

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH LIFE

Reconciliation Confession

Tues, Thurs
2nd & 4th Saturdays
5:00 – 5:45 pm
Confession by appointment:
Parish Office
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Reconciliación Confesiones

Los martes, jueves y el segundo
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y por cita 936-825-3920

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Giovanni Nguyen

Permanent Deacon

Garry Janota
Russell Pasket
Gregory Jelinek, MD (Retired)

Parish new website design:
<https://christourlight.org> Please check out
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website using the PR Code below:



If you would like to have Sunday's bulletin and
announcement sent to your email before
Sunday, please email to add your name to the
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address: shepherd@christourlight.org

Front cover photo: Christ Our Light First Communion
Religious Education (May 7, 2023)

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: (English) 8:00 am
Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 pm
Weekday Mass:
First Saturday 9:00 am
Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am
Tuesday 6:00 pm (English)
Thursday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Rosary Prayed in Common:

Tues & Thurs: 5:40 pm
Wed & Fri: 8:10 am
Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 7:15 am & 12:15 pm

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MOTHER'S DAY MAY 13 - MAY 14

PLEASE JOIN US

Honoring All Mothers

**Saturday May 13, 2023, at 9:00 am*

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

**Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm*

**Sunday May 14, 2023*

8:00 am & 1:00 pm

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

**A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS WHO RECEIVED THE HOLY EUCHARIST
FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME LAST SUNDAY.**

THANK YOU TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEAM WHO HELPED PREPARE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE.

**"THE EUCHARIST IS AT THE HEART OF 'CHRISTIAN INITIATION',
TOGETHER WITH BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION,
AND IT CONSTITUTES THE SOURCE OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE ITSELF.
FROM THIS SACRAMENT OF LOVE, IN FACT, FLOWS EVERY AUTHENTIC JOURNEY OF FAITH,
OF COMMUNION, AND OF WITNESS."**

POPE FRANCIS

PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTION

SUNDAY, MAY 14 **Mother's Day**

8:00 AM Torres, Rangel and Baldobino Families

1:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 15

No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 16

6:00 PM Kathy Amish †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:30 AM Jim † and Mary Ann † Wilder

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:30 AM Special Intention

10:00 AM at Golden Creek Nursing Home, Fr. Intention

6:00 PM* Juanita Diaz, Recovery

FRIDAY, MAY 20

8:30 AM Virgie Drabek †

SATURDAY, MAY 20 VIGIL MASS

6:00 PM Deborah Tammen †

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM* Adolfo Reyes †

*Spanish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 15

5:00 PM Spanish Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

TUESDAY, MAY 16

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

THURSDAY, MAY 18

12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

7:00 PM Mystagogy, SPCC

FRIDAY, MAY 19

6:00 AM TMIY Men's Group, SPH

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 AM Mass First Holy Communion

In Memoriam

Altar Flowers this past weekend was in memory of

Adolfo Reyes.

The parish thanks Eva Reyes.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence,
by decreasing the use of weapons
by States and citizens.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, **please** notify the parish office: 936-825-3920.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English Baptism preparation is completed via an on-line video class. Spanish Baptism Classes will be held in person. Please call for Rosa or Felisa for class dates and times. All Documents, forms and classes must be completed prior to the next upcoming scheduled Baptism date, turned in, and approved by the Pastor.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration; therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated at Christ Our Light.

English Baptisms will be held quarterly. January 28, April 22, July 22, 2023, and October 28, 2023, at 11:30 AM. Spanish Baptisms will be held quarterly. January 14, April 15, July 15, 2023, and October 14, 2023, at 11:30 AM.

For more information regarding English Baptism, contact Susan Pilger at 979-219-1360.

For more information regarding Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.

WEDDING PREPARATION

Contact parish office or email Jennifer Nguyen, jnguyen9@twu.edu for registration information. The standard preparation time for weddings is 6-9 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session.

PARISH LIFE

PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and homebound members of our community:

Sarafina Alo	Anita Olguin
Andrew Castillo	Julian Olguin
Braxton Castillo	Matthew Oliver
Jo Ann Clepper	Cecelia Pearson
Frank Crouch	Angelina Peterson
Elizabeth Culmer	Wallace Peterson
Eva Estrada	Irene Ramirez
Liz Estrada	Lucila Rivera
Lois Finke	Zek Rueda
Fabryna Hitchcock	Rosalinda Salazar
Liz Johnson	Josh Sechelski
Rachel Kammel	Sherrie Shiflett
Mary Ann Knowles	Lydia Torres
Liz Kubricht	Jessie Torres
John Lawrence	Polly Uilkie
Christian Mills	Jessie Valadez, III
Leslie Mills	Crystal Winkler
France Munoz	David Woehler
	Trần Thị Tuyết Mai

Call the parish office when a member of our community has a need to be remembered in prayer, 936-825-3920. Also, if you have added a name to the prayer list, please call to let us know when to remove the name from the list. Thank you.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Candle Stands are electrical. Anyone wanting to light a candle may do so by pressing the red button and give an offering. The candle will burn for 12 hours. Memorial Candles burning for one year are \$150.00 each. Come by the parish office to schedule and pay your offering of \$150.00 for your Memorial candle.

P.E.R.A. (Perpetual Eucharistic Reparative Adoration)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. following the 8:30 AM Masses and will be reposed at 9:00 PM on Wednesdays, Thursdays at 5:45 PM before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass and Friday at 9:00 PM. The "Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to make amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. "Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Fifth Easter Sunday 05/07/2023	\$ 6,888.39
Maintenance Fund	\$ 160.38

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

2023 Parish Goal.....	\$ 26,000.00
2023 Total Paid (activity thru 5/09/2023)..	\$ 13,695.00
Difference Goal vs. Paid.....	\$ 12,305.00
Participants.....	40

DSF SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART

Next week is Commitment Weekend where we all can support the Diocesan Services Fund. DSF is our opportunity as a community of faith to answer God's call, through His son Jesus Christ, to joyfully love and serve the needs of others. Through your support of DSF, you proclaim the Gospel, help provide 64 ministries that no one parish can do alone and remind all around you that God is the strength of our hearts.

DIOCESLA FUERZA DE MI CORAZÓN

La próxima semana es el Fin de Semana de Compromiso donde todos podemos apoyar el Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos. DSF es nuestra oportunidad como comunidad de fe para responder al llamado de Dios, a través de Su hijo Jesucristo, para amar y servir gozosamente las necesidades de los demás. A través de su apoyo a DSF, proclama el Evangelio, ayuda a proporcionar 64 ministerios que ninguna parroquia puede hacer sola y recuerda a tu alrededor que Dios que Dios es la fuerza de nuestros corazones



APPRECIATION

Thank you for your generosity during the Sunday Weekly Collections and your continuous support in donating a one-time or monthly gift to the DSF this year. A little goes a long way when we all work together.

Senior Chatter



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Senior Spotlight: The Spirituality of Aging

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). This Scripture passage, selected by Pauline Newman, provides the foundation for this Senior Spotlight.



Pauline, a member of the St. Monica's Senior Silver Steppers, is a native Houstonian. This July she and her husband Sylvester will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. She has one son, Paul, and three granddaughters. She stated that she never thought of anything that she had done as service. She said, "Volunteering wherever, helping others and doing whatever needs to be done was as natural as breathing. As Nike says, 'Just Do It'."

Currently Pauline serves as the chairperson of the Samaritan Ministry Funeral & Repast Committee and recently completed a term as president of the parish Senior group. In addition, she is the acting correspondence secretary of the Senior group, member of the Altar Society and newly elected as Faithful Navigator of the KPC Meritorious 4th Degree Ladies of Grace. She noted that due to a recent amputation, she is not currently serving as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. She does aspire to return to those ministries in the near future.

Pauline recalled her growing up years as a scout. Scouting has always been equated with service. As a parent, she volunteered for everything her child was involved in. And now as a Senior, even with various limitations, she's a voice and an advocate for Senior needs.

What Pauline finds meaningful in serving is that being a Senior advocate enables seniors to join their Senior group. Seeing them participate in various activities is so rewarding. She encourages their widows to join the group connecting them with other widows who can empathize with their loss while encouraging them that life does go on.

From a faith perspective, Pauline cites how scripture directs her service. She reflected how if God has given her the gift to be an example and voice to encourage other people through the Grace of God, then "I am the hand maiden of the Lord, do with me as you will". Reflecting on the spotlight's opening Scripture, she emphasized how we all have different strengths, abilities, and resources to use in serving others as gifts from God. In that light Scripture calls us to utilize our God-given gifts in serving our neighbor with love and humility. "As Christ loves us, we should love others being faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior!"

For words to encourage her fellow seniors to engage in service, she says: "I often hear seniors say, 'I'm too old' or 'I've been there and done that'. I say, God has blessed you with these years for a purpose. That purpose is not to quit serving Him. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Be a laborer for God. Share your knowledge and living experience with God's people. Be a role model. You and your gifts are needed."

Her parting words punctuate the value of senior ministry: "Because many of our seniors live alone, their children are grown and have moved away or most family members and close friends have passed on, it is so important and rewarding that our senior ministry offers the companionship they wouldn't have without it".

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHER BOOK #1022

Mother's Day

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21 (55) Pss II

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MAY MONDAY

Saint Isidore

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)

15

TUESDAY

Acts 16:22-34

Jn 16:5-11 (292)

16

WEDNESDAY

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12-15 (293)

17

THURSDAY

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 18:1-8

Jn 16:16-20 (294)

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FRIDAY

Acts 18:9-18

Jn 16:20-23 (295)

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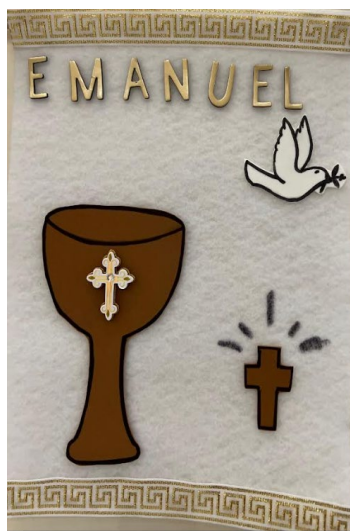
SATURDAY

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 18:23-28

Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

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DAILY MEDITATION: ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

Philip was having great success in Samaria. As the result of his preaching and ministry, many Samaritans came to believe in the Lord. Not only that, but unclean spirits were being routed and people were being healed of all kinds of afflictions. Crowds of people were being baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection and were experiencing the joy of their redemption.

So why did the apostles in Jerusalem even bother to send Peter and John to Samaria? What more could the people possibly need?

The Holy Spirit, that's what! Just as he had made all the difference for the apostles on the day of Pentecost, so did he make all the difference for the people of Samaria—and for us.

What is that difference? Here are some examples.

It is clearly amazing to witness a miraculous healing as the Samaritans did—or even to receive one yourself as some of the Samaritans did. But when the Spirit comes to dwell in you, he can bring healing to your wounded memories and free you from lifelong patterns of sin and guilt and shame.

It's a good thing to be able to memorize prayers or passages from Scripture. But it's even more wonderful to have the Spirit alive in you, breathing new life and joy into your heart through these prayers and passages and giving you new insights into his love.

It's one thing to muster what strength you have to fight sin, but it's another thing altogether to experience the indwelling Spirit giving you his own grace to say no to temptation and keeping your faith alive in times of difficulty.

The truth is, we need the Holy Spirit to renew our minds, to fill our hearts, and to keep us connected to Jesus.

Pentecost is just two weeks away. What do you need the Holy Spirit to do in you?

"Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful. Come, fill my heart!"

Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21
Word Among Us 05/14/23

Y él les dará otro Paráclito. (Juan 14, 16)

"Usted tiene derecho a un abogado. Si no puede pagar un abogado, se le proveerá uno." Esa conocida frase es parte de la "advertencia Miranda" que los oficiales de la policía están obligados a decir a cualquier persona a la que arresten. Se basa en la creencia de que alguien más debe estar presente para asegurarse de que el acusado reciba un juicio justo y que le ayude a enfrentar a su acusador con dignidad y valentía.

¿No resulta interesante que esta es la forma en que Jesús describe al Espíritu Santo en el Evangelio de hoy? El término griego para "abogado", *parakletos*, también significa abogado defensor o consejero legal. Es especialmente interesante cuando recordamos que la Escritura describe al diablo como nuestro "acusador" (Zacarías 3, 1; Apocalipsis 12, 9-10).

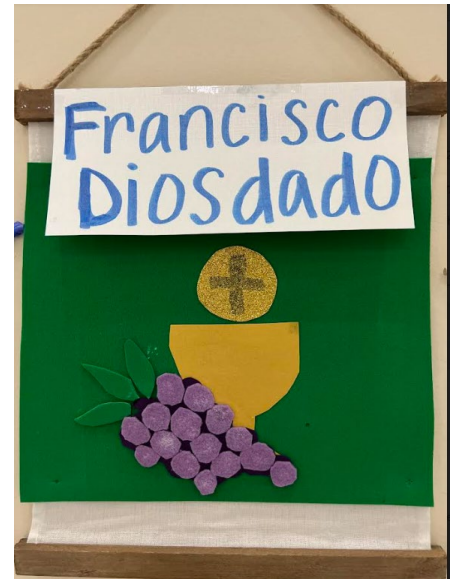
¡Qué don más maravilloso tenemos en el Espíritu Santo! No tenemos que defendernos solos de las acusaciones. Jesús nos ha dado el Espíritu para que podamos defendernos de las mentiras del maligno. El Señor nos ha dado el mejor abogado defensor de la historia. Alguien que nos recuerde que hemos sido perdonados. Alguien que nos recuerde el amor que Dios tiene por nosotros. Alguien que ve nuestros pecados y errores pero que también ve los verdaderos deseos de nuestro corazón y nunca se da por vencido con nosotros.

Siempre recuerda al Espíritu Santo, tu defensor, especialmente cuando te sientas tentado a creer que no eres bueno o que Dios se ha dado por vencido contigo. Recuérдалo a él cuando dudes de la bondad de los planes que Dios tiene para ti y para tus seres queridos.

Todos los días de tu vida, asegúrate de dedicar tiempo a escuchar al Espíritu Santo. Permítele que te convenza una y otra vez de que tú perteneces a Cristo y que nadie te puede arrebatar de sus manos.

"Espíritu Santo, por tu gracia, te pido que me ayudes a mantenerme firme frente a la tentación y la acusación."

Hechos 8, 5-8. 14-17 Salmo 66 (65), 1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16. 20
1 Pedro 3, 15-18. La Palabra Entre Nosotros



“My Mom Is a Saint”

God is always with us—no matter what. Nothing, nothing, can separate us from him



A MIRACULOUS HEALING

My mother was born in 1929, and I’m the youngest of her five children.

If I could use one word to describe my mom, that word would be “class.” Or maybe “elegance.” She is the classiest, most elegant woman I have ever known. Born and raised in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, she is a true white Anglo-Saxon Protestant. Her folks were Methodist, and she attended the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, not far from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Her decision to marry my dad, who was dirt-poor and a Catholic immigrant, didn’t go over too well with her family. In fact, my grandmother tried to talk her out of it by saying, “If you marry this man, you will never own a car in your life.” Which is ironic since my dad went on to become a fairly high-ranking executive in an auto company!

A few years before I was born, my mom suffered a debilitating back injury. After I was conceived, her doctors told her that they didn’t think she would be able to carry me to term. They gave her several alternatives, and I am grateful that she chose life. Somehow my mom was able to carry me and give birth. Until I was about twelve or thirteen years old, my mom was seriously disabled. She lived in a hospital bed in our living room. She wore a special brace around her back all the time. She had special chairs to sit in. She couldn’t sit or stand for a long time. She couldn’t walk. She was in many ways an invalid. She had a whole host of surgeries on her back, going back and forth to a hospital in New York that specialized in such care.

Then my oldest sister graduated from college and moved away. She was living in another city and went to some kind of Pentecostal or charismatic prayer meeting. And while she was there, someone had a strong sense that God wanted to heal a person with a serious back injury who wasn’t even in the room. And so my sister got very excited and called my mom and said, “Mom, I just came from this meeting. There was this person there with this sense—I think it’s you!” My mom said to her, “Honey, I wish I had your faith.” My mom was a devout woman, but I think she would tell you that she really didn’t know Jesus at the time. But she was about to meet him in a really powerful way.

Mom hung up the phone and said to herself, “What do I have to lose?” So she started to thank God for healing her. Within a month, my mom was playing tennis! Out with the braces, out with the chairs, out with the hospital bed. We built a tennis court in our backyard. My mom joined a tennis club and became the club champion. All of a sudden, she was the most athletic person I had ever seen in my life! It was right out of the Gospels, right out of the Acts of the Apostles; it was a New Testament miracle extraordinaire.

Because of her disability, for years my dad had been going to company meetings and events without her. Then he started bringing her along. People would come up to her and say, “Oh hi, who are you?” “I’m Thelma Riccardo.” “Oh, I’ve never seen you before.” “Oh, that’s because Jesus just healed my back.”

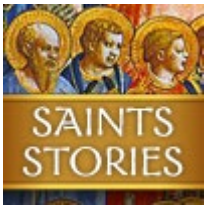
Talk about a conversation stopper! But that’s what happens when you have experienced a miracle. You let people know, especially when it’s something as dramatic as this—she couldn’t move, and all of a sudden, she can move! My mom was completely healed—from that day until sometime in 1995, about a year before I was ordained a priest. So for almost twenty years, my mom had no pain. The doctors couldn’t explain it. All we knew was that God had dramatically broken into Mom’s life.

In 1995, about as quickly as Mom’s pain left, it all came back and became more intense than it had ever been before she had been healed. And that’s how my mom has lived since then. People have prayed often for my mom to be healed. But my mom will tell you, in all honesty, that what she has is a gift. She knows God can heal her. He did heal her. And for whatever reason, he has chosen to bring this back to her. A lot of us think our moms are saints. But because of the witness of her life, I know that for me, it’s true—my mom is a saint. People love to talk to her. She is the most amazing person, together with my dad, that I know. They are filled with wisdom.

Suffering Is a Vocation

Here are the Scripture passages that have been most helpful to my mom as she lives with this pain every day of her life.

First, “Take up your cross and follow me” (cf. Mark 8:34; cf. Luke 9:23; cf. Matthew 16:24). I’m not sure what we think today when we hear that verse, but for a first-century Jew, we certainly know what they thought. First-century Jews were used to seeing crucifixions. “The cross” was no figure of speech. The cross was the manner of execution for the rebels in the area, a way for the Romans to show off, boast of their power, and make their authority felt. So when Jesus tells us to pick up our cross and follow him, he’s clearly trying to make it known to us that this is going to entail hardships of a variety of different kinds. Source: wau.org/books. Rev. John Ricardo (2023).



St. Matthias Feast Day May 14

People may have been surprised when Matthias was elected to take the place of Judas among the apostles after Jesus' death and resurrection. The New Testament mentions Matthias only once, and that is in the account of how he was chosen to become one of the apostles.

After the death of Judas, the apostles met to elect someone to replace him. Peter presided at this meeting and reminded the others of the qualification necessary for being an apostle: The candidate had to have been a follower of Jesus Christ from the time of Jesus' baptism by John until his Ascension into heaven.



Soon the choice was narrowed to two men: Joseph, so good and holy that he was known as Joseph the Just, and Matthias, also a very good and holy man. At this point it would seem as though Joseph had an edge over Matthias, but God's ways aren't the same as our ways. After the apostles prayed for divine guidance, they cast lots and Matthias was chosen to share in the ministry of the apostles.

So Matthias became an apostle and a witness with the others to the Resurrection of Christ. Tradition links Matthias with the country of Ethiopia, where he is believed to have met his martyrdom. The known facts about the missionary work and martyrdom of Matthias are not many. What is known is that he loved Christ and that he lived and died to spread the Good News as far as possible.

St. John I - Feast Day May 18

John became pope in 523 at a time when the Arian heresy was still troubling the Church. To stamp out this heresy, Justin, the emperor of Constantinople, began to oppress the Arians. In 526, the Arian king Theodoric urged Pope John I to restrain Emperor Justin.



The pope was able to moderate Justin's zeal.

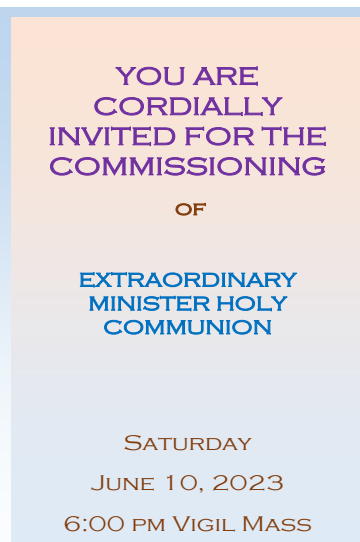
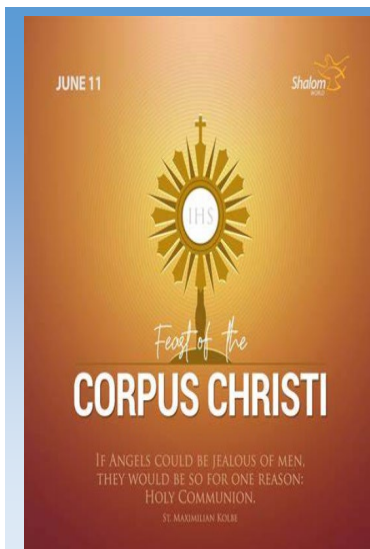
But Theodoric was angry with the pope, whom he unjustly suspected of favoring the political power of Rome. When the pope returned from Constantinople, he was arrested and imprisoned. Deprived of necessities, he died soon after. We honor John I as a pope and a martyr.

Suggestions

The Church has had a long, unbroken line of popes. Direct the class to look up the list of the popes and answer these questions:

- How many popes has the Church had? (Francis is number 266.)
- How many popes are honored with the title of saint, blessed, or venerable? (85)
- Who was the first pope? (Saint Peter) Who is pope today? (Pope Francis, who is the first Jesuit pope.)
- Which pope reigned the longest? (Saint Peter)
- Which three names have been chosen most frequently by popes? (John, 23 popes; Gregory, 16 popes; Benedict, 16 popes)

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**CONGRATULATIONS
MS. NELDA**

**WE WISH YOU
A VERY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

PARISH LIFE NEWS

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Alejandro Murillo
Jazmin Reynoso
Angel Graciano
Johanna Medina
Anthony Murillo
Leslie De la Rosa
Caleb Harris
Mateo Hernandez
Emanuel Garcia
Nicholas Rios
Fabio Graciano
Olivia Castillo
Francisco Diosdado
Rey David Briones
Gerado Solis
Ricardo Torres, Jr.
Gustavo Luna
Sofia Garcia
Jacqueline Murillo
Yajahira Corona



Who is the patron saint of First Communicants?

Blessed Imelda Lambertini had one lifelong desire: to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Little Imelda was just five years old when, one day in 1327, she went to her parents and expressed her greatest desire: to receive her First Holy Communion immediately.

You can imagine the joy and surprise Imelda's parents felt upon hearing such a request from so young a child. But Imelda had to wait. At that time, laity received communion only on special occasions, First Communion after their twelfth year.

For the next few years, Imelda spent most of her time contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist and the ecstasy of one day receiving Him into her soul. Periodically, she asked again to make her First Communion. Even though the answer was always the same, she never stopped asking.

When Imelda was nine, she was permitted to enter the Dominican order as a postulant. Her thoughts and prayers still centered on Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

Two years later, on the Feast of the Ascension, she made her request again. The answer came back the same: "No, Imelda, not yet. Soon, but not yet."

After Mass, all the sisters left the chapel. Soon they found that Imelda was not with them and hurried back to find her. There she was kneeling before the tabernacle and gazing with sparkling eyes upon a Eucharistic host miraculously suspended above her. Seeing this, the priest gave her her First Holy Communion. Imelda received Jesus with keen joy and adoration. Her communion with Him was so complete that He called her soul to be in heaven with Him immediately.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM ALL OF US!

Mothering Sunday: The Christian roots of Mother's Day

Christians of the Renaissance would use the holiday for a trip to their "mother church."

How did Mother's Day begin? What are the origins of this day set aside to especially honor our mothers? The springtime celebration has existed in [America](#) for over 100 years, but prior to its 20th-century development, there was another holiday set to honor the matron of the household: Mothering Sunday.

The ancient world

[Catholic.org reports](#) that it can be argued that the roots of Mother's day go back all the way to the Ancient Greeks, who held an annual spring festival dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Ancient Romans held a similar event called Hilaria, dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. This ceremony, practiced around 250 BC, would last for three days and include parades and games.

While these holidays prove that the concept of a day set aside to honor our mothers is older than the [Christian faith](#), it is probable that these ancient celebrations had little to do with the establishment of Mother's Day, especially since the earliest form of the holiday only developed in the Renaissance.

Christian roots

In the 16th century, Christians from the UK and Ireland would return to their "mother church" for a service which was held on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. A "mother church" could refer to the [parish](#) in which one was baptized, the local parish church, or even the closest cathedral, which was viewed as the mother church of all parishes in a given diocese.

Those who practiced this custom were said to have gone "a-mothering," and soon it became known as "Mothering Sunday." As the popularity of "Mothering Sunday" grew, it became a day when domestic servants were given leave to be with their families. The day became one of the few times a year where a grown family could gather, as working families often had conflicting schedules.

Once the tradition became a day for [family](#) reunion, with a reference to mothers in the name, it naturally evolved to include all mothers within the celebration. For children, the long walk back home became a time for picking flowers [for mom](#), and this would grow to the tradition of giving gifts of all sorts to mothers.

In the United States

In America, the nationally observed holiday of Mother's Day was already established by WWII. The effort to create the holiday was driven by Anna Jarvis, whose mother had come up with the idea. Anna began her work on the holiday after her mother's death in 1905 and it was brought to Congress in 1908, but there it was rejected, with representatives joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day."

Anna did not lose sight of the goal, however, and after several years of campaigning and sending carnations, her mother's favorite flowers, to lawmakers to raise awareness of the important holiday, every state observed Mother's Day by 1911. On May 8, 1914, President Wilson signed a Joint Resolution that formally designated the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day.

Back in the UK, by the 19th century, the custom of gift-giving was waning, but when American soldiers were stationed in the UK during World War II, they noticed the tradition and brought it back to the States as a way to both honor mothers and boost seasonal commerce. Once the "business" aspect of Mother's Day caught on, the holiday took off in a big way.

The threat of commercialism

Unfortunately, Anna Jarvis took umbrage at the commercialism of her hard-won holiday. She argued that gifts to mothers should be made by hand in order to properly express their love and gratitude. She spent the latter part of her life attempting to remove the holiday from the calendar, but was unsuccessful.

In one instance, at a meeting of American War Mothers where the group was selling carnations, which had already become closely connected to Mother's Day, Jarvis became enraged over a perceived perversion of her mother's intentions and was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Today a secular Mother's Day is celebrated by many countries, including the US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium. It is quite possible, however, that none of these countries would have developed the practice if not for the Christian practice of Mothering Sunday.

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Mass Readings for Sixth Easter Sunday Year A

- **First Reading** – [Acts 8:5-8, 14-17](#): Philip goes to Samaria and preaches the word of God to the people, performing many miraculous signs and healings, which resulted in many people believing and being baptized. Peter and John arrived in Samaria and prayed for the new believers, laying their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
- **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 66](#): A psalm of praise to God, encouraging all people to shout joyfully, sing praises, and proclaim His glorious deeds. The psalmist recounts God's great works, including changing the sea into dry land and ruling by His might forever, and invites all who fear God to declare His goodness.
- **Second Reading** – [1 Peter 3:15-18](#): Peter instructs believers to always be ready to give a defense of their faith with gentleness and respect, even in the face of persecution. He then reminds them of the example of Christ, who suffered and died for our sins, but was raised to life by the power of God.
- **Gospel** – [John 14:15-21](#): Jesus promises his disciples that if they love Him, they will keep His commandments, and He will ask the Father to send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with them forever. He also promises that He will come to them and reveal Himself to them, and whoever loves Him and keeps His word will be loved by the Father, and they will dwell with Him.

THEMES FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

The readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A remind us that God is always with us and always caring for us, no matter where we are or what the circumstance. The first reading tells of how Peter and John went from Jerusalem to Samaria to pray with the people there and call down the Holy Spirit on them. The psalm is our response to God's loving care for us. The second reading tells us that Christ suffered for all of us, righteous and sinners alike. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us that he has not abandoned us. He has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always.

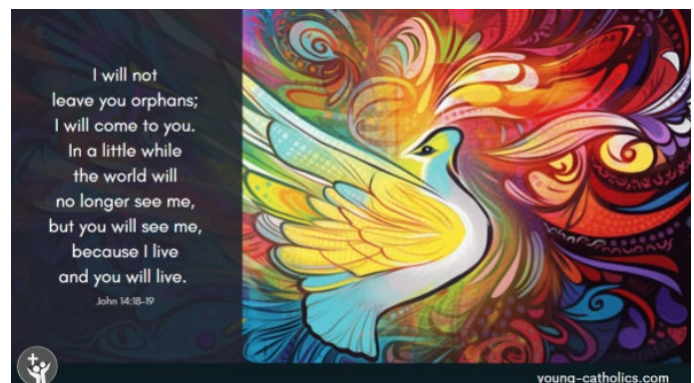
Evangelism: The first reading for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A emphasizes the importance of preaching the word of God to non-believers and the impact it can have on their lives, as many people in Samaria believed and were baptized. Christians must share the gospel with others, to be ambassadors of Christ to those who do not know Him.

Belief, baptism, and receiving the Holy Spirit: The first reading also shows that true faith is accompanied by a desire to be obedient to God's commandments and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enables believers to live out their faith and grow in their relationship with God.

Following Christ's commandments: Jesus stresses the importance of obedience to His commandments as a demonstration of our love for Him. The gospel highlights the fact that true faith is not just a matter of belief but also requires a commitment to living a life that is pleasing to God, following the example set by Jesus.

Love for Christ: Both the gospel and the second reading for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A emphasize the importance of love for Christ. In John, Jesus tells His disciples that those who love Him will keep His commandments, and in 1 Peter, the apostle urges believers to always be ready to defend their faith with gentleness and respect, out of love for Christ. Love is central to the Christian faith, as love for Christ should motivate and guide all of our actions and decisions.

The promise of the Holy Spirit: Jesus promises His disciples that He will send them the Holy Spirit, who will be with them forever. The gospel emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, as the Spirit guides and empowers us to live out our faith and remain connected to Christ. Young Catholics



A Mary Garden: How to plant the perfect flowers for Our Lady

Planting a Mary garden can be another way of honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary with flowers this spring.

The tradition of planting Mary Gardens goes back centuries. In the Middle Ages, when much of the population was illiterate, priests and religious brothers and sisters would plant gardens and give the flowers and herbs religious names and symbolism in order to teach people about the faith, in the same way they would use stained glass windows to tell stories of the bible or the saints.

"Our Lady is called The Mystical Rose. And also, when you hear about the beginnings of the rosary that was given to Saint Dominic, you hear about different legends where, as different saints prayed, roses would float up to Our Lady and she would gather them. So, every time we pray a rosary, I tell my children that 'you are giving Our Lady a beautiful bouquet. We're giving our Blessed Mother a crown of flowers,'" she said.

Columbines are another flower that can be planted in Mary gardens. Depending on their color, they can take on different religious meanings.

"Columbines that are red can often be called the Pentecostal Holy Spirit flower because, if you've ever seen them, they kind of point upside down with petals that look like...tongues of fire pointing up. So they look like the Holy Spirit coming down at Pentecost upon the Apostles' heads," she said.

But if the columbines are white, they are called "Our Lady's Shoes"

"Another legend associated with the columbine is when Our Lady found out that her cousin Elizabeth was expecting Saint John the Baptist, and she walked to go take care of her," Harrington said.

Legend has it "that everywhere Our Lady's shoes or her slippers touched, little white columbines sprouted out of the earth marking her path. So, the other name for columbine would be 'Our Lady's Shoes,'" she explained.

Pansies have been given the Marian name "'Our Lady's Delight,' and with that, we can tell our kids to think of how Our Lady delighted in Christ, in having him so close in her life," Harrington explained.

Sunflowers have also been called "Mary's Gold," and can be reminiscent of Mary's golden crown as Queen of Heaven and Earth, she said.

In her home state of California, bright fuchsia bougainvillea flowers grow abundantly on bushes, and have the religious name of "trinitaria, for Trinity, because in the middle of those flowers are three little white petals, and that's surrounded then by the three pink pedals," Harrington said.

"So when we walk by, I tell my children, 'Oh, this is trinitaria. What prayers should we pray?' And they know that then, we'll pray the Glory Be. That's been really great, to always be pointing my children to the Divine and having fun stories that could help them really lock in that image" and lead them into prayer, she said.

Rosemary and lavender are two herbs that have traditionally been called "Our Lady's drying plants," Harrington noted.

"The legend goes that when Our Lady was doing laundry for the Christ child, she laid his swaddling clothes upon the rosemary plant or the lavender bush and that is how they dried. And then that's also how they got their sweet heavenly scents."

Harrington said to start a Mary garden, she advises people to look up what plants and flowers are native to their area, and which of those have Marian meanings. She then recommends that people either order seeds online or call their local nurseries to see what plants are available. It's important to take into account factors like sunlight, and whether the plants will be indoors or outdoors, she said.

Harrington added that anyone could start a Mary garden, even if they don't own land.

"It's important to remember that when you're trying to use flowers as a prayer guide, to not be so stuck on the word 'garden' and that you have to have land. My family and I, we rent. We don't really actually have a big yard. We don't have any grass. But we can plant in pots," she said.

"If you have only an indoor space or a small outdoor space, I would try to find a great plant that doesn't need a ton of sunlight that can be on a windowsill," she said. "And if you can, just put your statue of Our Lady next to that."

Harrington said she hopes to publish guides to Marian gardens sometime soon, and more information on those or her art can be found on her website.

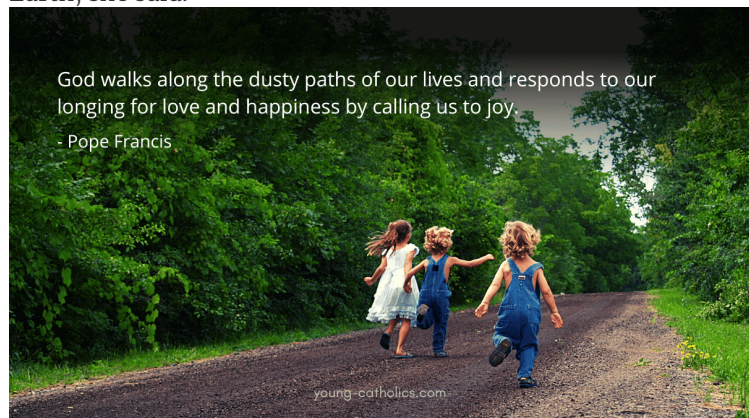
She said now in particular is a good time for people to slow down and enjoy the leisure of gardening, since most people have to stay at home much more than they are used to due to the pandemic, and she hopes that Mary gardens can be a source of joy and rest for those who plant one.

"As Saint Paul of The Cross said: 'Let everything in creation draw you to God. Refresh your mind with some innocent recreation and needful rest. If it were only to saunter through the garden or the field, listening to the sermon preached by the flowers, the trees, the meadows, the sun, the sky, and the whole universe, you will find that they exhort you to love and praise God, that they excite you to extol the greatness of the sovereign architect who has given them their being.'"

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A Knotty Marriage

The portrayal of Our Lady as Undoer of Knots has only recently become well known, but its origin dates back more than three hundred years. Unlike devotions that are rooted in Marian apparitions such as Lourdes and Fatima, this one springs out of Mary's intercession in a troubled marriage. It happened in September 1615, when a German nobleman, Wolfgang Langenmantel, and his wife, Sophie, were experiencing serious marital problems. In a last-ditch effort to avoid divorce, Wolfgang sought counsel from Fr. Jakob Rem, a Jesuit priest who was known for his devotion to Mary. Fr. Rem encouraged Wolfgang to bring his marital issues to Our Lady. The two men prayed together four times over a period of twenty-eight days, and at their last meeting, Wolfgang gave Fr. Rem his wedding ribbon. (As was customary at the time, the bride and groom were tied together with a ribbon during the marriage ceremony, a symbol of their new unity as a couple.) While they prayed, Fr. Rem held the ribbon up to a picture of Our Lady of the Snows, offering her "the ties of matrimony" and asking her "to untie all knots" in the Langenmantels' relationship. Afterwards, as the priest smoothed the ribbon, it became snowy white.

Wolfgang took heart and returned home with new hope for his marriage. While the details are lost to history, it is known that he and Sophie did indeed reconcile.

The story of their saved marriage was passed down over time—first to their son, and then to their grandson, Hieronymus Langenmantel, who became a priest. Around 1700, Fr. Langenmantel commissioned a painting of his grandparents' story. The artist came up with an image that depicts Our Lady working to untie knots in Sophie and Wolfgang's marriage sash—symbols of the problems that had led them to the brink of divorce. One angel presents the knotted ribbon to Mary, and another receives the smoothed ribbon from her hands.

The painting remained in obscurity in Augsburg, Germany—first in the Church of St. Peter am Perlach, then in the city's Carmelite convent. In the 1980s, it was returned to the church, which is where a visiting student named Jorge Mario Bergoglio first saw it. The future Pope Francis was taken with the image, bought a postcard of it, and brought it back to his native Argentina. The devotion surged in popularity as he promoted it.

Faith Unties the Knot. While the illustration that normally accompanies the devotion shows Mary untying the knots in the Langenmantels' white wedding sash, I prefer to think in terms of a necklace chain. If you've ever owned a necklace made of fine chain links, you know how easily it can knot and tangle. And you know how incredibly difficult it can be to try to pick apart those tangles. I had one such chain, which became snarled from my habit of tossing it carelessly into the drawer. The knots were so impossible to undo that I finally gave up and discarded the chain.

This is the image that sticks in my mind when I think about Mary Undoer of Knots. Sometimes the knots and tangles in our lives become so ensnarled that we begin to think it's hopeless even to try undoing them.

The idea that we can bring these problems to Mary, asking her to carefully pick them apart and make the "chain" of our lives fit to wear again, is one of the most comforting aspects of this devotion. For me, at least, it brings up the image of Mary patiently and tirelessly tweezing apart the knots until, at last, the chain lies smooth and clear.

Pope Francis has talked about this devotion and how Mary's faith "unties the knot of sin." This idea alludes to Mary's role in salvation history. St. Irenaeus, writing in the second century, put it this way: "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary. What the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief; the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith." We, too, can be bound by our own disobedience, Pope Francis explained. When we do not follow God's will for our lives, "a kind of knot is created deep within us." These knots take away

our peace and serenity. They are dangerous, since many knots can form a tangle which gets more and more painful and difficult to undo. But we know one thing: nothing is impossible for God's mercy! Even the most tangled knots are loosened by his grace. And Mary, whose yes opened the door for God to undo the knot of the ancient disobedience, is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that he can untangle the knots of our soul by his fatherly mercy.

The Knot in My Life. What are these "knots of our soul"? Knots of financial stress, wayward children, addiction, illness, depression, divorce, infertility, unemployment. . . . Most of us are dealing with at least one large knot. Not all of them are the result of our own sin. Some are simply the painful situations that come from living in a fallen world.

Whatever their cause, the knots can become so entangled that we fall into a sort of despair that they will ever be undone. I know I have. One aspect of my life—my finances—became so knotted that until recently I had just about given up on trying to untangle it.

The knot began when I left my job to take care of my mother in her last year of life—a year that extended to five. The situation became complicated by the theft of her investments in a Ponzi scheme that wasn't revealed until the week of her funeral. It cascaded when I developed some health problems. Countless nights since then have been eroded by panic and worry.

The whole knotty mess has been so overwhelming that I didn't even think about turning to Our Lady Undoer of Knots. However, as I began to write this article, I felt a gentle nudge: *Perhaps it's time to hand this area over to Mary's care.* I've done that—and would like to report that the knot has been completely untied. Although that hasn't happened, I remind myself that Mary may be untying the knots, but God has promised us "daily bread," and I have indeed received some daily bread. As I wait, I take comfort in Pope Francis' words:

All the knots of our hearts, every knot of our conscience, can be undone. Do I ask Mary to help me trust in God's mercy, to undo those knots, to change? She, as a woman of faith, will surely tell you: "Get up; go to the Lord: he understands you." And she leads us by the hand as a Mother, our Mother, to the embrace of our Father, the Father of mercies.

Nothing Will Be Impossible. What knot in your life is creating pain for you? Turn over your problem to Mary. As she works on the knot, she will point you to Jesus. He tells us in no uncertain terms never to limit what God can do: "Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20). The Word Among Us. Woodene Koenig-Bricker.



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DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FUTURE JOHN PAUL II HAD TO WEAR GIRLS' SHOES FOR HIS FIRST COMMUNION?

It was April, and Emilia Wojtyłowa was feeling worse and worse. Her son Karol's First Communion was only a month away and she couldn't even get out of bed. There was no cure for her severe myocarditis. She died on April 13, 1929, and her departure plunged her husband and two sons into profound grief.

Karol Wojtyła's First Communion

In 1929, there were two primary schools in Wadowice: one for girls and one for boys. Both were located on the market square, in municipal buildings. In both schools, the children were prepared for First Communion at the same time. The ceremony was scheduled for May 25. Karol was then a seventh-grade student at the boys' secondary school, which was named after Marcin Wadowita, a famous Polish priest, theologian, and academic. Karol had been studying there since 1926. He was preparing to make his First Holy Communion at the parish of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All the families wanted their children to be well-dressed for the occasion, and that included getting new shoes. However, the group of children was so large that there were no shoes left in the stores in little Wadowice. Mrs. Zofia Pukłowa, leader of the women's scout troop and mother of one of the girls, Danusia (a friend of Karol's), asked a local merchant who traveled to larger cities for goods to look for suitable footwear. He agreed, and at the last moment brought from Bielsko some elegant white shoes with bows. So in the Communion photo, 9-year-old Karol is seen wearing white shoes with a strap, bow and heel. His friends in the photos are wearing the same.

Communion photo

Zofia Pukłowa also took Karol to the local photographer's store, and that's when the photo was taken. It has been reproduced many times over the years.

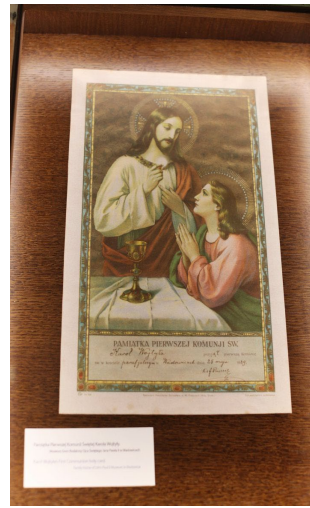
Karol, young and slender, stands on the right side of the vertical frame dressed in a white shirt with a large sailor collar, shorts just below the knees, stockings, and buckled shoes—all white.

He inherited the clothes from his older brother, Edmund. This was the result not only of the modest budget of the newly widowed father Karol Wojtyła, but also of the custom of that time.

There was something sacred about communion clothes; they were not worn after the ceremony or adapted to other uses. They were passed on from one child to another, and in between they were kept in drawers protected with mothballs. They were a memento of an exceptional encounter.

Karol holds a candle decorated with myrtle in his right hand. His hair is very short and his eyes are focused. Next to the child, on a table covered with a fringed tablecloth and under a bouquet of lilacs, is an image of Jesus.

Today, this memento of receiving the sacrament 93 years ago belongs to the collection of the Archives of the Museum of the Family House of the Holy Father John Paul II in Wadowice. The picture hung on the wall of his parents' bedroom above the bed. The picture was given to the museum by the pope himself. Before handing it over, he kissed it and said that it should be hanging where it belonged: on the wall of his family home.



Dear children, the Lord Jesus loves you!

During his pontificate, John Paul met on various occasions with First Communion children. At that time he spoke of the importance of those first moments of the visit of the living Jesus, but he also assigned them tasks, and encouraged them to persevere and have frequent encounters with the Lord in Holy Communion. On June 7, 1997, while visiting Poland, he told children who had just received First Communion:

Dear children! The Pope comes to you today to tell you in the name of the Lord Jesus that He loves you. Certainly the priests and sisters who have taught you have spoken about this many times. But I want to say it once more so that you will remember this happy news all your lives. Jesus loves you!

A little while ago you experienced this in a special way — when Jesus came for the first time into your hearts. You received him under the appearance of bread in First Holy Communion. (...)

For a person who loves is ready to give to the person he loves all the most precious things he has. In this world, the Lord Jesus did not have many things to offer to the Apostles. But he gave them something more — he gave them himself. From then on, when they received this most holy Food, they could always be with Jesus. He himself lived in their hearts and filled them with holiness. This is what it means that Jesus has come into your hearts. He is in you, his love fills you and makes you become always more like him, always more holy.

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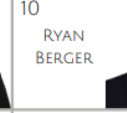



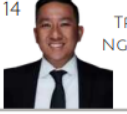
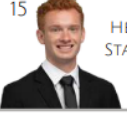
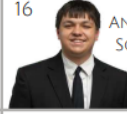

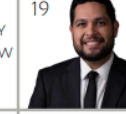



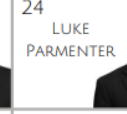





He also often recalled the day of May 25, 1929, when he himself came before Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. In his letter to children at Christmas of 1994, he wrote:

Dear friends, there is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus is First Holy Communion, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful. (...)

I remember as though it were yesterday when, together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town. This event is usually commemorated in a family photo, so that it will not be forgotten. Photos like these generally remain with a person all through his or her life. As time goes by, people take out these pictures and experience once more the emotions of those moments; they return to the purity and joy experienced in that meeting with Jesus, the One who out of love became the Redeemer of man.

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O LORD JESUS CHRIST, GREAT HIGH PRIEST, LEAD OUR SEMINARIANS IN YOUR UNERRING FOOTSTEPS: SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME PRIESTS WHO ARE MODELS OF PURITY, POSSESSORS OF WISDOM AND HEROES OF SACRIFICE. TEACH THEM GENEROSITY AND DETACHMENT FROM WORLDLY GOODS: BUT ABOVE ALL, TEACH THEM TO KNOW YOU AND TO LOVE YOU, THE ONE AND ONLY ETERNAL PRIEST. AMEN.

*FOR FUTURE PRAYER CALENDARS, VISIT WWW.HOUSTONVOCATIONS.COM/PRAY-FOR-OUR-SEMINARIANS/

Saint for the Summer

St. Ignatius of Loyola was the founder of the Jesuits, author of *The Spiritual Exercises*, and an excellent intercessor for those who are seeking guidance in their discernment! His feast day is July 31st, and we will be praying for his intersection throughout the summer.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"Take, Lord, receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
my whole will,
all that I have and
all that I possess.
You gave it all to me,
Lord; I give it all
back to you.
Do with it as you will,
according to your
good pleasure.
Give me your love
and your grace;
for with this
I have all that I need."



PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Co-Cathedral
Of The Sacred Heart

10:00 A.M.



Dcn. Zachary



Dcn. J. Serrato



Dcn. Matthew

Fr. Matthew will visit Christ Our Light to celebrate the
6 p.m. Mass on June 10, 2023,
and the 1 p.m. Mass on June 11, 2023.

Demos gracias a Dios y anunciamos la ordenación del
Diácono Matthew Krusleski
a la Orden del Sacerdocio:

10:00 A. M. EL 3 DE JUNIO DE 2023
en la Co-Catedral del Sagrado Corazón
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002.
¡Todos son invitados!

También, el padre Matthew va a celebrar la Misa de 6
p.m. el 10 de junio
y la Misa de 1 p.m. el 11 de junio aquí en la Parroquia
Cristo Nuestra Luz.

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FTCM, Catechists, leaders, and others who are interested in increasing your knowledge and skills, the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is offering many courses through their online program CAPERNAUM.

What is Capernaum

Capernaum was the center of Jesus' ministry. It was there that he performed a number of his miracles and healings; it was there that he taught and formed his disciples. In Capernaum, Jesus taught in both the local synagogue and in people's homes. It was a small town situated on the main road that connected the region of Judea. For the Archdiocese, Capernaum will serve the same ends. Here you will be formed as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the local church and in your home. Here you will encounter Christ, and journey with him along the road of discipleship.

Our Vision

A world where people are actively engaged in their Catholic faith.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide formation to anyone, anywhere, and at any time so that the faithful are engaged in responding to the call to be disciples of Christ.

Our Core Values

- We bring Christ to all of God's people through evangelization and catechesis.
- We celebrate our rich, inclusive community.
- Our collaborative efforts promote the values of life, justice, and peace.
- We strive to be worthy stewards of the resources God has afforded us.
- We endeavor to make affordable and accessible learning opportunities.

¿Qué es Cafarnaúm?

Cafarnaúm estaba en el centro del ministerio de Jesús. Fue allí donde realizó varios de sus milagros y curaciones; fue allí donde enseñó y formó a sus discípulos. En Cafarnaúm, Jesús enseñó tanto en la sinagoga local como en los hogares de las personas.



Era un pequeño pueblo situado en la carretera principal que conectaba la región de Judea. Para la Arquidiócesis, Cafarnaúm servirá los mismos fines. Aquí se formará como discípulo de Jesucristo en la iglesia local y en su hogar. Aquí encontrarás a Cristo y viajarás con él por el camino del discipulado.

Nuestra Visión

Un mundo donde las personas participan activamente en su fe católica.

Nuestra Misión

Nuestra misión es proporcionar formación a cualquier persona, en cualquier lugar y en cualquier momento para que los fieles se comprometan a responder al llamado a ser discípulos de Cristo.

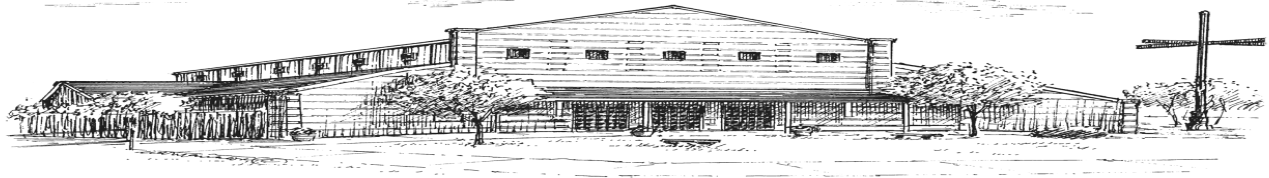
Nuestros Valores Fundamentales

- Llevamos a Cristo a todo el pueblo de Dios a través de la evangelización y la catequesis.
- Celebramos nuestra comunidad rica e inclusiva.
- Nuestros esfuerzos de colaboración promueven los valores de la vida, la justicia y la paz.
- Nos esforzamos por ser dignos administradores de los recursos que Dios nos ha brindado.
- Nos empeñamos en realizar oportunidades de aprendizaje asequibles y accesibles.

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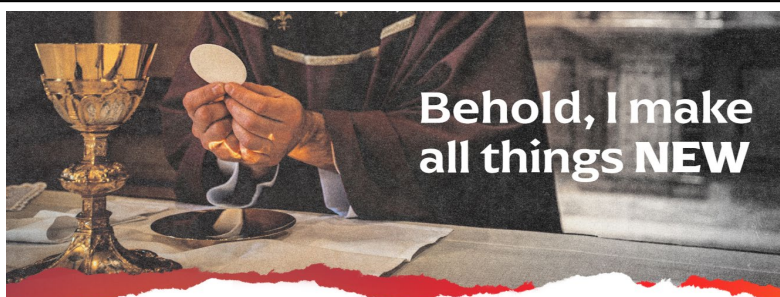
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