



Our Lady of the Rosary with Child
Simone Cantarini (1612-1648)

The New Commandment

From a treatise on John by Saint Augustine

The Lord Jesus declares that he is giving his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another: *I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

But wasn't this commandment already part of the ancient law of God, where it is written *You shall love your neighbour as yourself*? Why, then, is it called a new one by the Lord, when it is really so old? Is it new because he has divested us of our old humanity and clothed us with the new? It is true that love renews those who listen to it (or rather, those who act in obedience to it) but it is that particular love which the Lord distinguished from all carnal affection by adding *love one another as I have loved you.*

This is the love that renews us, making us new men, heirs of the New Testament, singers of the new song. It was this love, my beloved brethren, that renewed the patriarchs and prophets of old, and later renewed the blessed apostles. This is the love that is now renewing the nations, and from among the universal race of man, which overspreads the whole world, is making and gathering together a new people, the body of the newly-married spouse of the only-begotten Son of God. Of her the Song of Songs says, *Who is she who is coming up, clothed in white*? Clothed in white because she has been renewed; and how else can she have been renewed but by the new commandment?

Because of this, the members of the people of God have a mutual interest in one another; and if one member suffers then all the members suffer with it; and if one member is honoured then all the members rejoice with it. For this they hear and this they observe: *I give you a new commandment: love one another*: not as people who pretend to love in order

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023



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This week's office hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 2-5 pm;

Wednesday & Friday 10 am-12 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

Confessions are available at 10:00 am

May 7

Celebrant: Fr. John Robertson

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 am at Immaculate Conception

A Mass will be offered in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary for all the favors received these past six months and will be followed by a rosary and a renewal of the consecration of the parish to the Immaculata, in keeping with parish tradition.

BISHOP'S MEETING

Bishop Vetter invites all members of Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Parishes to meet with him in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception on **Monday, May 8th at 7 p.m.**

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th

Following the parish tradition, there will be a May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass begins.

(Please arrive 15 minutes early, if possible!)

Breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus immediately after Mass: waffles with strawberry compote and whipped cream!



Patricia Funke

1932-2023

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

May 13th at 11am

Please join us to celebrate the life
of John Chrysostom Nelson.
Dec 2, 1933-Feb 7, 2023

Immaculate Conception
Church of Polson
Military Honors ceremony &
reception to follow

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Polson, Montana

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Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.



Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Teresa Cullis, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Bill Rueth, Frank Delgado, Jan Irwin, Monte Jenkins, Jeff Chada.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for May

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.



Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Entrance:

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

Collect:

*Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

Acts 6:1-7

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be upon us as we place our trust in you.

1 Peter 2:4-9

Alleluia: I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. - Jn 14:6

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Christ, high priest and unique mediator, has made of the Church "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father." The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are "consecrated to be . . . a holy priesthood." (CCC 1546)

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to corrupt one another, nor indeed as people love one another genuinely but in a human way. Rather, they love one another as those who belong to God. All of them are children of the Most High and consequently brethren of his only Son. They share with each other the love with which he leads them to the end that will bring them fulfilment and the true satisfaction of their real desires. For when God is all in all, there is no desire that is unfulfilled.

This love is bestowed on us by him who said, *Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another*. He loved us so that we should love one another. By loving us he bound us to one another in mutual love, and by this gentle bond united us into the body of which he is the most noble Head.



Our Lady of Fatima FACTS

- ◆ Our Blessed Mother appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal, six times, once a month from May through October 1917.
- ◆ The three children were Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto.
- ◆ Lucia's cause for canonization is currently open, and in 2017 she was named a Servant of God.
- ◆ Jacinta and Francisco were canonized saints in 2017.
- ◆ The Miracle of the Sun on October 13 was witnessed by at least 70,000 people.
- ◆ Mary identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and at each apparition told the children to pray the Rosary daily for peace.
- ◆ During Our Lady's third apparition on July 13, she gave the children a vision of hell. Then came more warnings as Our Lady told them. "The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius XI."

See below for "10 Surprising and Little-Known Facts on Fatima" published by the National Catholic Register.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/10-surprising-and-little-known-facts-on-fatima>



ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital
Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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Good news! Our Lady of Life sculpture fundraiser has reached 93% of its \$12,000 goal. We are almost there! A special thank you to all who have generously contributed to this beautiful project honoring our most Blessed Mother.

If anyone still wishes to contribute, you may find special envelopes located at most entrances of our parish, or simply specify the project at the bottom of your check and place in the collection basket. If you are unable to contribute, please offer a prayer for the project's successful completion. Thank you and God bless.



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SATURDAY 8 - 2 PM
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Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$128,865 of \$175,000 (74%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$29,656 of \$44,500 (67%)



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