



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 14:21–27

Rev 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

What's New?

Everyone gets a bit excited with the prospect of something new, whether it's a new job, a new car, or a new iPhone. This new thing might simply be a replacement. However, when it is a new model, an upgrade, we get even more excited. Revelation uses a distinctive Greek word, *kainós*, for this second kind of newness. The new heaven, the new earth, the new Jerusalem (and the new commandment mentioned in the Gospel) suggest radical newness—the kind resulting from an act of God. Centuries earlier, the prophet Isaiah had promised a new heaven and a new earth (see Isaiah 65:17). This metaphor pointed to a time of eschatological peace and fulfillment, a time when the covenant relationship between God and the people would be renewed and last forever. This was a promise the people held dear.

How are we to read this passage from Revelation today? Is it referring to a time in this life? Or, after this life? It may actually refer to both. We believe that, with his death and resurrection, Jesus inaugurated this time of fulfillment. However, its full establishment is not yet complete, hence the new commandment: “Love one another” (John 13:34). When we truly follow this commandment and love each other, we actually make present the new heaven and new earth; we make real the new Jerusalem, God's covenant partner. However, the ultimate fulfillment will come when God finally brings all things to completion. That is when everything will be new.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

[Jesus said,] “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.”

JOHN 13:34–35



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FOR Reflection

- ✦ *How has the love of other people made you a better person?*
- ✦ *In what ways does your love of others strengthen them?*



St. Martin of Tours Catholic Community Fort Belvoir, VA

New to St Martin of Tours? Please contact our Catholic Coordinator at FBCCInfo@gmail.com to register and get on our email mailing list for the latest Catholic Community announcements!

Mass Schedule

Monday – Thursday, 1205 at Fairfax Chapel

Saturday, 1700 at Belvoir Chapel

Sunday, 0930 at Belvoir Chapel**
1100 at Fairfax Chapel

The Sunday 0930 Mass is live-streamed and can be viewed from this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/FortBelvoirRSO/>

**Watchcare is available during this Mass for children ages 6months – 4years. Watchcare is located in the Religious Education Center next to Belvoir Chapel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 1600-1645 at Belvoir Chapel or by appointment. Contact Fr. Lindsay directly to schedule.

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Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday, 26 May 2022, 1900, Belvoir Chapel

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, will celebrate this Sacrament, a significant milestone in our youth's spiritual growth and a major commitment to our Faith. This is a community celebration, and all Catholic Community members are invited to attend and support our youth.



Designated Offering 21 – 22 May 2022 Archdiocese for the Military Service (AMS)

There will be a designated offering at all Masses, 21-22 May 2022, benefitting the AMS.

The Archdiocese serves as the sole endorser (certifier) of Roman Catholic chaplains to the United States government. As of 2020, 204 Roman Catholic priests were endorsed by the Archdiocese for active-duty military service. The Archdiocese receives no funding from the United States government. Rather, the Archdiocese is solely funded by the generosity of its chaplains, men and women in uniform and private benefactors. Checks should be made out to "C.T.O.F.," Chapel Tithes & Offering Fund.

Should you want to donate to the Fort Belvoir Catholic Community, please do so online. Instructions on how to do so are below.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

7–8 May 2022

Attendance: 314 Offering: \$2,046

Thank you for your generosity to our Community.

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER – 15 MAY 2022

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

"The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: *Night is almost over; day is at hand*. He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: *I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven*. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it*.

And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?" (Christ is the Day, from a 5th century sermon by Saint Maximus of Turin, Bishop. Catholic Office of Readings.)

May each of you be filled with the Light of God's Love and be generous in sharing it.

Fr. Mike

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.,
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA,
cordially invites you and your guests to attend:

28th Annual Memorial Mass Sunday, 22 May 2022 at 1630

Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Together with the priests of the AMS, please join in
prayer as the men and women who are serving or
have served in the Armed Forces, especially those
who have made the ultimate sacrifice, are honored

Go to www.MilArch.org to register for this Mass.

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a
Patriotic Rosary Prayer Service
dedicated to the Consecration of our Nation.

**Friday, 27 May 2022
1030 at Fairfax Chapel**

This is a unique and awe-inspiring Prayer Service
which needs to be experienced to understand fully
the significance of its impact.

Congratulations!

to the youth of our Catholic
Community who received their
First Holy Communion last week.
We are proud of the children and
their parents who worked through
the pandemic to receive this most
holy sacrament.



Woodlawn Chapel Update

6 May 2022

Woodlawn Chapel is scheduled to have the four
large main air handlers replaced, all wallpaper
removed, walls painted, carpets replaced, and
ceiling tiles replaced. There have been numerous
supply chain delays. Half of the materials should
arrive by July and the remainder by November.
The projected timeline to fully occupy Woodlawn
Chapel is December 2022. We are meeting with
DPW weekly for status updates and will provide
additional updates. Please contact SFC Whorley
with any questions or concerns
at: direck.d.whorley.mil@army.mil

Grace and Peace, CH(COL) Thomas Faichney

Dear Padre,

My aunt tells her husband he shouldn't watch a certain TV show. She says it's an "occasion of sin." What is that?

Occasions of sin are people, places, or situations that can easily lead a person to sin or give the individual an opportunity to commit a sin. There are two types: *remote* and *proximate* (or "near").

If the attraction is not strong or has only a small probability of leading to sin, the occasion is remote. Remote occasions of sin are always around us, and we have no obligation to try to avoid them.

If the attraction is powerful or the probability of its leading to sin is great, the occasion is called proximate. Saint Alphonsus suggested that if a person sins four out of ten times in a particular situation, that situation should be

regarded as a proximate occasion of sin.

Proximate or near occasions of sin are further classified as *necessary* or *voluntary*. A necessary proximate occasion cannot be avoided or can be avoided only with great difficulty—for example, an occasion associated with doing one's job or being in prison.

A voluntary proximate occasion is freely and voluntarily entered. We must avoid voluntary proximate occasions of grave sin.

Among the many means at our disposal for avoiding occasions of sin, the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist have pride of place. Prayer and self-discipline also help.

Fr. David Louch, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday

MAY 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

MAY 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7–21

Jn 15:9–11

Friday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

MAY 22

Sixth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

Rv 21:10–14, 22–23

Jn 14:23–29



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Temptation in us truly works like this: it begins with something small, a desire, an idea, it grows, it infects others and in the end, it justifies itself...And all of us, when we are conquered by temptation, ...end up feeling calm, because we have found a justification for this sin, for this sinful attitude.

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