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Sunday, May 21, 2023

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Mass Times

Immaculate Conception

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 9:00am
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am

Confessions: Saturday 3-3:45pm

Saint Jerome

Sunday 7:30am and 10:30am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am



MASS Intentions

Saturday, May 20

Robert Heaney, 4th Anniversary
Ed and Helen Broderick
In Thanksgiving for Judann

Sunday, May 21

Robert and Joan Logue
Martina Diamond
George Jr and Irene Ryan
Amanda T. Goodstein, Memorial
Patrick Keefe, Special Intention

Tuesday, May 23

Marcia Specht

Thursday, May 25

Carol Johnson

Saturday, May 27

Blanchette, Farland and Long Families
Baulis, Maloney, O'Donnell, and Durant Families
Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 28

Margaret and Edward Cheever
In Thanksgiving Maude Geneus

**Sunday, May 21**

Robert K. Mahoney, 45th Anniversary
Jack Keenan, 1st Anniversary, Elaine Keenan
Margaret Carloni, 21st Anniversary
David Mendes, Birthday Memorial
Kemelyne Fenelus-Mentor, Special Intention

Monday, May 22

Cynthia Waters, Month's Mind

Wednesday, May 24

Teresa and Pierre Magat, 3rd Anniversary

Friday, May 26

Mr. and Mrs. A. William Kennedy

Sunday, May 28

Amy Bithoney, 8th Anniversary
Edward Forrester, 2nd Anniversary
Dave and Helen Forrester, Memorial



Pray For... Martin Joyce
William and Bessie L. Perrault

Offertory - May 14, 2023

Immaculate Conception: \$6,653 Online \$1,094

Saint Jerome: \$4,139 Online \$1,777

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Memorial Gifts for the Week

May 21, 2023

*The Hosts, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Light
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Margaret Carloni

**CATHOLIC WEYMOUTH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Please plan your office visits early in the week.
Beginning Friday, May 26, the parish office will be
open Monday thru Thursday from 8am until 4pm and
Friday 8am until 12noon. Happy Summer!

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CHRIST THE TEACHER



“Four score and seven years ago.” Almost everyone who hears these six words knows the speech from which they come. These words begin Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. It is perhaps the most famous short speech in the world. President Lincoln paid heartfelt and deeply devoted acknowledgement to those “honored dead, who gave the last full measure of devotion -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.”

Today’s Gospel written nearly 2000 years before the Gettysburg Address, offers Jesus’ teaching to His followers for a “new birth of freedom.” Jesus offers eternal life to all those entrusted to Him by the Father, and those who have chosen to follow Him.

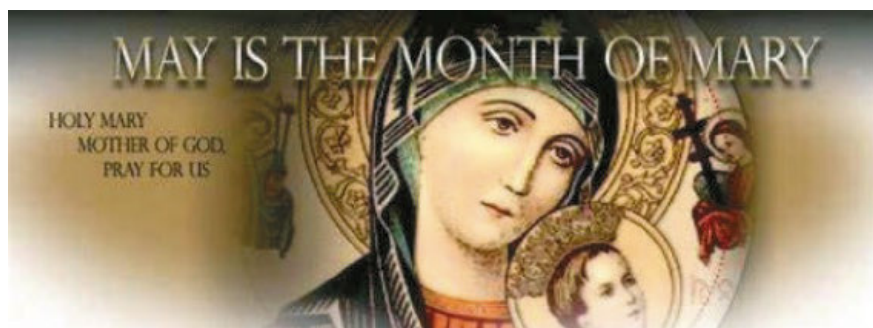
This gospel passage, John 17:1-11a, is often referred to as part of Jesus’ “farewell address.” These verses contain His teachings to His disciples by which He prepares them for His coming passion, and departure from this world. He tells them, and us, that He will no longer be as physically present as He was during His public ministry, but He assures us that He will be “with us always until the end of the age.” Jesus knows “the hour has come” for Him to offer His last full measure of devotion for humanity to be brought back into friendship with God.

We are privileged to “listen in” on Jesus’ prayer as He articulates the relationship between the Father and the Son. When Jesus says, “everything of mine is yours, and everything of yours is mine,” He gives us an initial sense of the mystery of the Trinity.

We members of The Body of Christ can take great assurance from today’s scripture lesson that Jesus is always close by, guiding our steps, and leading us by His example, “Caritas Christi Urget Nos” -The Love of Christ Urges Us on, my High School motto!

God Bless Us All,

Deacon Fran



EVER WONDER WHY WE CALL MARY THE BLESSED MOTHER?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that because Mary is the mother of Jesus - and Jesus is God—she has the beautiful privilege of being called “the Mother of God.” She is not just the mother of His human nature; she is the mother of the whole Person of Christ, and Christ has two natures: human and divine. The Catechism explains:

“In fact, the One whom [Mary] conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly the ‘Mother of God’ (*Theotokos*)” (CCC 495).

We call Mary the Blessed Mother because of Sacred Scripture. When Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out, “**Blessed** are you among women, and **blessed** is the fruit of your womb!” (Luke 1:42). And in her Song of Praise, popularly known as the Magnificat, Mary replied, “Behold, henceforth all generations will call me **blessed**” (Luke 1:48).

HISTORY OF THE HYMN - PART XXII

Ave Maria



Lyrics from the Latin prayer, music by Johan Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), modified by Charles Gounod (1818–1893).

Ask any organist about music by composer and Lutheran Johann Sebastian Bach, and undoubtedly they know his work well and have played it often. From *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, to the magnificent Mass in B Minor, his sacred music has been played in churches worldwide. In 1722, Bach wrote the Prelude No. 1 in C Major, from Book 1 of *The Well-Tempered Klavier* (at the time, a Klavier was considered any type of keyboard instrument).¹ Although written as an instrumental only, this piece inspired another composer some 80 years later, the Frenchman Charles Gounod.

A Catholic who at one time was drawn to consider holy orders, Gounod one night felt compelled to improvise a melody overtop of Bach's Prelude in C. His fiancée's father, a famous pianist, was struck by the sound and asked him to commit it to paper. This first alteration was performed by piano, violin and small choir (the original words to this version are unknown).² In 1852 it was further on its way to the current iteration when Gounod set the words of a poem titled *Vers écrits sur l'album d'une jeune dame* (Lines Written in a Young Lady's Album) by Alphonse de Lamartine to his adaption of Bach's piece.² He gave a copy to his student Rosalee Jousset, for whom it was described "he felt a deep and discreet admiration".³ Her mother-in-law Aurelie was alarmed by the potential of this situation and sent Gounod his original copy back with alternative words she thought more suitable, the *Ave Maria*. Gounod accepted and complied with her gentle redirection and the version we know and hold dear was first published in 1859.⁴

We give thanks to God for this beautiful piece, created by the talents of these gifted musicians, but also inspired by a protective and concerned mother! May we, as she did, be inspired to turn our hearts and hopes to the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God.

~ Monika Brodsky, Music Director

¹ Found on https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Well-Tempered_Klavier. Accessed on May 17, 2023.

² Found in *The Story Behind 'Ave Maria' by Gounod and J.S. Bach* written in 2023 on <https://galaxymusicnotes.com/pages/the-story-behind-ave-maria-by-gounod-bach>. Accessed on May 17, 2023.

³ & ⁴ From in "Conference pronounced by Jean-Pierre Gounod in October 1983, in Geneva in front of friends of the "Meetings of Monday" of "international Friendships". Found on <https://www.charles-gounod.com/vi/conferen/autour/index.htm#ave/>. Accessed on May 17, 2023.



JESUS IS ON YOUR SIDE

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He is rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir

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AS OF MAY 15, 2023

Immaculate Conception	\$20,023 pledged - 66% of goal
Saint Jerome	\$33,681 pledged - 94% of goal



IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE YOUNG AT HEART

Upcoming Meetings - Tuesdays 1-3pm

May 23 - Bingo and Blood Pressure Checks
with Celtic Angels

May 30 - Gather Health Primary Care



PRAY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Eucharistic Adoration is held at Immaculate Conception on Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9am.

At Saint Jerome, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with the Real Presence of Christ is open daily from 8am until 8pm.

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