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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)
12 PM (Tiếng Việt)
Tue, Thur, Saturday: 9:00 AM
Mon, Wed, 1st Friday: 6:00 PM

HOLY HOUR / HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM
Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday:
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday: 8:30 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Thursday: After Mass
Saturday: 9:45 AM; 4:00 PM
Or: by appointment



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Sixth Sunday Of Easter May 14, 2023



Chúa Nhật VI Phục Sinh – Năm A

“Thầy sẽ xin Cha và Người sẽ ban
cho các con một Đấng Phù Trợ khác”. (Ga 14, 15-21)

***“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
advocate to help you and be with you forever.” (Jn 14,16)***

TODAY'S READINGS: - First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 ; Psalm: Psalm 66
- Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 ; Gospel: John 14:15-21

Mass schedule & Intentions May 13 - 20, 2023

SAT: 05/13 (Vigil)	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mother's Day 5:00 PM Mother's Day Novena - Fr. Henry
SUN: 05/14	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mother's Day 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena - Fr. Hen 12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena - Fr. Henry
MON: 05/15	St. Isidore the Farmer 6:00 PM Mother's Day Novena - Fr. Henry
TUE: 05/16	9:00 AM Mother's Day Novena - Fr. Henry
WED: 05/17	St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila 6:00 PM Mother's Day Novena - Fr. Henry
THUR: 05/18	St. John I 9:00 AM Mother's Day Novena Fr. Henry
FRI: 05/19	
SAT: 05/20	St. Bernardine of Siena; Armed Forces Day 9:00 AM Mother's Day Novena - Fr. Henry 5:00 PM Mother Day's Novena - Fr. Henry
SUN: 05/21	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ASCENSION 8:30 AM Mother Day's Novena - Fr. Henry 12:00 PM Mother Day's Novena - Fr. Henry

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

MAY - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Devotion to Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.

So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members.

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled. —
Cardinal John Wright

UPDATE: LADIES GUILD OF ST. MARY

The officers for the upcoming year will be:

Co - Presidents Donna Smith and Stephanie Cortellino
Secretary: Janice Ollick
Treasurer: Marion Rice

We are going to start alternating our meetings — one month meetings will be in the morning at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and the next month -at 7pm on the second Wednesday after the Wednesday evening mass.

We hope this will allow people to come that can't make it during the day. Our next meeting will be Wednesday June 14 @ 7pm. Even months: June, August, October, etc. will be at night. Odd months meetings will be during the day - July, September, November, etc. Please look for reminders in the bulletin.

A big thank you to Martha Barrs and Helen Biester for the leadership this past year! We look forward to welcoming new members and our continued support of the parish!

Donna and Stephanie

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MEDITATION: 05/14/2023

“Obedience is the way to love”.

In 1970, the American movie Love Story popularized the saying, “Love means never having to say you’re sorry.” In the Broadway musical Fiddler on the Roof, Golde, Tevye’s long-suffering wife, convinced him of her love by pointing to all the ways she has served him over twenty-five years of marriage. And in Rome, a fragile and ailing pope continues to serve, giving every ounce of his life for the church. Love certainly does have many definitions!

In today’s gospel passage, Jesus told his disciples that love means obeying his commands (John 14:15). Jesus went on to explain that obeying his commands not only manifests our love for him; it also brings us to experience his Father’s love for us and opens us up to heavenly revelation (14:21).

Looking at these verses, we might follow a logical pattern like this: 1. Obedience is the way to love. 2. Love is the way to find God’s love and his revelation. 3. Therefore, obedience is the key to earning God’s love and his revelation.

This theory may sound effective, but we need to be careful. Our obedience does not generate an increase in God’s love. God already is perfect love. Even perfect obedience cannot make perfect love more perfect.

So how should we approach these words? Simply by saying that without obedience, we will drift away from the Lord and his love. Just as it was in the very beginning, so it is for each one of us: Sin separates us from God.

It’s by obedience that we remain open to Jesus and to his love, so it’s more accurate to say that obedience removes the barriers that separate us from the Lord and keeps them from forming again. So just as love is defined by obedience, so obedience is an issue of love and not fear. May we never be afraid of God, but only long to remove every obstacle so that we can be immersed in his presence!

“Father, give me the grace to obey your commands. Help me each day to know your eternal love for me. Thank you, Father, for your boundless mercy!”

Nguồn: The Word Among Us, May 2023
Phó tế Phaolô Vũ Đức Thành, SDD. chuyển ngữ

CHÚA NHẬT IV PHỤC SINH

SUY NIỆM: 05/14/ 023

“Vâng lời là cách để yêu thương”.

Năm 1970, bộ phim tình cảm của Mỹ phổ biến câu nói, “Tình yêu có nghĩa là không bao giờ phải nói lời xin lỗi”. Trong vở nhạc kịch Fiddler on the Roof của Broadway, Golde, người vợ chịu đựng lâu dài của Tevye, đã thuyết phục anh về tình yêu của mình bằng cách chỉ ra tất cả những cách cô đã phục vụ anh trong 25 năm chung sống. Và ở Rome, một vị Giáo hoàng gầy còm và ốm yếu vẫn tiếp tục phục vụ, cống hiến từng giây từng phút của cuộc đời mình cho Giáo hội. Tình yêu chắc chắn có nhiều định nghĩa!

Trong đoạn Tin mừng hôm nay, Chúa Giêsu nói với các môn đệ rằng yêu thương nghĩa là tuân theo mệnh lệnh của Ngài (Ga 14,15). Chúa Giêsu tiếp tục giải thích rằng việc tuân theo mệnh lệnh của Ngài không chỉ biểu lộ tình yêu thương của chúng ta đối với Ngài; nó cũng đưa chúng ta cảm nghiệm tình yêu thương của Cha Ngài dành cho chúng ta và mở ra cho chúng ta sự mặc khải trên trời (14,21).

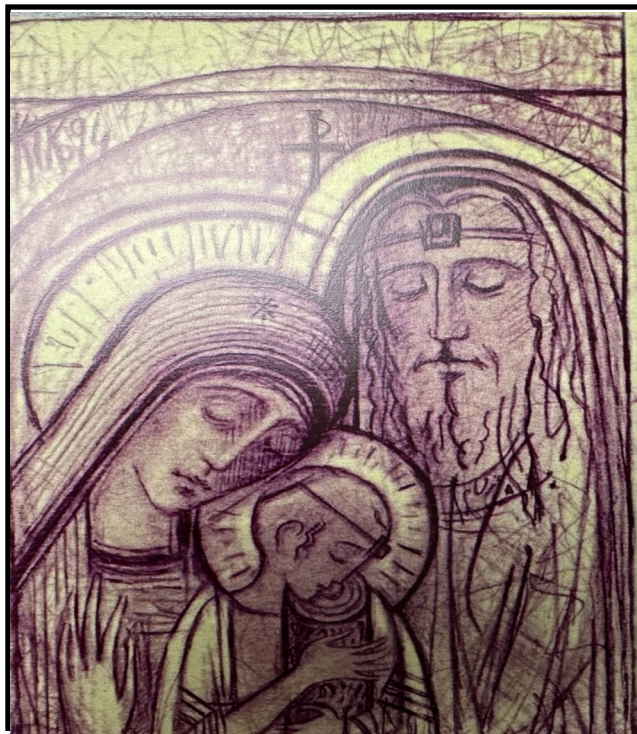
Nhìn vào những câu này, chúng ta có thể làm theo một mô hình hợp lý như sau: 1. Vâng lời là cách để yêu thương. 2. Tình yêu là con đường tìm kiếm tình yêu của Thiên Chúa và sự mặc khải của Ngài. 3. Vì vậy, sự vâng phục là chìa khóa để kiếm được tình yêu thương của Thiên Chúa và sự mặc khải của Ngài.

Lý thuyết này nghe có vẻ hiệu quả, nhưng chúng ta cần phải cẩn thận. Sự vâng phục của chúng ta không làm gia tăng tình yêu thương của Thiên Chúa. Thiên Chúa đã là tình yêu hoàn hảo. Ngay cả sự vâng lời hoàn hảo cũng không thể làm cho tình yêu trọn vẹn hoàn hảo hơn.

Vậy chúng ta nên tiếp cận những từ này như thế nào? Chỉ đơn giản bằng cách nói rằng không có sự vâng lời, chúng ta sẽ xa Chúa và tình yêu của Ngài. Cũng như lúc ban đầu, mỗi người chúng ta đều như vậy: tội lỗi ngăn cách chúng ta với Thiên Chúa.

Chính nhờ sự vâng lời mà chúng ta vẫn mở lòng với Chúa Giêsu và tình yêu của Ngài, vì vậy chính xác hơn khi nói rằng sự vâng lời sẽ loại bỏ những rào cản ngăn cách chúng ta với Chúa – và ngăn chúng hình thành trở lại. Vì vậy, cũng như tình yêu được định nghĩa bằng sự vâng lời, thì sự vâng lời là một vấn đề của tình yêu thương chứ không phải là sự sợ hãi. Xin cho chúng con không bao giờ sợ Chúa, nhưng chỉ mong mỗi loại bỏ mọi chướng ngại để chúng con có thể hòa mình vào sự hiện diện của Ngài!

“Lạy Cha, xin ban cho con ân sủng để vâng theo mệnh lệnh của Cha. Xin giúp con mỗi ngày biết đến tình yêu vĩnh cửu của Cha dành cho con. Cảm ơn Cha vì lòng nhân từ vô biên của Cha!”



If you are looking for happiness
If you feel alone and confused
If you want to deepen your faith
and see how much God loves you

*"Do not be afraid,
I bring you good news of great joy!"*

-Luke 2:10

Come hear a message of life!

Catechesis for Adults and Youth

Mondays & Fridays - 7:30 PM

Beginning April 17th

in the Parish Hall

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, for-
give us our sins,
save us from the
fires of hell,
lead all souls to
heaven,
especially those
who
have most need
of your mercy.
Amen.



Please keep the following people in your prayers

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John Craton, Lucca Fiorillo, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Alice Marold, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joachim Phạm M. Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Laura Meyh, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Helen Biester, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Gordon Nash, Shandy Simpson, Connie Tirico, Tammy Tweedy, Nancy Sterling and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Mrs. Ayen Camilli ((706) 886-2819 ext – 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 -963-0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.



Pope Francis' prayer intention 05/2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Cầu cho các phong trào và các nhóm trong Giáo Hội

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho các phong trào và các nhóm trong Giáo Hội, mỗi ngày có thể tái khám phá sứ mạng loan báo Tin Mừng của họ, biết dùng các đặc sủng riêng để phục vụ cho những nhu cầu của thế giới.

Religious Education announcement Up Coming Events

- ♦ **Sunday, May 28: The Graduation Mass**
- ♦ **June 19-23. Vacation Bible School this summer**
- ♦ **July 7-9: Steubenville Conference for high school students. We need to register soon with a \$50 deposit/ \$210 registration per person. Especially, WE NEED SPONSORS**
- ♦ **Saturday September 09: Rescue Atlanta from 8:00 AM – 5:00PM . In response to the call for a Eucharistic Revival, the Archdiocese of Atlanta is grateful to be partnering with ACTS XXIX in bringing Rescue Atlanta to this local Church. Register early (18 yrs +). The Parish agree with Mrs. Michel, Director of PCL to pay a portion of the tickets. If you need for information, please contact: GO TO THIS WEBSITE**
<https://www.evangelizationatl.com/rescue>
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Offertory/Contribution Weekend of May 06 & 07, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$3,100.00
Offertory	\$3,073.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 11,350.00
Steubenville Sponsor Donation	\$730.00

The counters for this week are:

Nancy Williamson , Jack Marcinick & Cathy Staley

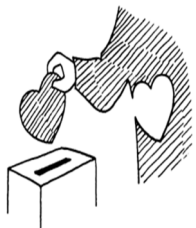
The second collection for this weekend is

Catholic Communication Campaign

Next week is for

Catholic Relief Services

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge contribution. By doing this, it will help to keep us on track to make this a successful build. Please make your checks out to St. Mary's Building Fund. Thank you!



MOTHERHOOD

All mothers are working mothers. _ Anonymous

LIGHT OF BELIEF

Every believer in this world must become a spark of light.

—Pope Saint John XXIII

The Knights of Columbus

Joseph M. Malik
Council 9975



The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide organization of Catholic Men who are in communion with the Church and function under the four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The members of Council 9975 are a hardy "Band of Brothers" to coin a phrase, that are dedicated to support our Pastor Fr. Henry Pham in his efforts as leader of our parish here at St. Mary's.

For more information please look for any parishioner that is wearing a Bright Yellow Name Tag for more information.

Meeting & Activities

Membership Meetings

the 4th Tuesday /1 month

Parish Breakfasts:

on the 1st or 2nd Sunday/1month

Ladies of St.Mary's

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.



Meet: 2nd Wed/ month (Sept—May)
at 10 AM in Parish Hall

Co-Presidents:

Martha Barrs: (770) 540-6820

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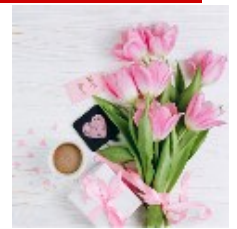
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