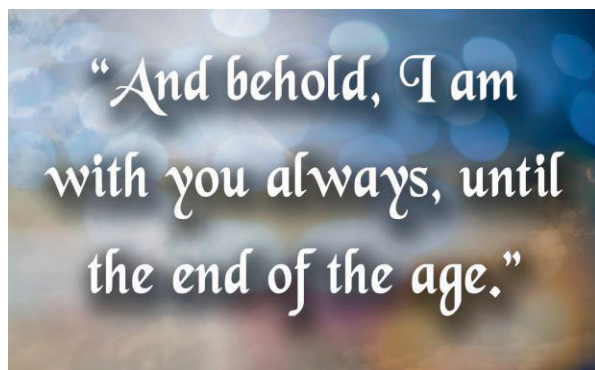




*Ascension of the Lord*



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### Scripture Readings for the Week of May 24, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, Virgin</b> Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest</b> Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b> Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Paul VI, Pope</b> Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Vigil:</b> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday</b> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held each Monday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church and each Tuesday at St. Joseph Church during Mass at 6:30 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction with Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Anthony Church on First Friday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.**



### COLLECTIONS FOR

**MAY 16-17, 2020**

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks .....	\$4,781.90
Online (5/1-17/20) .....	\$2,503.00
<b>Total Collected .....</b>	<b>\$7,284.90</b>
Budgeted Weekly Expense .....	\$9,224.51
<b>Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] .....</b>	<b>-\$1,939.61</b>

**Restoration Fund ..... \$ 837.00**

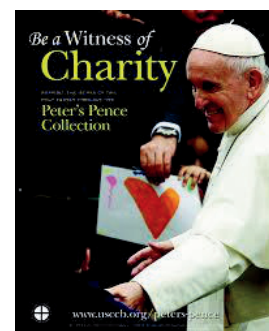
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**(Dated 5/13/20)**

Envelopes, Loose, Checks .....	\$3,291.00
Online (5/1-17/20) .....	\$ 270.00
<b>Total Collected .....</b>	<b>\$3,561.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly Expense .....	\$5,342.00
<b>Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] .....</b>	<b>-\$1,781.00</b>

### Peter's Pence Second Collection May 30-31, 2020

The Collection for the Holy Father or Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.



**St. Joseph and St. Anthony Offices will be closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.**

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## MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### ST. JOSEPH

#### Saturday, May 23, 2020

**4:00 p.m.** – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Letha & Al Ehret, Clinton & Irma Terrio, In Honor of St. Joseph, Patsy Grefer, All Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, May 24, 2020

**7:30 a.m.** – Liz Sanderson

**9:30 a.m.** – Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre, Jackie Cambre, Robert Griffin, Joy Millet, Alton Casler

**11:30 a.m.** – For All Parishioners

**6:30 p.m.** – For the End of the Corona Virus

#### Monday, May 25, 2020

**12:10** – Sr. Mildred Cheramie, D.C., Elzie Shook & William Donahue, Sr.

#### Tuesday, May 26, 2020

**12:10** – Cheramie, Popovich, Inguagiato Fly. & George Saunders

**6:30 p.m.** – For the Victims of the Corona Virus-

#### Wednesday, May 27, 2020

**12:10** – George & Nancy Pitre, Lelia Pitre Boudreaux

#### Thursday, May 28, 2020

**12:10** – Leta & Sidney Phillips

#### Friday, May 29, 2020

**12:10** – Curtis Ledet

### In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Judge Henry Sullivan and Leonidas "Leo" Beane*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*

### ST. ANTHONY

#### Saturday, May 23, 2020

**5:00 p.m.** – Nel Simon, Emelda Rachel

#### Sunday, May 24, 2020

**10:30 a.m.** – Carlos, Angelicia, John Figarola, The Figarola Family

#### Monday, May 25, 2020

**8:30 a.m.** – Stanley J. Canepa

#### Tuesday, May 26, 2020

**8:30 a.m.** – For Peace in the World

#### Wednesday, May 27, 2020

**8:30 a.m.** – Susan P. Peterson

#### Thursday, May 28, 2020

**8:30 a.m.** – Margaret D. Arnold

#### Friday, May 29, 2020

**8:30 a.m.** – For All Deceased Parishioners

#### Saturday, May 30, 2020

**8:30 a.m.** – For the End of the Corona Virus

**5:00 p.m.** – Celeste LeSassier, Emelda Rachel

#### Sunday, May 31, 2020

**10:30 a.m.** – For the Victims of the Corona Virus



### Welcome Deacon Thomas!

On Saturday, May 16, 2020, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral, Archbishop Aymond ordained 12 Transitional Deacons.

**Deacon Thomas Bamoah will be our Transitional Deacon here in the Parish from June 1 to the beginning of October.** Please make sure to meet

and greet him when he arrives.

More information to come about Deacon Thomas.

## Baptismal Seminar

For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office or send an email to [stjosephgretna@arch-no.org](mailto:stjosephgretna@arch-no.org).



Please be reminded that St. Joseph Church is open daily from 8am-4pm. Drop by, light a candle, say a prayer, adore the Eucharistic Face of Jesus, walk the Stations, and lay your burdens down at the Cross.

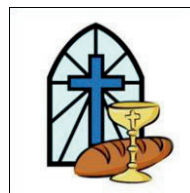


At the request of the Archbishop, the church bells will be rung daily at 6:00pm to offer prayer for protection from the coronavirus and to ask God's blessings on healthcare workers who serve us so well.

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## Watch Mass on TV & Online

For those who cannot attend mass in person, mass will be broadcast live at 12:05pm, Monday thru Friday & 11am on Sunday via WLAE-TV or via the website [www.thedailymass.com](http://www.thedailymass.com).



**If you are unable to receive the Holy Eucharist in person, consider this special prayer, an Act of Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**Clarion Herald**  
**The e-edition of the Clarion Herald** is available each week at <http://clarionherald-la.newsmemory.com>.



A new electronic issue of the Clarion Herald goes live every Tuesday at approximately 3:00pm.



Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> will be Fr. Gary's birthday. If you see him at mass, please be sure to congratulate him.

**Happy Birthday Fr. Gary!!!!**

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**Effective May 16, public Mass can be celebrated in church using 25% of the occupancy of the church.**

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**Please follow the guidelines listed below:**

1. The people of the Archdiocese are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. If you are uncomfortable attending Mass, continue to watch it at home.
2. If someone is vulnerable and not feeling well, they should not celebrate Mass in church with other people.
3. Attendance at Mass: The number of people who can gather in the church is 25% of the occupancy of the church. This applies also to Baptisms, Weddings, funerals and receiving candidates who are to enter the church. This number will increase gradually.
4. First Communion can be celebrated with 25% occupancy on Sunday or a weekday.
5. For those who feel obliged to fulfill the Sunday obligation, a weekday Mass could accomplish this.
6. Additional Vigil Masses may be added to accommodate more people depending on turn-out.
7. The Four o'clock Vigil Mass at St. Joseph tends to be the mass the elderly who are in good health attend. Please give preference to them.
8. Family members may sit in the same pew.
9. Social distancing must be observed – 6 feet apart. Six feet apart applies to the communion line as well.
10. Holy water fonts will remain empty. Holy Water for home use is in the reservoir.

11. Please observe proper hygiene of your hands.

12. All are encouraged to wear a mask for Mass.

13. Communion will be given with no bodily contact. The Host will be gently dropped into the hand without touching the person. Communion on the tongue is not encouraged but permitted. The chalice with the precious blood is not offered. The communal offering of the sign of peace will be omitted. As people depart from Mass, social distancing must be observed.

14. Hand sanitizer is offered at the entrances of Church. Please utilize this before and after Mass. Disinfectant spray will be in Church if you feel the desire to disinfect where you sit. If you are concerned about surfaces, you are welcome to bring your own sanitizer, disinfectant, or other means of keeping yourself safe. Remember: no one can clean a surface better than you.

15. Continue to pray!

16. See you all soon at Mass

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To register for your relaxing and rejuvenating retreat, visit [www.FaithandMarriage.org](http://www.FaithandMarriage.org). A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend! Scholarships are available! If you have any questions, please call (504) 830-3716. Limited spaces available.



## Letter from the Archbishop

May 12, 2020

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome home! Yes, our parish church is a home where we gather as God's family to experience the risen Christ. So many have expressed to me a real hunger to receive Christ in the Eucharist during the last 2 months.

The "stay home mandate" called for a radical change in daily life and called us to patience. Thanks to health care workers, First Responders, community leaders and those who had to work on the front lines for the good of the community. Thanks to parents, school administrators and teachers who created virtual schools for our children.

I know some are still hesitant to gather with others. Please recall that Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to celebrate Mass on Sunday during the pandemic. Heartfelt gratitude to our clergy who continue to lead God's people in this challenging time. Pastors were very creative in finding ways to bring the church into the homes of so many people.

Please join me in asking God for his healing touch on those who are ill and peace to those who have lost loved ones in death.

In time more will be allowed to gather for Mass. Please be patient! Please wear a mask. Please observe social distancing. Please pray!

Wishing you God's peace and protection, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
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