

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We continue the work of Jesus Christ, to Unleash the Gospel and help everyone seek and experience the love and mercy of God.

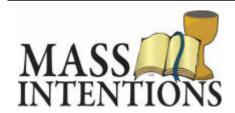
### Father Bogdan's Corner

I am very glad that I can see you face-to-face in our Church. Welcome back. My maintenance staff has been working very hard to clean and disinfect the church for your presence. Each object, and all furniture in the church was cleaned. Now each one of you should follow the rules on how to avoid the spread of the coronavirus. The radio, TV, newspapers and official talks of politicians, doctors and virologists have instructed us on how we individually can protect the spread of the virus. In addition to all these instructions, please use common sense to protect yourself and others.

Like mantra – people are saying "that the world won't be the same". It is nothing new. Every day is different than yesterday, but you can make an effort to stay normal, follow the lifestyle as previously and re-engage yourself in the life of family, church, and society. Distance yourself from information that has a negative impact on your life. Instead of pondering on creative fear news – dream about something positive and seek the assistance of God and saints to fulfil your dreams. My dream is simple: to see all of you and even more citizens in good health in our church for sincere and powerful prayers at the Masses and devotions that we offer to the people. Good heartfelt prayers and God's grace make us stronger, healthier, and eager to continue active lives. Some of you may have symptoms of depression. Control them by meaningful prayers and devotion. Exercise kindness and compassion toward your family, coworkers, church members and yourself. Remember that compassion and genuine kindness dissolve anger, annoyance fear and unhealthy competition.

Next Sunday is Pentecost – the descent of the Holy Spirit. I remember Pope John Paul II, who in 1979 in Poland prayed with over one million people, "Let the Holy Spirit come and renew the face of the Earth". The Powerful Spirit came on the people of this part of the world and gave the end to the regime. Please attend the Masses on Pentecost. May God Bless and protect you.

Fr. Bogdan



WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH 9:00 A.M.

⊕Deceased Members of Brzeczka & Kubica Families reg by Family

FRIDAY, MAY 29™ 9:00 A.M.
◆For Vocations to Priesthood,
Religious Life and Lay
Ministry

At this time, our Daily Mass schedule has changed. This is due to the need for the church to be sanitized after each Mass or service.

There may be certain areas designated for the morning Masses.

## This Week:

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m.- No Mass

Tuesday, May 26th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, May27th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Thursday, May 28th

9:00 a.m.- No Mass

Friday, May 29th

9:00 a.m.- Mass

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. - Mass

Sunday, May 31st

8:30 a.m. - Mass 11:00 a.m. - Mass

Mass / Presider	Intentions
Saturday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 4:00 p.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	⊕ Elida Ribaurdo req by Noranda & Tom Gelardi ⊕ Repose of the Soul of Antonio Cianfarani ⊕ Laurie Loiacano req by Husband Sam ⊕ Al, Dave & Dan Schilkey req by Family ⊕ Joseph Winckowski, Jr. (Birthday Rem) req by sister, Valerie Miller
Sunday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	◆St. Faustina Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	◆St. Faustina Parishioners

Mass / Presider	Intentions
Saturday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	⊕Laurie Loiacano (5th Anniv) req by Husband Sam
Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup> 8:30 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	⊕Stella & Al Biegnowski req by Son
11:00 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	◆St. Faustina Parishioners ⊕Flavia Amore (1st Anniv) req by Children

## **Daily Mass Readings**

## Readings for the week of May 24, 2020:

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17: 11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: 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 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

## Observances for the week of May 24, 2020:

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Monday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day

Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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## The Continuing Presence of Our Lord Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord

(Catholic Daily Reflections from My Catholic Life)

Jesus completes His mission on Earth and ascends into Heaven to take His seat on His glorious throne for all eternity. Or does He? The answer is yes and no. Yes, He does take His seat on His glorious throne, but no, He does not complete His mission on Earth. The Ascension is both the end and the beginning. It's a transition to the next phase in the perfect plan of the Father. And understanding the way this plan unfolds should leave us in wonder and awe.

Sure, the Apostles were probably somewhat frightened and confused. Jesus was with them, then He died, then He rose and appeared various times, and then He ascended to the Father before their eyes. But He also told them that it is good that He goes. In fact, He said that it's better that He goes. They must have been confused. Jesus also told them His Advocate would come to lead them into all Truth. So the Apostles went from joy, to fear, to relief and more joy, to confusion and sorrow, to curiosity and uncertainty. Sound familiar? Perhaps that's the way some find their lives to be. Ups and downs, twists and turns, joys and sorrows. Each phase reveals something new, something challenging, something glorious or something sorrowful. The good news is that the Father's plan is unfolding perfectly.

The part of the perfect plan we find ourselves in with this solemnity is the part where Jesus begins to direct His mission of establishing the Kingdom of God from Heaven. His throne is, in a sense, the driver's seat of our lives. From Heaven, Jesus suddenly begins to descend continuously into our lives fulfilling His mission in and through the Apostles, as well as all of us. The Ascension does not mean Jesus is gone; rather, it means Jesus is now present to each and every person who turns to Him and surrenders their life to His mission. From Heaven, Jesus is able to be present to all. He is able to live in us and invites us to live in Him. It's the new beginning of the Church. Now all the Apostles need to do is wait for the Holy Spirit to descend.

Reflect, today, upon the abiding and intimate presence of our Lord in your life. Know that Jesus invites you to share in His mission. From His glorious throne He wants us to "preach everywhere." He wants to invite each one of us to do our part. The part of the Father's plan entrusted to each one of us is not entrusted to another. We all have a share in that plan. What is your part? How does Jesus direct His mission through you? Ponder this question today and know that He accompanies you as you say "Yes" to your part in the glorious unfolding of His perfect plan.

Lord, I do find that my life is filled with many ups, downs, twists and turns.

There are joys and sorrows, moments of confusion and clarity.

In all things help me to continually say "Yes" to Your plan.

Jesus, I trust in You• •





To our St. Faustina Family:

May God bless you and keep you in His care always. May you give your worries to God and keep your faith strong in Him.

Reading daily reflections help me to stay close to God. I often start my day having breakfast with God. Below is a reflection written by Mary DeTurris Poust for you to meditate on:

"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

Jesus' words feel like the understatement of the century: "In the world you will have trouble." Tell us about it. Our world's trouble seems to grow by leaps and bounds with each passing day. We see it on the grand scale and closer to home. There is no escaping the trouble this world hands out. It is hard to fathom what some go through or how they go on. Sure, we joke about how we can't live without our smartphones and our creature comforts, but the reality is that trouble comes to us as well – in the form of illness and job issues, addiction and parenting worries, grief and more. We feel burdened by the trouble this world dishes out and, while we take comfort in Jesus' words of reassurance, we also know that this life takes its toll in the here and now. So, what are we to do? How do we maintain our hope? "This is what Christian hope is: having the certainty that I am walking toward something that is, not something I hope may be," Pope Francis has said. "This is Christian hope. Christian hope is the expectation of something that has already been fulfilled for each one of us."

There's a big difference between believing something deep in your heart and simply wishing something were true. Is your faith a belief or a wish? Do you, in the deeper recesses of your heart, know God without questions? Do you hope to get to heaven one day, or, as Pope Francs suggests, is your hope firmly planted in the knowledge that heaven is waiting for you? That's what keeps us from being conquered by this world: We have to live in the hope of what we know awaits us, rather wishing for a dream to come true.

Lord of all hopefulness,
Do not let our hearts become so weighed down by the worries of this world
that we lose sight of the very real salvation that awaits us in the next.

May God bless you with His abundant love and keep you safe,

Sandy Acord

Growing Faith ... Engaging Hearts

#### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment 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

#### **Updating Parish Records**

We have found, during this time of the pandemic, that our parish records need to be updated. Even though many of you may have belonged to St. Edmund or St. Sylvester for many years prior to the opening of St. Faustina your record may be missing vital information. Many calls were made during this time to update you with information. If you did not receive a phone call from a team of our parishioners or a robo call from Fr. Bogdan, then we do not have a current phone number for you. Many of you now only have cell phones and no longer have a home phone. Please take a few minutes and fill out the form below. We are also asking for an email address. We have no plans at this time to use it, however, we never know what tomorrow will bring. Our robo calls are sent out using the parish phone number. Hopefully, we will never encounter a situation like we have for the past 10 weeks again.

Thank you for your time.	
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## Jesus is With Us Written by Br. John-Marmion Villa

When I was younger, I remember going to a friend's house to swim in their pool during the summer months. All the parents were on the deck, enjoying the company, while the kids were splashing around gleefully in the pool. Once in a while we would play a pool game, called Marco Polo. It's kind of like the game hide-and-seek, but in a pool. I never really liked playing this game, especially when I was Marco because I was afraid of never being able to find anybody while blindfolded in the pool. I remembered this childhood event while I was meditating on this feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It had struck me as odd for the longest while that Jesus himself would say that he was going to go away. After all, he had risen from the dead recently so it's not like he couldn't stick around for as long as he wanted. Even while trying to meditate on the second decade of the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary, I had a hard time trying to understand why this is a significant event in the life of Jesus. And when I was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2017, we found ourselves in a small church which has a marbleized footprint on the ground, commemorating the last step of Jesus as he was lifted up into the sky. I was still confounded. Maybe through a stroke of creative imagination, or inspiration, I decided to thumb through the pages of the Song of Songs in the Bible. It's only eight chapters long and provided for me a much-needed insight in understanding this feast a little more deeply. It's clear from a reading of the text that there is a sort of hide-and-seek game going on between the lovers. But it is also clear that the desire of the beloved increases in her search to find her lover, whom she thinks she has lost. And this single idea was so helpful as an interpretive key to help me understand the feast of the Ascension because it is almost as if the Lord is playing a game of hide-and-seek with us, because he knows that, in his temporary absence, the desire in our hearts will grow and intensify. Perhaps many of you know this feeling because of what the coronavirus quarantine orders have done ... since many of us are not able to go to church, we might feel lost or even abandoned by the Lord. All the creative measures that priests have come up with during this season are helpful, but it's nothing like being able to go to the church, sit in the pew, alongside other members of the community, and celebrate the Mass. While that day is hopefully soon in coming, it is clear that our desire has grown and intensified during these months that we have not been able to go to church. It's kind of like a game of hide-and-seek, but with one significant difference. In the game of hide-andseek, or as in the Marco Polo game of my childhood, there is a fear of not being able to find the others. This is not the case with our relationship with Jesus. We don't need to always look on the outside for him, because he already lives within us. Because of our Baptism and Confirmation, we are made temples of his living presence. When we love others, especially sacrificially, Jesus is with us. When we read the text of the Scriptures, Jesus is with us in his Word. When we share in healthy Christian fellowship with others, Jesus is also there. I have one more 'secret' to share: if we look at the feast of the Ascension in light of next week's feast of Pentecost, we see that Jesus has not really left us as all! Our Baptism and Confirmation ensure sacramentally that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are with us always (Mt 28:20). St. Paul even says, "Who can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus?" (Rom 8:35). So, while it may seem as though Jesus is hiding from us, he really is never farther away as we are able to open up our hearts to his presence already living within. Maybe all we need to do is close our eyes, breathe deeply, and learn to recognize the Divine Presence in our hearts amid the jungle of strong emotions, sharp thoughts, and enflamed passions.

#### St. Faustina

#### Please pray for those in our parish family in prolonged sickness:

Samantha Beattie Carl Diegel Ray Dominic Dorothy Gietzen Jim Lewis Chris Liebetreu Francine Lorentz Kerry Markiewicz Patrick Martin Ellen Nawrocki Ray Nawrocki Luciana Purtill Salvator Rubello Mary Ryntz Gloria Sadocha Mary Ann Selewski Mary Stefko Lillian Strzempek Cyndy Vitale Fred Walny Magdalen Webster Gary Whyte **Dolores Zrepskey** 



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#### **MASSES**

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Holy Days: 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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#### Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others - no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

#### Registration

Parishioners may register in person, by phone, or online.

#### **Baptism**

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least six months. Baptisms are the second Sunday of the month. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic. For more information call the Parish Office.

#### **Marriages**

Arrange at least six months in advance.

#### **Communion Calls**

Pastoral Staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound regularly. Names of the sick should be reported to the Parish Office.

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Sandy Acord at (586) 773-9220 or send an email to sandyjacord@gmail.com.

St. Faustina is extending a personal invitation to you so that we can help with your spiritual needs.

If you have been baptized and have made your First Holy Communion, please contact Sandy to inquire about Confirmation.



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