Angel Castillo
Sofia Ernestine Arriola
Samuel Uriel Balderas
Jose Alfredo Castaneda Jr
Maria Guadalupe Castaneda
Mario Adan Castaneda
Ashley Judith Claudio
Aaron Ezequiel Cruces
Jisselle Concepcion Cruces
Alonzo Javier Cruz
Gian Luca Esparza
Corbin Keith Fiedler
Reynee Lee Fiedler
Gabby Gilchrist Gabriel
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Brieana Gabriela Garcia
Daniel Antonio Garcia
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Moises Alexander Garcia
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Mayeli Aliss Mendez
Noelly Adelin Mendez
Joel Mendoza
Juan Mendoza
Sara Estefanie Meza
Amelia Terese Nieves
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Ashley Jane Wegner
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