



May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Dear Parishioners,

I invite the parishioners/friends of SJC & SRW to continue the Marian Consecration to the Immaculate Heart with 5 First Saturdays, and continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine & Russia, peace in our country, in our families and in our lives...



When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the three shepherd children at Fatima, she asked that certain devotions be followed in order to bring peace to the world. The most well-known of her requests is for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. But there was another request Our Lady made: For people worldwide to dedicate the first Saturday of the month, for five consecutive months, to prayer, confession and attending Mass. These days of prayer are commonly known as the Five First Saturdays' devotion. The Five First Saturdays' devotion was first revealed to the children at Fatima, Portugal, during an apparition on July 13, 1917. On that day, the Blessed Virgin Mary showed the three children a vision of hell and asked them to offer up their lives in reparation for sin. In her 1941 memoir written for the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, one of the visionaries, Sister Lucia, wrote that the Blessed Virgin Mary said to the children: "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." Mary returned to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925, and specifically requested this devotion, according to a document Sister Lucia wrote as recorded in the book "Fatima in Lucia's Own Words." According to the document, the Blessed Virgin Mary asked that on the first Saturday of any five consecutive months, Catholics go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep her company while meditating on those mysteries of the Rosary for 15 minutes.

Beginning on Saturday, May 7, I will lead the parish in fulfilling Mary's wish for SJC & SRW at Ss. Robert & William. I will hear confessions from 7:30 am to 8:15 am; Mass will be 8:30 am; I will then lead the Rosary after Mass with a 15 minute devotional prayer time. We will end the prayer time by praying the consecration prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will do this the first Saturday of May through the first Saturday of September.

Please make a commitment to join us. In this time of so much evil and confusion in our world, it is a good time to join together in this beautiful prayer time with our Blessed Mother to her son, Jesus.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,
Fr. John



**55 Plus
SRW/SJC
Book Club**

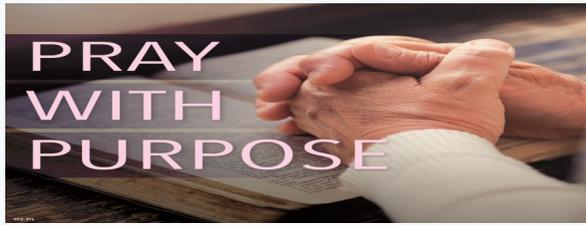
**Next Discussion
May 18, 2022
10:00 AM
SRW Parish Office**

***Nine Essential
Things I've
Learned About
Life***

**By:
Harold Kushner**

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE

The selection for our Wednesday, May 18 discussion has been changed. We will be discussing ***Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life*** by Harold Kushner. Kushner is the author of fourteen books including the very popular *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Meetings take place at 10:00AM in the Sacred Heart Room of SRW Parish Office Bldg. No registration required. Just come and enjoy the conversation!



Luke Brown's Reflection

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This week's Gospel has always been interesting to me for a couple of reasons. One is because of how frequently our sadness, anger, and frustration can result in our gaze turning inward which results in self-pity and pride. The disciples are sad about Jesus' death and have now been fishing all night without catching anything. Even though the cause of their grief is the death of Jesus, they do not recognize him standing on the shore. We can frequently become so absorbed in our own feelings and pain that we miss what is right in front of us. In these moments, we need to remain focused outward and on God. The other thing that always strikes me about this Gospel reading is how we can almost always see how God was present in past suffering that we have endured, and yet we frequently fail to see God in the midst of our suffering as we are enduring it. In hindsight, we can often see how providentially God has guided us through past grievances, suffering, and pain, but we often forget that he is always present when we are actively in pain and suffering. This is a very common and human occurrence since pain is intense and intense things usually have our full attention. However, we need to stay as focused as we can on God even in the midst of suffering and pain. While we may not understand the suffering in the moment, we need to trust that God is present and that all will be revealed in the Resurrection. If you find yourself turning inward or forgetting God in the midst of suffering, consider praying with the Gospel reading and place yourself in the place of the disciples as they suffered and Christ revealed Himself to them.



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Parish Family Life Events

Our Doors Are Open:

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John of the Cross. To become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form at the parish office or visit our website at www.sjceucld.com

Baptism

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Contact the parish office to discuss arrangements.

Marriage

Wedding arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Contact **Fr. John** at the Parish Office.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary
Every Sunday Before the
10:15 AM Mass



Our Blessed Mother specifically asked the children of Fatima and the world to pray the Rosary *every day*. On June 13, 1917, she said: ***"Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."***

It is imperative that we heed our Blessed Mother's request to pray for peace for our country and our nation.



St. John of the Cross Tree of Life

Our Tree of Life hangs beautifully in the Gathering Space as a testament of the love and commitment to our parish.

There are still many blank leaves left and can be purchased for \$125 each, which includes engraving. They can be purchased for individuals (living or deceased), families, etc. Also, you might want to consider purchasing a leaf as a gift to commemorate a communion confirmation, graduation, birthday or anniversary.

Order forms can be found below, in the Gathering Space or on our website sjceuclyd.com.



Tuesday, May 31, 2022
SRW/SJC 55 and Over
Spring Day of Reflection

AT THE
JESUIT RETREAT CENTER
LED BY FR. PAUL O'CONNOR, S.J.

The Gospel of John tells us that Mary Magdalen "stayed outside the tomb weeping." But later, "... she turned around and saw Jesus there..."
When she turned around she discovered the resurrection

On May 31st, Fr. Paul will help us to *turn around* and discover that resurrection and transformation can happen daily. It all depends where you look!

\$40.00 per person includes transportation, breakfast and lunch.

Bus departs SRW at 8:00AM and returns at 3:30PM.

Mass will be celebrated at 11:15AM

For reservations call 216-731-1515

TREE OF LIFE ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

LEAF INSCRIPTION:

PAYMENT:
\$125.. Ea.

Check or Cash: _____

Credit Card No.: _____ Exp. Date _____

CCV: _____

Please join friends and neighbors at

National Day of Prayer



May 5, 2022 - Noon
Euclid City Hall
585 E. 222nd Street

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado

We can make a difference!!



MASS AT THE SHRINE 2022

Dear parishioners and friends,

Our season for the outdoor Masses starts on Sunday, May 8! From that day on and throughout the summer, our 7:45 a.m. Mass on Sundays will be held at our beautiful outdoor Shrine!

If you plan to attend this service, you might want to consider having with you a towel since sometimes the benches are slightly wet; or feel free to also bring a pillow to make yourself more comfortable (just take it with you when you leave!). We will do our best to communicate any cancellation due to the weather: in that case, the Mass will be held inside the church.

God bless all of you!

MASS Intentions

Monday, May 2

8:30 AM (JB/TS) † Rose Ann Tepley

Tuesday, May 3

6:30 PM (JB) † For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 4

8:30 AM (JL) † Members of the Rot Family

Thursday, May 5

7:00 PM (JL/TS) Francis "Bud" Holaus

Friday, May 6

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, May 7

4:00 PM 4:00 PM (JB/TS) † For All Mothers

Sunday, May 8

7:45 AM (JL) † For All Mothers

10:15 AM (TB) † For All Mothers

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish
and Their Caregivers*

Evelyn Adamczyk; Gerald Scarniench & Helen Herman

Our Financial Stewardship

04/17/22-Sunday Giving.....\$2,386.00

04/17/22-Maintenance.....\$ 781.00

Faith Direct* 1st Half April Giving.....\$1,965.00

Faith Direct* 1st Half April Maintenance.....\$1,203.00

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION — \$15,495.00

**Thanks for your generous support toward our
mission to serve God!**

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our Parish, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish office and someone from the Parish will contact you.

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____