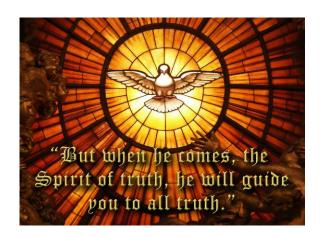


PENTECOST SUNDAY



Readings for the Week of May 23, 2021

Sunday Solemnity Of Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**,

Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and

5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor

Of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, Virgin Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23;

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13;

Mk 10:32-45

Thursday Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mk 10:46-52

Friday Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;

Mk 11:11-26

Saturday Saint Paul VI, Pope

Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20,

22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



Monday

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 15-16, 2021

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$4,511.00
Online (5/10-16/21)	. \$ 557.00
Total Collected	. \$5,068.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	\$4,156.51

ST. ANTHONY

Will be reported in next week's bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 8-9, 2021

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$4,656.00 Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00 Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] . . . - \$ 686.00



Second Collection May 29-30, 2021 St. Joseph Restoration Fund

Monies collected have been

earmarked for this fund and will be used for major repairs to the exterior of the church, auditorium, cafeteria building, and other major projects to restore the beauty of St. Joseph Church. This collection will not replace the monthly Maintenance Fund collection but will be an additional collection.

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, May 22, 2021

4:00 p.m. – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Clinton & Irma Terrio, Letha & Al Ehret, Eddie Falterman, John Hefti, Robert & Notile Klein, Frances, Darlene, & Donna Hefti, Charles & Della Perry, Souls in Purgatory, Fr. Michael Fraser, Cheryl Perry Smith, Pres. Donald & Melania Trump, Thomas Mullek, Emelda Jacobsen Griffin, Shirley Sisung Poole, Janice Gros, Conversion of Sinners, Milton Malick, Lena Randazzo Torres, William "Billy" Bergeron, Patsy Grefer

Sunday, May 23, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory, Conversion of Sinners

9:30 a.m. – Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Ruth Casler, Paul Walther, Sr., The Bolotte & DeLaGardelle Families, Theresa DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Milton Malick, Roberta Gattuso, Conversion of Sinners, Poor Souls in Purgatory

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, May 24, 2021 12:10 – Hart Family

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:10 – Alton & Ruth Casler

6:30 p.m. – Roy Allain

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 12:10 – Amy DeMoras

Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:10 – Ronald Bordelon

Friday, May 28, 2021 12:10 – Elise Erdahl

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, May 22, 2021

5:00 p.m. – Jay Paul Roussel, Sr., Roberta Gattuso

Sunday, May 23, 2021

10:30 a.m. – Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.

Monday, May 24, 2021

8:30 a.m. – Wedge Family

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

8:30 a.m. - Patsy d'Aquin Daly

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

8:30 a.m. – Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.

Thursday, May 27, 2021

8:30 a.m. – Susan Peterson

Friday, May 28, 2021

8:30 a.m. - Margaret D. Arnold

Saturday, May 29, 2021

8:30 a.m. - Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.

5:00 p.m. – Louise Roche', Jay Paul Roussel, Sr., Wilfred & Leotha d'Aquin, Dottie Roussel, Roberta Gattuso

Sunday, May 30, 2021

10:30 a.m. – Dennis & The Wedge Family

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the soul of *Carol Schaefer*. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.



SUNDAY AND MONDAY BINGO'S AT GRETNA BINGO PALACE BENEFIT ST. JOSEPH RESTORATION

St. Joseph Church as the 3:00pm slots on Sundays and Mondays at the Gretna Bingo Palace. Please come out to play BINGO and support our Church.

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Friday, May 28th will be Fr. Gary's birthday. If you see him at mass, please be sure to congratulate him.

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Baptismal Seminar

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



Deacon Thomas Bamoah



Deacon Thomas, along with five other Transitional Deacons, will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Gregory Aymond, on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at St. Louis Cathedral.

On Sunday, June 6, 2021, he will celebrate his first mass of thanksgiving at 11:30am at St. Joseph Church. He will also celebrate mass at St. Anthony Church on July 3 & 4 (note change in dates).

Immediately following the Mass at St. Joseph, a reception in the Gym will be held in his honor.

All are welcome!

Congratulations to Ryan Toups, Jr. of Archbishop Shaw High School and Olivia St. Germain of Academy of Our Lady High School for being the



2020-21 recipients of the Jacqueline Cambre Memorial Scholarship Award. The St. Joseph Women's Club recognizes those students who have exhibited not only academic achievements, but also have exemplified Catholic values. This award is a \$1,000 cash scholarship given to an 11th grade boy and a girl student to help defray the cost of their tuition for their senior year.



Feast of Our Lady of Fatima May 13, 2021

Attention 6th - 12th Graders!

You are invited to a Catholic Youth
Organization Game Night May 28th
from 6pm to 8pm in Jerome Hall at St Cletus; 3600
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Baked Chicken Dinner

The Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus Council 1905 will hold a baked chicken dinner fundraiser on Sunday,

June 13 from 11am-1pm. Menu: baked chicken leg quarter, baked beans, coleslaw, bread & a brownie. You can pick up your dinner (drive thru) to eat at home at the KC Hall, 475 Franklin St. in Gretna. Tickets will be sold in advance only for \$10 each. They will be sold before & after all masses on the following dates:

May 29-30 – St. Anthony Church June 5-6 – St. Joseph Church

St. Vincent de Paul Society is Looking for Volunteers

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Come Lord Jesus! Bible Study -- In St Anthony Rectory on Thursdays at 9:30am ++ Also at 1 pm on Wednesdays, St Joseph has their CLJ in the St Joseph Cafeteria ++ Please join us for either++ It's a program that

was developed in the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana, USA in the late sixties and early seventies by Father Conley Bertrand, a parish priest. Graced with a love for prayer and Scripture and an ardent zeal, he sought to communicate these qualities to his parishioners. Come, Lord Jesus! is the fruit of many years of prayer, reflection on Sacred Scripture, and experimentation. This inspiring program is a complete study of the Sunday Readings, including Gospels (Be My Witness), Epistles (Love One Another) and the Old Testament (Give Glory to God) in three separate volumes. Following the Liturgical Calendar and utilizing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, members grow in sanctification through prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, and Christian community.

The Catechesis on the Mass class will continue to be held on Mondays at 4:00pm in the St. Joseph Social Room.





27th Annual Gretna Prayer Dinner Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:00pm Mel Ott Park Recreation Center

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Sponsor of the Week



How churches can respond to the COVID-19 mental health crisis

With concerns that suicide rates are rising in communities of color during the pandemic, Catholic mental health workers say the Church can play a key role in response.

Claire Shynett, coordinator of the Houston chapter of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, told CNA in an interview that churches are critical to reaching people struggling with mental illness who have not yet sought treatment. Shynett noted that "in most communities of color, the church is the center focus." "So if we start working with people through the church, we can help educate more people on what's happening" with their mental health, Shynett said.

During 2020, some expressed concern that the overall suicide rate would increase during the COVID-19 pandemic, due to anxiety about the virus and the lifestyle changes caused by public health restrictions. A report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) revealed that one in four young adults had contemplated suicide in the previous month, from data collected in late June 2020.

Recent data from the CDC shows that the overall suicide rate actually declined during 2020. According to <u>data</u> from the National Vital Statistics System, suicide deaths declined by 5.6% in the United States from 2019 to 2020. However, some experts warn that suicides might have increased among people of color, according to data from preliminary studies.

According to the New York Times, preliminary studies of local data in states such as Illinois, Maryland, and Connecticut show a rise in suicides "among Black Americans and other people of color when compared with previous years." The report noted that the full breakdown of federal data, detailing the race and ethnicity of those who died from suicide last year, is not yet available; the report further cautioned that generalizations about trends should not be made with limited data. Nevertheless, Catholics working in mental health ministry or advocacy say that more work must be done to better serve communities of color and connect people with the treatment they need.

Angelina Hudson, vice president of partnerships and programs for the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Greater Huston, said "there's been a lot of grief," in these communities due to job loss and isolation during the pandemic, and in response to social injustice. In Houston, she said, there is still lingering displacement more than three years after Hurricane Harvey ravaged the city. "And if you get to the point where you're feeling helpless and homeless, that's in the equation for suicide," she said. Hudson said her group is working on partnerships with churches to reach more people. "We know that it takes one to eleven years before a person will seek professional help, so we're hoping these partnerships with churches will help us not only identify people who need help, but start the journey earlier," Hudson said. Shynett said that there can be a sense of stigma about seeking mental health treatment, and so her group is "starting with stigma" in trying to increase its reach in communities.

Deacon Ed Shoener, a founding member of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, lost his daughter Katie to suicide in 2016. He told CNA that Katie's death and its aftermath showed him that "there's a real longing for the church to enter in more deeply" and provide "a more understanding presence" to support those with mental illness, and their caregivers.

Catholic clergy and leaders, Shoener said, should be "open and personal" with their own connections to our struggles with mental illness, so that parishioners feel comfortable discussing it with them. Shoener co-authored the books "Responding to Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook for Catholic Leaders," and "When a Loved One Dies by Suicide." He said his association was formed "to create a network for those involved in this ministry." "We also talk in the book about what the church teaches about suicide and mental illness," Shoener said, saying that there can be misconceptions on this teaching. "The church now understands that mental illness can drive people to suicide," he said, saying it is not always a deliberate, rational act. "The church prays for those who have died by suicide."

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