



SANTA MARIA *del* MAR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

—SURSUM CORDA—

CATHOLIC PARISH *by the sea*

**MAY 10,
2020**

**WELCOME TO SANTA
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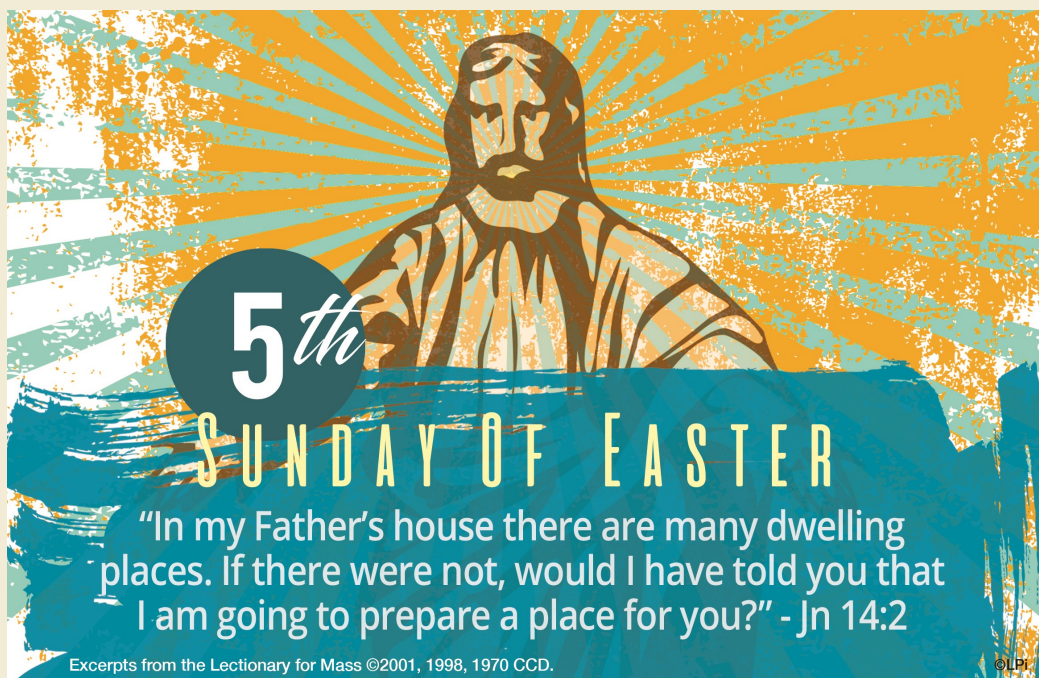
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DON'T COUNT THE LOSSES

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

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Gospel Reflection

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7a)

PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33) or Alleluia

SECOND READING:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

GOSPEL:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11

MON 5/11	TUES 5/12	WED 5/13	THUR 5/14	FRI 5/15	SAT 5/16	SUN 5/17
Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab] Jn 14:21-26	STS. NEREUS & ACHILLEUS ST. PANCRA Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12] Jn 14:27-31a	OUR LADY OF FATIMA Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1] Jn 15:1-8	ST. MATTHIAS, Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8] Jn 15:9-17	ST. ISIDORE Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a] Jn 15:12-17	ARMED FORCES DAY Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a] Jn 15:18-21	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1] 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP



When a person has the Gift of Wisdom, he or she is able to perceive God's fingerprints in the wonders of the world. One is able to see the pattern that God has established in world history, faith history, and our own personal history. This can help us find a sense of comfort as it shows us that life is not chaotic. God has a plan for each of us. Isn't it wonderful to think that God actually has a unique plan just for ME, His loving *steward*!



STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Your offering of as little as one hour's wage will help us meet our daily needs.

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! Please consider making your weekly donation to Santa Maria del Mar online at:

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748

THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT TO US, WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND BLESS:

GREETERS

Claudia Gasparino and Maria Flake

These folks always make you feel like they are so glad to see you. After a brief while of attending Mass at Santa Maria del Mar, one starts trying to greet them first before they acknowledge you! But you have to be quick!

Mass Greeters are at the doors 30 minutes before each Mass with a big smile and a welcome. These Christ-like greeters demonstrate love, care, and compassion for everyone entering our church. Even young people receive a special greeting! Sometimes they are asked questions by visitors and can invite them to sign our red Guest Book. On our Name Tag Weekend, they invite all to fill out and wear a name tag so we all can get to know each other by name.

More greeters are needed. If you would like to help in this beautiful ministry of hospitality, please contact Maria Flake in the church office or at maria@smdmcc.org.



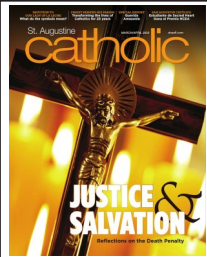
Keep up-to-date on announcements from the Diocese of St. Augustine regarding COVID-19 here:
www.dosafl.com/coronavirus/



URGENT Call to Action

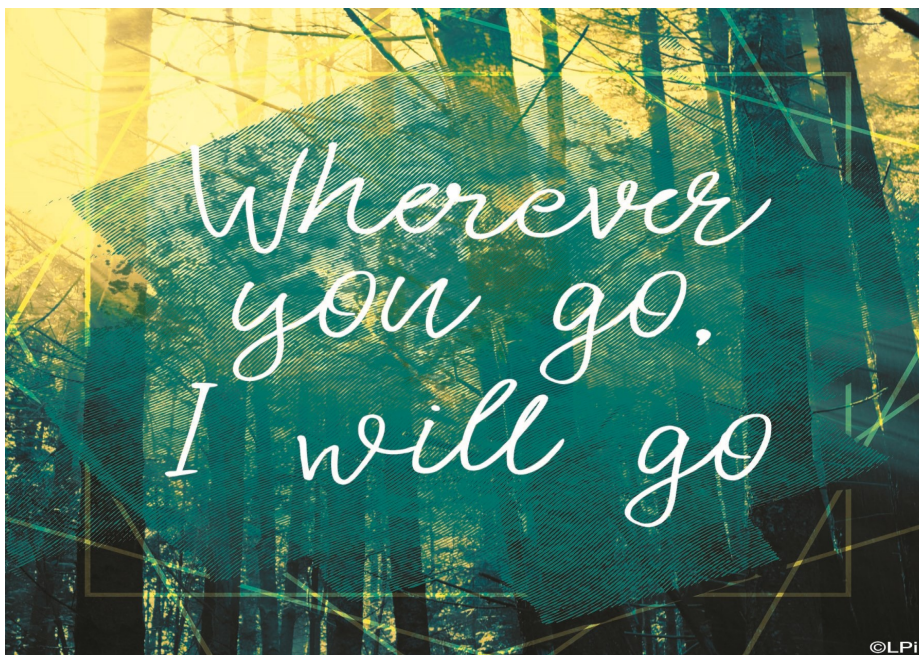
We pray you are well, safe and not discouraged during this COVID-19 outbreak. The request is for "Mothers in Need." When you next purchase groceries, please consider buying diapers and wipes for moms who critically need them. Drop them at an area food bank, pregnancy center or at a Catholic Charities food pantry.

Our diocese is joining with the USCCB "Walking With Mom's in Need" program, and together with the March for Life St Augustine sending out the call for help for mothers and infants who are struggling right now. May God bless you until we meet again! If you have questions, email moliver@dosafll.com.



The May issue of the diocesan publication, St. Augustine Catholic, will not be mailed but instead can be read online at this link:

<http://faithdigital.org/staugustine/SA0320/>



BIRTHDAYS

May 11

John Casalo, Julia D'Angelo,
Helene Davis, Sharon Gormley,
Rose Meek, Isabella Papa,
Stephen Peppy, Beverly Pierce,
Iris Rindge, Theresa Whalen,
Donna Wood

May 12

Jessica Bispo, Yvonne Briggs,
Kana DiGuglielmo, Marianne Doctora,
Andrew Eaton, Landyn Ferreira,
Philip Fodor, Ashley Gonzalez,
Kaitlyn Holley, Jerry Oord,
Dorothy Perez, Irma Rodriguez,
Pauline Ryan, Laura Starke,
Maureen Villiotte, Mary Jane Wieber,
Theodore Williams, Sr.

May 13

Virginia Biemel, Daniella Chrzanowski,
Vincent Kenyon, Lawrence Kuchta,
Donald Moore, Terrace Nash,
Patricia Rizzo, Robert Thoubboron,
Katelyn Uanino, Jolynne Waldner

May 14

Michael Acierno, Jacqueline Butera,
Kate Collins, Providence Cotto,
Cheryl Everett, Mary Francis,
Robert Gearst, Lara Ledesma-Galvan,
Neil Mazzella, Carol McClain,
Debbie Nieves, Daniel Petrillo II,
Janet White

May 15

Tamlin Akialis, Nancy Armstrong,
Rosemary Carpino, Aedan Celestino,
Morgan Chafe, Joan Coppa,
Erika Fedorkovicoua, Bob Green,
JoAnn Grunewald, Virginia Klein,
Alyssa Lamberti, Juan Pablo Ledesma,
Elizabeth Lima, Elizabeth Lund,
Andrew Mazzio, Jamie Morrow,
Morgan Petrella-Ebbers, Thomas Polacek,
Gina Schmidt, Michael Vitello

May 16

Jocelyn Arroyo, John Corbett,
Joaquin Gonzalez, Gretha Monlezun,
Frances Paslowski, Nancy Rizzo,
John Rybacki, Ross Simard,
Sofia Soares-Silva, Robert Stanier

May 17

Cheryl Barnier, Maureen Caulfield,
David Cobb, Mary DePoalo,
Joni Esch, Alexander Gasper,
Lauri Greene, Marianne McNeil,
Jaime Petrillo, Michelle Puccio,
Oscar Tumacder

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

PAST & PRESENT



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- **Col. Andrew Morgado** (US Army)
- **Jay Matthews** (US Navy)
- **Sgt. Benjamin Wurtz** (US Army/ Ft. Hood, TX)
- **Honor Otmar** (US Air Force)
- **Matthew Callegari** (USCG)
- **Jayson Trucksess** (US Navy)
- **Chief Gregory Worman** (US Navy)
- **Joshua Raffaele** (USMC)
- **Rachel Mincey** (US Navy)
- **LCDR Brandon Aten** (USCG)
- **Joseph Otmar** (USMC)
- **Casey Henrikson** (US Navy)
- **Chad M.R. Schuch** (US Air Force)
- **Emma J. Schuch** (US Navy)
- **Col. Daniel O'Connor** (USMC)
- **Sgt. Sean Collins** (US Army)
- **Michael Martins** (USMC)
- **Dr. Nick Patellis** (NG/Kuwait)
- **Justin Smallwood** (USMC)
- **ENS Barret Manfre** (US Navy/ USS San Diego)
- **LCDR Shaun Kersey** (US Navy/ Bahrain)

If you have a family member in the military and would like us to pray for them, call the parish office to have their name added to the bulletin, or email your request to Christine Sudano at christine@smdmcc.org. Please advise when a person above is no longer deployed so we can remove their name from our list. God bless them all & continue to pray for them!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Heal us, Lord, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved; for it is You we praise. Send relief and healing for all our diseases, our sufferings and our wounds; for You are a merciful and faithful healer. Blessed are You Lord, who heals the sick.

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| • Richard Ackerman | • Tony Favara | • James B. McCallen |
| • Joyce Aitkens | • Ariel Fenner | • James McMonagle |
| • Blake Alberto | • Candice Fenner | • Tom McNally |
| • Lisa Alberto | • Judy Fields | • McPartland |
| • Lou Ambrosia | • Jonah Finn | • Victor Mele |
| • Jim Anderson | • Steven Fitzgerald | • Marisol Melendez |
| • Lisa Anello | • Greg Flake | • Vicki Merchel |
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| • Tracy Barth | • Jeff Gearhart | • Joyce Needelman |
| • Judith Batson | • Scott Giguere | • Margee Netzer-Zito |
| • Nancie Bennett | • John Gormley | • Barbara O'Keefe |
| • Ivan Berke | • Gladys Grant | • Laura O'Shea |
| • George Betz | • James Green | • Terry Parenteau |
| • John Bladel Jr. | • James Greene | • Vincenzo Perrone |
| • Victor Bordonaro | • Nancy Greene | • Father Pervaiz |
| • Lorraine Bouillon | • Roger Gronert | • Karen Pisan |
| • Mary Bowe | • Susan Gronert | • Vincent Positano |
| • Bryan Bowman | • Catherine Mary Gubicza | • Thomas Quinn |
| • McField Bowman | • Steve Gubicza | • Jayce Ramage |
| • Betty Ann Brennan | • Jacob Hardin | • Robert Rizzo |
| • Jim Brogan | • Rose Harvey | • Joan Roberti |
| • Ralph Buchanan | • Tony Hassert | • Stuart Rockett |
| • Kim Burt | • Lucas Healy | • Connie Rotondi |
| • Marlene Bushnoe | • Mike Hewson | • John Rybacki |
| • Bryon Campbell | • Lori Ann Hines | • Val Sabia |
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| • Dellis Carey | • William Ilavsky | • Amanda Scharck |
| • Roger Carey Sr. | • Wayne Kellenberger & Family | • Helga Schroeder |
| • Roger Carey Jr. | • Jim Kitchen | • Scott |
| • Ryan Cavanaugh | • Marty Klein | • Michael Sheridan III |
| • Gerald Chabon | • Ann Kozanecki | • Millie Sikorski |
| • Joe Chiarello | • Andrew Kozar | • Rich Small |
| • David Cobb | • Frances Kozar | • David Smith |
| • Billy Corrigan | • Larry Kuchta | • Gina Stokes |
| • Mike Coyle | • James T. Lainge | • Mary Stowe |
| • Joshua Cummings | • John Lambardi | • Ellen Streblov |
| • Regina Cush | • John Lappke | • Stephen Sullivan |
| • H. Lee Dasch Jr. | • Gerald LaRosa | • Jim Szymanski |
| • Nina Davis | • Anna Lavrador | • Mary Jo Tinney |
| • Katiana DeCayette | • Pat Lopez | • Eugene Tontodonato |
| • Fred DeFelice | • Veronica Lyons | • Dave Torma |
| • Louise Derita | • Beverly & Sam Maggio | • Jennifer Triano |
| • Denise Diamond | • Dina Mancuso | • Juan Vega |
| • Larry Doege | • Frank Mancuso | • Alda Vilar |
| • Renee Donaghy | • TR Mancuso | • Carolyn Webb |
| • Thomas Donaghy Sr. | • Garo Maroutian | • Mary-Ann Woika |
| • Donna | • Linda Maxwell | • Carol Woodard |
| • Isaiah Estrada | | • Annette Zabetakis |
| • Greg Everett | | • Grant Ziegler |



WE COMMEND TO GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE

Receive, Lord, in tranquility and peace, the souls of your servants who have departed out of this present life to be with you. Give them the life that knows no age, the good things that do not pass away; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Catherine Liston