



*"My Immaculate Heart
will be your refuge
and the way
that will lead you to
God"*

-OUR LADY OF FATIMA

OFFICE HOURS

Mon,-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs, Fri. 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation/
Confession:
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

First Sunday of the Month:
The Mass of Healing ...5:30 p.m.

HOLY REDEEMER

CATHOLIC PARISH

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Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

If you are non-baptized or baptized in another denomination and are interested in exploring our faith, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Contact DRE for more information.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

For information on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and/or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Wallis, Director of Vocations, 817-945-9321 or email vocations@fwdioc.org.

Adoration for Vocations

The first Sunday of each month, for one hour, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the bulletin should be submitted a week in advance. Friday is the deadline. Phone the parish office or email the office.

Parish Registration

Welcome to our parish! Please pick up a welcome packet located in the Narthex and complete the registration form inside and return to the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

You must be registered parishioner for 3 months prior to baptism. Private baptisms are on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms during Mass are on the first weekend of the month at rotating Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program beginning in 9th grade. Contact the DRE for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to schedule an initial meeting with the Pastor or Deacon 9-12 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana and NFP must be completed before the wedding date.

Marriage Tribunal

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about an annulment or would like your current marriage blessed, please call Deacon Scott France.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a member of your family is unable to receive communion at Mass due to sickness or other disability, please call the parish office.

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 10

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass & LIVE STREAM

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/

1 Pt 2: 4-9/Jn 14:1-12

MONDAY, MAY 11

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/

Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,

21/Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

NO Mass

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/

Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY, MAY 14

NO Mass

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,

7-8/Jn 15:9-17

FRIDAY, MAY 15

NO Mass

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/

Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY, MAY 16

No 5:30 p.m. Mass

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/

Jn 15:18-21

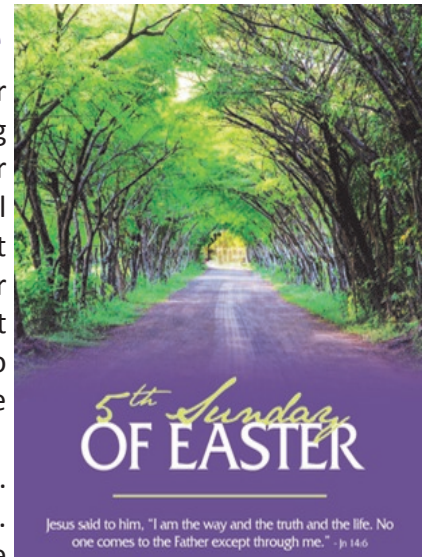
The Way, The Truth, The Life

Most of us have been either literally or figuratively lost at some time, not knowing which way to go, and feeling a surge of fear and panic. The Apostles in today's Gospel were feeling lost, because Jesus had just told them he was going to leave them in or to be crucified and die. Thomas said what must have been in all their hearts: "We do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus's answer might have been confusing. He didn't give instructions or directions. Instead he told them that he himself was the direction. He said that he was the way, the truth, and the life.

We can understand the meaning of his words only when we realize that he was saying that he was going to the Father and that if we want to go to the Father, we must go through the Son, within the power of the Holy Spirit. That's how our prayers work and that's how blessings come to us always through the Son. We know Jesus, and in knowing him, we come to the Father.

Unlike the Apostles, we haven't had the experience of being physically in the company of Jesus, so how can we get to know him? The answer is simple: through the Holy Mass, by receiving Christ in the Sacraments of the Church, by studying his Word, participating in the sacraments of the church, and through our prayers and devotions. When we do those things, we come to know Jesus. And then we can truly confess that he is our way, our truth, and our life.



HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in our prayer intention book.

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During these unprecedented times, please remember to keep on being united with your parish family members at 12 noon by prayer AND to keep reading the articles on the *Sundays' theme* posted in the bulletins and on our website. Prayer brings hope, unity, and comfort to the sick and weary.

Have a safe day.

Msgr. Publius Xuereb

A Message from Flourishing Tree of Life:

We have countless new clients coming from as far away as Plano, Dallas, & Denton in search of help due to COVID-19. All of our clients are pregnant or have very small children. Many haven't any source of income because of the unprecedented job loss due to this virus. We are doing our best to provide resources for these families, but are overwhelmed by the sheer number of families that require our help.

We are deeply in need of monetary donations to buy supplies such as: diapers, formula, wipes, baby food, etc. Any help big or small is greatly appreciated and we thank you, for anything you can do to help these families that are in such desperate circumstances.

Debbie Attaway
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We encourage you to visit our Holy Redeemer website for any and **ALL** updates for our Parish events, information and **schedule** of the Mass.
www.holyredeemeraledo.org



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Mother's Day

One of the questions that I was asked, decades ago, to receive my First Holy Communion was: *"Where is God?"* the simple answer is: *"God is everywhere"*. On Mother's Day many years ago, I was preparing the homily for the Sunday's readings and two weeks earlier I had sent a Mother's Day card to my mother simply saying: *"God cannot be everywhere so he created mothers"*. In the book of Genesis describing the seven days of Creation, it says only that *"male and female he created them"*. Gen. 2: 27.

Then when God gave Moses the 10 Commandments, we see the first 3 pertaining to God and the rest to humans. Right after him, he gives us number four: *"Honor thy father and mother"*. Today we are fulfilling the honor to our mother. This noble commandment with its proximity to honor God shows the beauty, uniqueness and importance of Mother's Day. Everyone else compared to God falls extremely short.

The second question for my First Communion was: *"Who is God?"* The simple answer is: *"God is kind, patient, loving, protecting, providing, healing, all knowing and all seeing"*. This is the best description of God according to a seven-year-old describing mothers. Since we can't see God physically, he is visible in mothers with the qualities attributed to him. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

Mothers - God loves you, and we love you too. If today you are alone or if God has called you to his home, you are still in our hearts and love. Truly, every day is a Mother's Day. We appreciate you every day, and thank God for you. Maybe today we also feel sorry about the times that we ignored your wishes, advice or caused you troubles or have broken your heart. Who can count the sleepless nights when we were sound asleep while you were worrying and praying that we would change our attitude and listen to your advice?

Now that we are older and have a broader concept of God, we rationalize that God and mothers are not alike because God is divine while mothers are human and imperfect. But for sure we can apply this to mothers. *"Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom his love commits me here; ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen"*. This Guardian Angel prayer is also a mother's job description.

Hanging on the Cross before he died, Jesus made sure that his mother who took care of him would not be abandoned after his death. Jesus looked at John and said: *"Behold your mother"*. Then he looked at his mother and said: *"Behold your son"*. This is the respect, honor and love Jesus had until the end for his mother. What a tremendous and noble blessing motherhood is!

Merciful and loving Father: Please accept our thanksgiving prayer for our mother.

Forgive us for the times we may have caused her anguish through our foolishness, selfishness and carelessness. On this Easter season 2020, there are countless mothers whose wish is to be with their children and grandchildren to kiss and to hug, to cook for and to enjoy their company but they cannot do so because of the deadly virus. Listen to the pleas of these humble mothers and of our visible guardian angels who on this Mother's Day are tired, lonely, fearful and sad.

When you were twelve, your mother and father went looking for you in extreme anguish until they found you in the temple. Lord Jesus, enrich your church and the whole world with parents like yours that when there is family division and hurt that they may go to the temple and pray for unity and peace.

All mothers on earth request on Mother's Day that you keep their family safe and healthy.

Holy Mary, Gentle Woman, you understand the gift, responsibility and the longings of motherhood. On this Mother's Day 2020, open your mother's heart to our spiritual mother, the church and to her faithful members who are restricted from attending church. See the yearnings of our earthly mothers, be their refuge and protector.

Mary, Mother of God, give us the gift of good, loving, caring and dedicated mothers.

Bestow your motherly blessing to all mothers not only as we honor them today but all year round. Amen.

Let not your fear dominate your faith.

Msgr. Publius Xuereb