



Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Brookings / St. Charles Borromeo Mission Gold Beach, Oregon

May 14 + Sixth Sunday of Easter -Year A

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Mary Mother of God, Pray for us

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: English 4:30 pm

Saturday Vigil: Spanish 6:30 pm

Sunday English: 8:30 am

Tue. Wed. & Fri. : 5:15 pm

First Saturday Mass: 9:00 am

Rosary Is held -30 minutes before Masses

Confession

Saturday: 3:30 pm-4:15 pm

Or by appointment

Calendar

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Vigil: 5:15 pm

Holy Day: 9:00 am

First Friday Parish Adoration day:

Adoration: 4:00 pm

Mass: 6:00 pm

From the Pastor's Corner: Rev. Justus

Alaeto

Catechesis:

Veneration of Images (like Crucifix) and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist

I had interesting chat with a friend of mine, from another faith who did ask me during our conversation:

Fr Justus, as you know many Catholics are my friends and they are my brothers and sisters in Christ. You know well, I do like the Catholic Church and respect the orderliness in your Catholic Church. However, I have problem on why the Catholic Church members worship images? Could you tell me why the Catholic people worship Images? The Bible itself tells us that "You shall not have another God except me." God says clearly in Exodus that; we should not make any graven images etc. So, what is going on in the Catholic Church with worshipping images, bowing, and kneeling before them as God? I know people do think Catholic worship images, and even some Catholics feel so challenged whenever they are confronted with the above question about images in the Church.

Such questions challenge us to defend our faith and create opportunity for other brothers and sisters from other faith, to learn more about our faith.

1 Peter 3:15, says, be ready to give explanation of your faith to those who asked for it. Again, that conversation opened my eyes wide to that. So, I feel like sharing few summaries of my response about "Images of God," and facts, that Catholics do not worship Images. Most often, we are confronted with such questions, and people most times are asking to know. It is our duty, to give explanations to our faith, in respect to other faith. Below is response I would like to share as catechesis, in case, you may find it helpful:

Few summaries of my response to our conversation: I know many Churches feel that the Catholic Church worships images. In the real sense of it, we do not worship Images. Yes, it is true that God said do not make any graven images in (Exodus 20:4-5) However, the Catholic Church worship God and not Images. It is good to first ask the question here; what is worship? There are different types of worship, depending on the hierarchies of adoration,

Hence, our worship can be understood in degrees of devotion given only to God, in this case, theologically called *Latria*, and the reverence or homage given to the saints which could be (*Hyperdulia* or *Dulia*). Our use of these images or objects stems from the fact that we as human beings are rational, and we find it easier to make use of aids that help to link us to the divine. Certainly, we are created in the image and likeness of God. We are somehow carrying in our lives, the Image of God, the face of God. Therefore, human beings point out the reality of God. When we respect a human person because he is the image of God, it does not mean that the person is God. Human beings are the representation of God. The notion of representation runs through the Scripture if you recall the notion of the "Imago Dei" (the Image of God). For God created man in his own image and likeness, in the image of God He created man (Gen. 1:26-27). Humanity is therefore naturally wired to operate with creative images that can be reproduced in diverse forms. The picture of a new house on paper reminds one of how the real house would be. To admire the work on paper does not mean that one has

already entered the building. In our lives as human beings, we always need pictures and representations to help our understanding. Something it aids us to communicate what is in our hearts. Even God revealed Himself in the things He had created. Those things are not God, but we see God in them. God reveals Himself in the nature, and nature itself proclaims the glory of God, just as Psalm 19:1, says, "The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands." The Images you see in the Catholic Church, are manifestations of God's creative glory, presence. They help humanity to connect to divinity. They remind us about a great God who puts everything together. God reveals Himself in those created things, including trees, hills mountains and valleys, the ocean, the sun, and the stars. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ himself becomes the "Face of the living God", in superior sense, a representation in act and in essence of the true God. Hence, to see Christ is to have seen the Father (Jn 14:8-9). This can be clarified with our salute and respect to the national flag. To see our national flag hoisted anywhere fills us with deep esteem.

**Masses for
the Week**



***Sunday May 14, for God's grace and strength
on Francine Bremer***

***Sunday May 14, Gold Beach, for the peaceful
repose of the Soul of Marvin Zuber***

***Tuesday May 16, for God's healing on Harry
Roberts***

***Wednesday May 17, for the peaceful repose
of the soul of James Metcalfe***

***Thursday May 18, for the peaceful repose of
the soul of Marvin Zuber***

***Friday May 19, for the sick and infirmed pa-
rishioners of Star of the Sea***

***Saturday May 20, for the peaceful repose of
the soul of Patricia Edmonds***

***Sunday May 21, for the peaceful repose of
the soul of Angie***

***Tuesday May 23, for the peaceful repose of
the soul of Joe Teresi***

***Wed. May 24, For God's heling on Harry
Roberts***

***Thursday May 25, for the repose of the soul
of Marvin Zuber***

***Friday May 26, for the repose of the soul of
Shirley Blanchard***

***Saturday May 27, for the well-being of Mary
Oxendine***

Please we keep in our prayers:

Carol Mallard

Maurine Boyle

Len Cleary

Nancy Evenhus

Lee & Patricia

Ron Lewis

Joe and Family

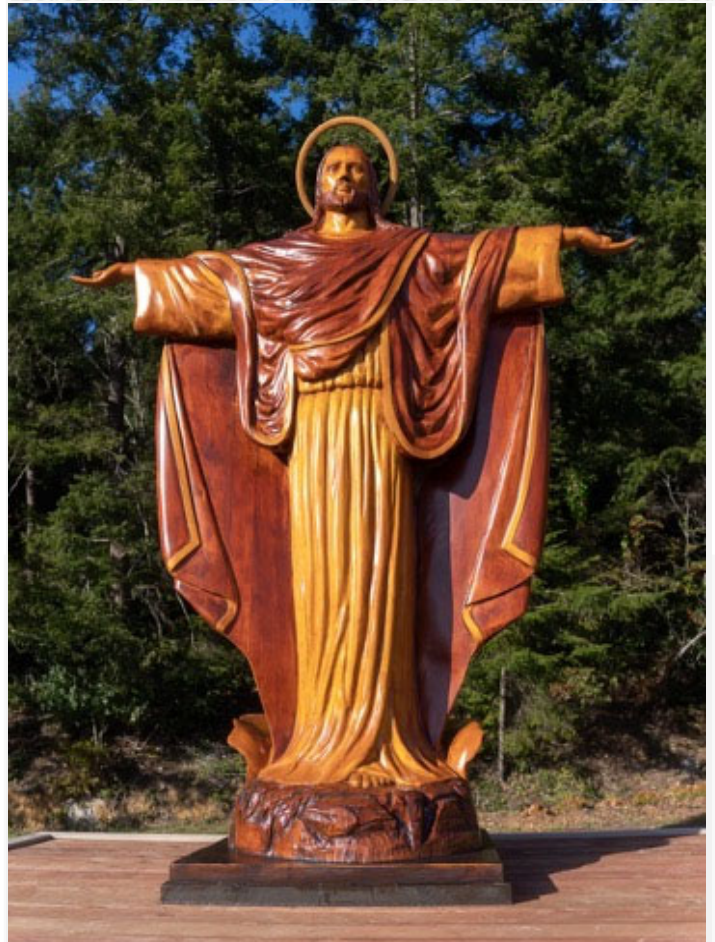
Ruth Cavalier



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PLEASE NOTE: There will be a 2nd collection
for improvements to our Parish facilities on
June 3 & 4 weekend. Please feel free to use our
online giving by visiting our parish website at:
staroftheseastcharles.org . God bless you for
your generous donations.



We can easily salute it, or honor it in various ways. The flag rather reminds You and I, about our beloved Country, America. In the Crucifix, we contemplate the face of Jesus who says, if you have seen me, you have seen the Father. The same with the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or any other Saint.

When we bow before a sacred image, our heart is with God, just as we salute our flag bearing our country in mind. We are not just honoring our flag, but rather, we honor our country, “the United States of America.” So, the honor does not go to the flag, it goes to the country. The honor people give to the sacred images goes to God, and not to the image. We do not worship Images. Remember that the term “worship” could signify adoration, honor, or reverence. Lawyers always bow to senior Judges in a magistrate court, but it does not imply ‘adoration’ but a simple etiquette of respect. With this gesture of respect, we cannot say that lawyers worship judges.

Regarding the Crucifix: The Crucifix (or the Cross, if you will), tells us the story about how Jesus Christ died on the Cross for us. The Crucifixion of Christ happened and was

venerate on the other hand, is the story of crucifixion told in “art making”. So, even children and all people can easily understand the story, by gazing on the crucifix. We bend our knees before this salvific story, told in art. We salute Christ for what He did. This is very clear. Even our cultures permit gestures that show honor to heroes and veterans. Wreathes are even placed at monuments while the entire country pays homage to their memory. The country does not ‘worship’ the monuments. Finally, the worship of God first comes from the heart, and not by movement of the body. You can be laying down and still be worshipping God with your mind and heart. You may be sitting and be worshipping God at the same time. Your mind and your heart take you to God and that is why you bow. The Church is both visible and invisible. The visible reminds and connects us spiritually, to what is invisible!

God’s Blessings upon you!

Jesus I love You

All I have is Yours

Yours I am Yours I want to be

Do with whatever You will





Happy Mother's Day Celebration to all our mothers!

Congratulations to all our mothers, for the Mothers' Day celebration. May I once again, thank the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring all parish breakfast specifically for our mothers. We are so proud of our mothers, and all the women in our parish for their motherly support and commitment to the Church. We see most of the things our mothers do, the image of the Blessed Mother of Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is our constant prayer that as we rejoice with you on this Mother's Day celebration of 2023, that the Lord Jesus, will keep blessing you and your family, be closer to your needs, and continue to help you grow spiritually in the Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who nurtured Christ in Her womb, and delivered Jesus the Savior to us, through Christ our Lord, Amen!

Congratulations again, and I love you all!

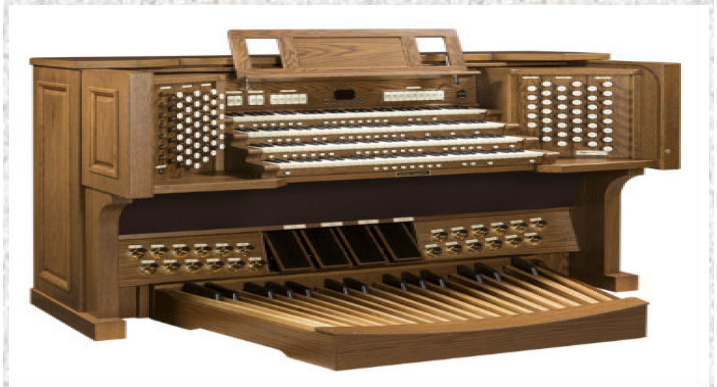
Fr. Justus



Ascension Day Mass Schedule, Thursday, May 18, 2023:

Brookings: Mass, 10:00am

Gold Beach: Mass, 12:10am



Donation of Musical Organ to our Church

Someone from Gold Beach, donated a "used musical organ" for our Church. My brothers and sisters, I feel it is a great blessing for us. Please, pray for the donor. Whenever I have their permission, I will mention his name. Sometimes, it will be useful to our Masses, and useful to our Divine Office prayers, whenever we can use it. On the other hand, if you know how to play organ or someone that can play organ, please call the parish office, and let us know. Even though we might not be using it often, except occasionally, it will bring richness to our Liturgical celebration and other Liturgical activities.

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass:

Thursday: 4:30pm

Confession: Thursdays 4:00pm or by appointment

Weekend Mass

Sunday Mass 11: 00am

Rosary before Mass 10: 30am

Holy Day of Obligation: Mass: 12:10pm

Archbishop's Catholic Appel (ACA)

\$4,500 is our goal for Gold Beach. I will update if there is any difference. Please, pray about that, and discern what the Lord wants you to give with the motivation of the Spirit. He will always give, care, and reward you, through Christ our Lord, Amen!

Fr. Justus Alaeto



The Solemnity of The Ascension of Our Lord

"Go into the whole world and proclaim
the gospel to every creature"
Mark 16,15)



#heavenisourgoal

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