

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office is open 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a voicemail.
We will return your call in a timely manner.*

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

*Holy Days as scheduled and may differ than below.
See the inside of the bulletin for details.*

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday.....12:10 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

***As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through
Word, Sacrament, and Service.***

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor 255-4600
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Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager..... 975-9803

PASTORAL MINISTERS

Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation 975-9810
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DEACONS: Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,
Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall (Retired)

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Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician 975-9815
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays (typed format)



May 25, 2025

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Reconciliation is offered, behind a screen, weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-975-9803. No Reconciliation prior to Communion Services. Schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

Baptism - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-255-4600 to register or do so online at corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism prior to your delivery date and the program coordinator will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

Marriage - Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at 701-975-9805 at least **12 months** in advance for completion of Diocesan requirements.

Natural Family Planning Classes are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Bismarck Diocese at 701-222-3035 or www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp.

OCIA Classes - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member, stop by the Parish Office or scan this QR Code.



CORPUS CHRISTI APP (MyParish APP):

Download the app for any smart device.
Text the word *App* to 55321.
Or scan the QR Code.

From the Desk of Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor

Last week, I wrote on the papacy and why our new pope chose the name Leo, which is Latin for "Lion", incidentally.

"He is an American." Here in *Part Two (of Three) of my Take-Aways on our New Pope*, let's begin with how unreal that day was when we saw the white smoke and heard that our pope is an American. Unreal. None of us saw this coming, but I'll tell you why it makes sense. First, Robert Francis Prevost (aged 69 and a cardinal less than two years) was born in Dolton, IL on September 14, 1955, one of 3 brothers born to Louis, a WWII veteran and school superintendent, and Mildred, a librarian. He was educated in Chicago, Villanova, Michigan, and Rome (at my Alma Mater, actually). He is a White Sox fan and considers himself an amateur tennis player. Yes, very "American" for the first 1/3 of his life. Our new pope has been called the most *"Un-American of Americans"* because life and his work moved him to Peru and the Vatican. Remember, he is also a nationalized Peruvian citizen (and enrolled in the national healthcare service) after serving as a missionary in Peru in the 1980's and 1990's. He served as a pastor, teacher, diocesan official and Bishop of Chiclayo from 2015 to 2023. He also became a true polyglot, speaking English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese. He can also read Latin and German. His heart is 100% Peruvian and, therefore, Latino. As he appeared on the loggia, his first personal words were spoken in Spanish to the people of the Diocese of Chiclayo. It is almost as if Pope Francis chose his Latin American successor who just happened to be born in a Chicago suburb. So, yes, an American by birth and first pope to be born in North America, and the first pope to hold Peruvian citizenship. But the second pope from the Americas after Pope Francis.

"He wants us to spread the Gospel with Mission." Pope Leo XIV is a missionary, as I just described. But he is also the first pope who is an Augustinian, joining the order in 1981 and being ordained a priest for the order in 1982. The Augustinians are one of the many orders that support the Church; they number 2,800 in 47 countries. They follow the spirit of St. Augustine (d. 430), one of our great writers, preachers, rhetoricians, and called the "Doctor of Grace." Pope Leo XIV became Prior General of the Order from 2001-2013, which brought him great administrative and organizational skills for governance as well as a working knowledge of the global Church - perhaps most significant. Next week, I'll share part 3, but first, a few miscellaneous items:

- I attended SMCHS Baccalaureate and Graduation (May 18) and commencement for BHS, CHS, and LHS is this weekend; congratulations to all of the graduates!
- I will take part in the Memorial Day Service at the Veteran's Cemetery at Noon on Monday; join us!
- Lastly, this week is VBS and we will welcome around 300 kids and volunteers. Many of the staff assist as well - please keep that in mind if you are calling or stopping by the office. ~ *Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick Schumacher*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please review the schedule and contact the office to let us know if you are willing to serve as a minister next weekend.

If you are not scheduled and would be willing to help, call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.

Date: May 31-June 1	May 31, 2025		June 1, 2025		June 1, 2025		June 1, 2025	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM	
Hospitality	1		1	Brian Steffl	1	Kathy Howe	1	Kathleen Fettig
	2		2	Heather Steffl	2	Maryam Abddo	2	
	3		3	Catherine Williams	3		3	
	4		4	Francis Williams	4		4	
Ushers	1	John Meier	1	Mike Hilbert	1	Dan DeRouchey	1	Gene Rivinius*
	2	Pam Meier	2	Lance Bauer	2	Lonnie Zahn	2	Bev Rivinius
	3	Duane Urlacher	3	Dave Schmitz	3	Dan Sautner	3	
	4		4	Linda Schmitz	4		4	
	5		5	Ron Torkelson	5		5	
	6		6	Virginia Torkelson	6			
Lectors	1	Janet Elkin	1	John Saiki	1	Mandi Hetletved	1	Todd Van Orman
	2	Sean Cleary	2	Hank LaBore	2	Rodger Wetzal	2	
Servers	1	Teigyn Sayler	1	Mason Diehl	1	Madisyn Lowe	1	Evan Hinnenkamp
	2		2	Brooklyn Barnhardt	2	Ella Weigel	2	Sophia Schlinger
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Janet Elkin	R-1	Bill Knudson	R-1	Cathy Schatz	R-1	
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	MaryAnn Metcalf	3	Shawn Anagnost	3	Kathy Howe	3	Margie Schiff
	4	Carol Thompson	4	Lynn Best	4	Janet Spooner	4	
	5	Clare Auble	5	Kathy Knudson	5	Makayla Schatz	5	
	6	Larry Thelen	6	Vern Welder	6	Cec Reetz	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8	Joyce Welder	8	Pam Vetter	8	
	9		9	Craig Zander	9	Barbie Lowe	11	
	10		10	Dean Anagnost	10		12	
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At 4:00*	D12							
	LG		LG	Karen daSilva	LG		LG	

Livestreaming Schedule:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days as Scheduled

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon., May 26 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠ Donna Stair

Tues., May 27 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠ Jeanie Deichert

Wed., May 28 - Collective Intention

(12:10 p.m.) - ✠ Patrick Hoerner

✠ Richard Sauer

✠ Judy Davis

✠ Bob Harvey

Thurs., May 29 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠ Cordell Volesky

Fri., May 30 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠ Clem Busch

Sat., May 31 (4:00 p.m.) - ✠ Leo & ✠ Mary Margaret Pudwill

Sun., June 1 (8:30 a.m.) - ✠ George Volk

(10:45 a.m.) - Edwin Ternes

(5:30 p.m.) - Pro Populo

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,464 households)	
Adult Envelopes (254 Envelopes)	\$19,846.66
Youth Envelopes	\$200.52
TOTAL RECEIVED (May 18)	\$20,047.18
1 st Sunday May 4	\$19,168.41
Online Giving Week (April 28-May 4)	\$7,735.00
2 nd Sunday May 11	\$17,371.05
Electronic Contributions (May 5)	\$13,193.68
Online Giving Week (May 5-11)	\$5,056.00
3 rd Sunday May 18	\$20,047.18
Online Giving Week (May 12-18)	\$6,935.00
Electronic Contributions (May 20)	\$10,455.68
4 th Sunday May 25	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (May 19-25)	\$0.00

We are grateful for your generosity, which is part of being a faithful steward of Corpus Christi.

Stewardship Thought: In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples – and us – a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment. Stewardship engenders a spirituality that deepens our relationship with Jesus. Stewardship involves intentional, planned and proportionate giving of time, talent and treasure.

God's Share Appeal Update

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, to date we have **545** pledges which represents **22%** parish participation. (*Our parish goal is 100% participation.*) Your prayers for the success of the God's Share Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese; it takes many people to form the Body of Christ. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge envelope with your response today. Together we can accomplish many works of faith, hope, and charity.



"Come and See" Summer Lunch and Learn

Join us this summer for the Eucharistic Devotion EWTN Learn series hosted by Hank LaBore and his wife Jayne. Deepen your understanding of the Most Holy Eucharist and your intimacy with Jesus. Find strength and healing through the Eucharist. See the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration in a whole new way. A light lunch will be served, followed by a brief video and teaching, and an opportunity for a short time of Adoration.

Tuesday Afternoons

June 10, 17, 24 & July 8, 15, & 22

12:45 – 2:00 p.m.

No registration charge for the class.

Free will offering for lunch.



Registration is required so we can plan for setup and lunch. To register, scan the QR code or go to corpuschristibismarck.com and click on the scrolling banner on the home page. For questions, please contact Cindy Anderst in the Parish Office at 255-4600.

Corpus Christi MyParish App:

Text the word **App** to **55321**.

Stay in touch with Corpus Christi and engaged in your faith!

An Evening with Jesse Manibusan



Thursday, June 5 • 6:00 p.m.

Church of Corpus Christi

Admission by free will offering

Join us for a joyful and spirit-filled evening with Jesse Manibusan, internationally known Catholic singer-songwriter, storyteller, and evangelizer. With a gift for connecting across generations, Jesse blends music, humor, and heartfelt faith into an unforgettable experience.

Audiences describe his concerts as "deeply moving," "full of laughter and light," and "a joyful celebration of faith." Whether you're young or young at heart, Jesse's message of hope and unity will uplift and inspire.

All are welcome - Don't miss this great night!



Food for the Soul
Tuesday, June 3
5:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Eating alone after the loss of a spouse could be called the "6th Stage of Grief." Corpus Christi has created a community of friendship and support to assure you that there is always room at the table. Food for the Soul is a once-a-month meal for those who have lost a spouse; for more information, contact Tammy Schafer, 701-975-9816.

No Food for the Soul in July or August.



The Food Pantry is in need of:

Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup

Monetary donations are also welcome to help purchase eggs, bread, meat, and other pantry staples as needed.

Thank you for your support of the Corpus Christi Food Pantry!



Monday, May 26
Memorial Day

The Parish Office will be closed.

11:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

12:10 p.m. Mass will be offered.

Wednesday, May 28 - Friday, May 30
Vacation Bible School

Many parish staff members assist with VBS throughout the week and we will do our best to have someone (*staff member or a volunteer*) in the Parish Office during operating hours.

They will do their best to assist you; thank you for your patience and understanding. *Please pray for all of the volunteers and children who will participate in VBS 2025!*

June 1-30

The African Missionary Team will be at the Bismarck Diocesan Mission in Kisii, Kenya. Staff and volunteers will be assisting in the office while Fr. Gardner, Tracy Kraft and Sarah Bengtson work at the Mission. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. *Please pray for the Corpus Christi African Missionary Team.*

What's Going on Here This Week

- Mon. 5/26**  **Memorial Day**
 Parish Office Closed
 11:30 a.m. Confessions
 12:10 p.m. Mass
- Tues. 5/27** Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
 Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church
- Wed. 5/28** Vacation Bible School, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Thurs. 5/29** Vacation Bible School, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Beverly Everett Organ Recital, 6:00 p.m., Church
- Fri. 5/30** Vacation Bible School, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
VBS ends with the 12:10 p.m. Mass and a light lunch
- Sun. 6/1** *Please pray for the African Missionary Team departing on June 1*
 SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140



High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, May 25: No SNAC

Sunday, June 1: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Incoming Freshman are invited to join SNAC!



For I know well the plans I have in mind for you ... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me... and I will change your lot. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)

May God Bless all your future endeavors!



Bismarck Catholic Daughters Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

Friday, June 13: Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 14: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Corpus Christi Church, Parish Hall

Part of the proceeds will go to Stepping Stone Ministries.



Vacation Bible School TRUE NORTH:



Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Wednesday, May 28 - Friday, May 30

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

On Friday, we will conclude with the 12:10 p.m. Mass and a simple lunch.

Who is VBS for?

Children: **Preschool through Grade 5**

Crew Leaders (*young people who have completed 5th Grade*) and

Adult Leaders are needed to facilitate the activities.

What is the cost and how do I register?

Cost is \$45 per child (this includes crafts, lunches and snacks)

Registration opened April 1 and registration deadline is May 25.

Register by scanning the QR Code.



Children's registration



Crew Leader's registration

The **Encounter School of Ministry Bismarck Campus** is launching this September and will host a Transformation Night on June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The night will feature a time of praise and worship before introducing guest speaker Abby Sinnet, co-founder and COO of Bella Health + Wellness, followed by a time of adoration, confession, and individual prayer ministry. Abby will share her journey in following God's plan to establish a healthcare clinic with a mission approach. Bella Health + Wellness will open up a clinic in Bismarck this August. To learn more about the Encounter Bismarck Campus, go to www.encounterschool.org/bismarck.

Bella Health – Bismarck is preparing to open the doors of a new, authentic Catholic family medicine clinic this fall, dedicated to healing the whole person—body, mind, and soul. You are invited to a Stewardship Brunch on Friday, June 6, beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, followed by brunch from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at Lady J's Catering. Join us for community, prayer, mission updates, and an opportunity to be part of the founding support that will help make this Christ-centered clinic a reality. This is an RSVP-only event with limited tickets. To register, scan the QR Code.



Potluck Picnic & Live Butterfly Release:

May 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. This event is for ALL grief support groups and their families. Contact Brenda Bergan with questions at 701-426-1021. This is a date change from May 20.

Memorial Day decorations at St. Mary's Cemetery may be placed on graves three days before Memorial Day and will be removed one week after the holiday. All other items placed on graves outside of these days must be in a vase attached to the headstone base or to the headstone itself. This includes solar lights, shepherd hooks, blankets, stuffed animals, lawn decorations, and other items that are not attached to the headstone. Cemetery employees will remove all items that do not meet these criteria on Tuesday, June 3. St. Mary's Cemetery assumes no responsibility or liability for items placed in the cemetery. If you have any questions, please contact Cemetery Manager Deacon Michael Marback at 701-712-2931 or michael@stmarysbismarck.org.



Organ Recital by Beverly Everett

Thursday, May 29 • 6:00 p.m.

Church of Corpus Christi

The music selections are curated to reflect elements of worship, praise, prayer, and peace.

Music of Bach, Windor, Locklair, and more.

All are invited!

Your stepping stones back into life...

Healing Hearts Grief Support Group. Healing Hearts is a group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child and provides guidance on the path to healing. This group is made for miscarriages, infant, toddler, youth, teen and adult loss. This grief support group is open to the public and held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. The next session is Tues., May 27. Topic: "I'm Growing Stronger."

11th Annual Seminarian Scholarship Golf Tournament

hosted by the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota is Monday, June 16 at the Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan. Check in and lunch begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch and dinner are provided. Cost is \$520 per team or \$130 per person. Register online at cfwnd.org/golf by June 13. The tournament fills up fast, so you are encouraged to register early. For more information contact Ron Schatz at 701-204-7202 or Mike Bichler at 701-471-0985.

The Bismarck Diocese has an opening for a full-time Fiscal Office Accountant in its Bismarck office. Depending on experience, this position may be an Accountant I to III level. Education and Experience: A bachelor's degree in accounting is required and three years of progressive experience in accounting preferred, with preference in the areas of payroll, public accounting, auditing, tax, and not-for-profit accounting. A detailed job description and application can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com under About, then Job Openings. Compensation will be competitive and commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A generous benefits package is included. All offers of employment are pending a clear background check and reference check. Applicant must be able to work from the Bismarck office full-time. Application deadline is June 20, 2025.

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Church is more than a building

For centuries Christians have built places of worship. From the most ornate cathedrals to the simplest meeting houses, faith communities have recognized the need for a space in which to come together to feel close to God. It's good to remember, though, that church is more than a building. Jesus said he would be present where two or three gather in his name—regardless of where they were; Saint Peter in his first letter called Christ a living stone and told believers to be “like living stones . . . built into a spiritual house”: The emphasis is less on the bricks and more on the living stones—the people who assemble. It's wonderful to have beautiful places to worship God. But don't let the building do all the work. You belong to a church of living, breathing people who in this season of Easter follow their risen Lord.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29 (57). *“I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb.”*

Monday, May 26, 2025

Memory matters

Memorial Day in the United States is observed the last Monday of May in honor of the men and women serving in the military who died in combat. Many other nations have their own memorial or remembrance days to honor their war dead. Sadly, there are many sacrificed lives to call to mind as nations continue to go to war. As we remember the brave soldiers we've lost, perhaps we'd do well to think about what we could do to stop the fighting. Mother Teresa has a simple thought on the matter: “If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291). *“Everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God.”*

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Follow the leader

Ever wonder just what a belief in Jesus saves us from? That's easy: Jesus saves us from ourselves and a warped worldview that puts us in power instead of someone infinitely more competent: God. Once we let go of our illusions of control and accept God's direction, our burdens are lifted and we feel compelled to live our lives for others: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, free the prisoner, and gather to offer praise and thanksgiving for the way that has been lit for us. Our salvation relies on three simple steps, says Saint Camillus: “Think well. Speak well. Do well.” These three things, he says, through the mercy of God, will get us to heaven.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). *“What must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus.’”*

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Speak up

The pages of the New Testament are sprinkled liberally with folks who encountered Jesus or the apostles and came to faith. But often in stories of the church, both ancient and modern, the headlines feature the scoffers whereas the faithful are relegated to the margins and footnotes. “Is God Dead?”, the cover of *Time* magazine inquired funereally in bold red letters on a stark black background

in 1966. Good news doesn't need to travel quietly. Make a little noise about your belief in Jesus.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). *“Some began to scoff [at Paul], . . . But some did join him, and became believers.”*

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Christ will get you past the pain

When Jesus told his disciples, “A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me,” they were puzzled—as they were many times about their master's words. What's more, while they were scratching their heads, Jesus upped the ante. He made it clear they were about to be caught up in a drama—the Resurrection of Christ—much larger than their own personal grief over losing him: “You will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice.” People may have to wait longer than a little while—perhaps years—for loss to become acceptance, a wound to heal, a bad situation to turn into a better one. But remember that Christ's victory over death will gather up your grief in the great transformation of death to new life.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294). *“You will grieve, but your grief will become joy.”*

Friday, May 30, 2025

All in due time

Faith can seem like a time-travel video game, particularly in the way we celebrate liturgy. We look to the past, but the past is also present, and the present always looks to the future. We learn the kingdom of God is within and among us—but not yet fulfilled. We worship and follow a Lord who appeared in human flesh, left in body but remained in Spirit, and will come again to usher us into the eternal. No wonder we get a little lost sometimes! Here's your compass: The world is broken but God still thinks it's good. Through Jesus, God calls us to help restore that goodness. And, finally, one day that work will be done. And lest you get anxious about all that has or will unfold, follow Saint Augustine's advice: “Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence.”

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295). *“I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice.”*

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Share the joy

Two women on a common journey: one in the later stages of life and one just starting out. Yet they meet in the middle, Elizabeth and Mary, to share the same remarkable reality: new life seemingly out of nowhere! And both believed the incredible word that came to them from God, Elizabeth through her husband and Mary from an angel. Sharing their joy produced a song, known as the Magnificat, still sung around the world. Today is the feast day of small faith-sharing groups everywhere. Believe the word. Tell the story. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord!

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BVM

Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). *“Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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