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May 14, 2023

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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## A PRAYER IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR MOTHERS

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life.

You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen. *(unknown)*



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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm - In Person

**Sunday Masses:**

9:00am

*Live-Stream & In Person*

11:00am & 5:00pm - In Person

**Mon - Sat: 8:30 am**

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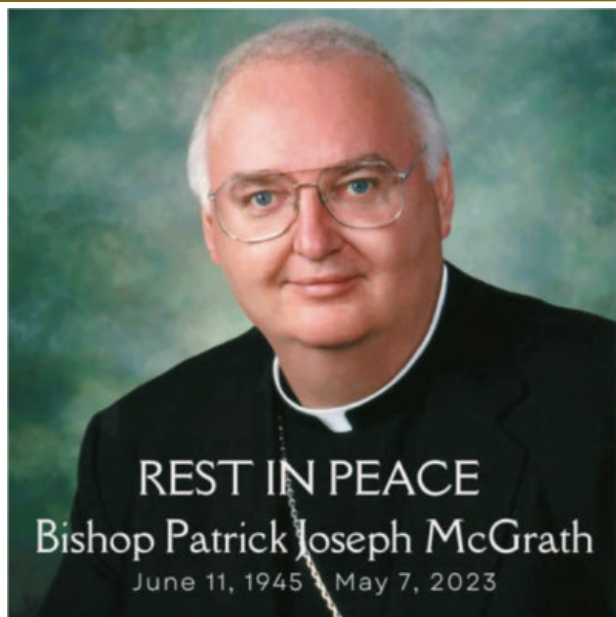
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REST IN PEACE

Bishop Patrick Joseph McGrath

June 11, 1945 - May 7, 2023

Bishop PJ was loved by the many who knew him and the Diocese was blessed by his ministry as our bishop for 20 years (1999-2019).

Let us offer our prayers for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family and his friends.

Funeral arrangements will be announced as soon as available on the Diocese of San Jose's website ([dsj.org](http://dsj.org)), our website, on Facebook (DSJ and St. Mary), our e-bulletin and as appropriate our paper bulletin. The submission deadline for the printed bulletin is one week prior to the weekend date.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. AMEN.*

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

We hear how through the prayers of Peter and John the Holy Spirit descended upon those Samaritans who believed in Jesus and were baptized. *Can you think of a time when your prayers were answered?*

### Second Reading:

Peter taught his community to be prepared to defend their faith with gentleness and reverence even in a hostile environment. *Have you ever had to explain what you believe to someone arguing with you?*

### Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."  
*When do you experience Jesus' presence in your life?*

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## REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us Christian stewards of the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They also teach us that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Throughout the Easter season, our first readings, taken from the Act of the Apostles, have recounted the growth (and growing pains) of the early days of the Church. Today we read that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God, and while there was great rejoicing over this, they were still in need of more before they were fully empowered disciples. So, Peter and John "went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Peter and John "laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit." The "more" that these new Christians needed, was, of course, the Holy Spirit.

We, too, need and have received the Holy Spirit in our lives, initially at our Baptism, and in full measure at the moment of our Confirmation. The gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit are essential to the Christian steward and the stewardship way of life.

Today is a great opportunity, especially as we draw nearer to Pentecost, to begin to examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Do we make full use of all of the grace and power the Holy Spirit has for us in meeting the challenges of life?

Our second reading, from St. Peter, is certainly filled with challenges for us, beginning with the first verse, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." In other words, we must put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is; He is to be "Lord" of our lives as well.

As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talent, and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord in our lives, to "prove" our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not merely sentiment. "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me," Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. It requires that we lean on the Holy Spirit for the strength and wisdom to continuously make Jesus the Lord of our lives.

But the rewards are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us fully embrace the stewardship way of life to truly sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	5/14	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHER'S DAY</b> Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
Mon	5/15	St. Isidore Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tue	5/16	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wed	5/17	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thu	5/18	St. John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Fri	5/19	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Sat	5/20	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8- 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sun	5/21	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD; WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	5/15	8:30 am	Eva Tomko †
Tue	5/16	8:30 am	Christine Hertzlich †
Wed	5/17	8:30 am	Irwin Anderson †
Thu	5/18	8:30 am	Fr. Mark Catalana †
Fri	5/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Sat	5/20	8:30 am	Bishop Patrick J McGrath †
		5:00 pm	Marie Tomasso †
		9:00 am	Walter Singer Sr. †
Sun	5/21	11:00 am	Young and Sarah Nguyen ( <i>special intention</i> )
		5:00 pm	Marsha Murray Wilson †



*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We know the voice of our shepherd. We know he speaks a language of love, of patience, of long-suffering sacrifice. The voice of the thief will offer us freedom, but it is a freedom that ends in destruction. There is only one gate that leads to everlasting life. ©LPi

## POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: MAY FOR CHURCH MOVEMENTS AND GROUPS

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



# FAITH IN ACTION

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil"* 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times, we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for his Stewards.



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:  
**Chuck Blalock; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Denise Ealy; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon**

For those who have recently died:

**Bishop Patrick McGrath; Don McNeil; Sara Babarczy; Maurice Abela; Tom Franceschi; Peter Roszkowski; Norma Bridget Ocampo; Christopher Kovarik; Jani Lau**

*Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.*



To our volunteer catechists who faithfully came each week, each month to share their faith, their hearts and their love with the children, teens and adults in our Faith Formation

sessions. We are called to be disciples and to evangelize others in the faith. These dedicated volunteers certainly answered the call!

**Christie Boskovich, Claudia Coffey, Michael Coffey, Aidan Johnston, Stefanie Johnston, Kristo Kusalo, Finn Lowenberg, Wade Marquez, Angie McCloskey, Krystal Mercado, Christine Thom, and Terri Trotter.**



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!**

***Our Goal for May is \$68,000.00***

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## 2ND OFFERING - MAY 13 & 14 CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

More information at [usccb.org/home-missions](http://usccb.org/home-missions).

## 2ND OFFERING - MAY 20 & 21



We hope you will prayerfully consider what you will contribute to this important work in our communities. Through our Sobrato Challenge March, gifts of all sizes from individuals and families make an even greater impact to help our neighbors in our Diocese. With your support and parish partnerships, we are changing lives for good – one family at a time. Thank you for your generosity!

For information please visit [CCSCC.org/annualappeal](http://CCSCC.org/annualappeal) or call (408) 325-5250.

## CAMINO SERRA: JUN 23 - JUL 1

Walk in the footsteps of St Junipero Serra along the beautiful California Coast and be forever transformed through a unique encounter with God, others, and

self! The Camino will go from Mission Santa Clara to the tomb of St Junipero Serra at Mission Carmel for the celebration of his feast day. Visit [caminoserra.com/](http://caminoserra.com/)





## THANK YOU ST. BEBE CHOIR MEMBERS!



*Thank you to the VOP and Children's Choirs of St. Bede Parish in Hayward!  
They sang at the 11:00am Mass this past Sunday (May 7) at St. Mary.  
Thank you, also, to Perci Perlas our Music Director for putting this together. What a treat!*

## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

#### ARE CATHOLICS OBLIGATED TO ATTEND MASS EACH SUNDAY, OR RECEIVE COMMUNION EACH SUNDAY?

Questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (Dies Domini, no. 7).

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## GO ST. MARY'S TRACK TEAM!

A huge congratulations to our winners and the rest of the track team for doing an amazing job!

Nico Flores (7th) won 1st in the 400 and 3rd in the softball throw and Cameron Von der Ahe (5th) won 3rd in the 200y.



## MAY CROWNING

It was such a blessing to have all the students and parents gather for Mother Mary's crowning! Thank you for joining us in crowning and honoring our Mother Mary. We thank God for the love He has for us all and for the great gift He has given us. The gift of Mary, our Heavenly Mother, who prays for us, helps us, comforts us and teaches us how to love and be like Jesus. We are grateful to everyone for sharing this Catholic tradition with us.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

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**MAY - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:** This month of May, join the national movement aimed at raising awareness about mental health to work toward erasing the stigma surrounding it. Check out this Mental Health May Calendar and discover 31 small things you can do to improve your mental health this month! Mental Health Toolkit also available at [www.mhanational.org](http://www.mhanational.org).

**MAY 19 & 20 @ 7:00PM** (doors open at 6:30pm) St. Simon Church presents 2 night showing of **JOB, THE NOW TESTAMENT, MUSICAL WITH JOHN ANGOTTI, CAST AND CREW FROM LA & NYC**. \$20 adults, children (under 18) free. Purchase tickets at [stsimon.church](http://stsimon.church).

**LAUDATO SI WEEK - MAY 21-28: HOPE FOR THE EARTH.** Hope for Humanity 2023 & Original YouTube Movie "The Letter" to mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. "The Letter" tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.

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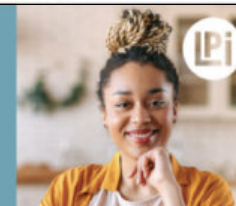
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