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May Mass Schedule

Tuesday—Friday Noon

Saturday -4:15

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Our Church is open for daily prayer

Monday – Saturday 8:00 to 4:00

Sunday 11:00 to 4:00

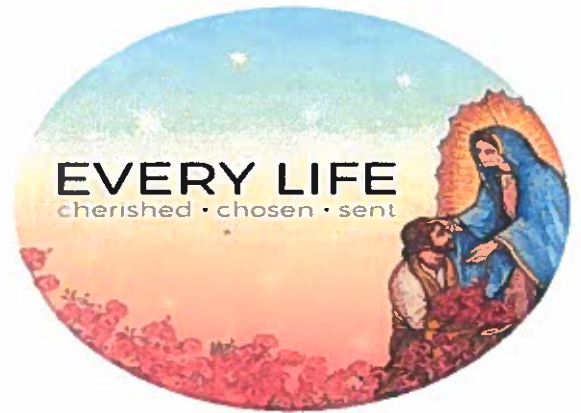
Office hours are Tuesday-Friday

8:00 to 4:00

May 10th, 2020

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

Being chosen by Christ gives us the strength to carry
out the mission of the Kingdom.



In the first reading, Timothy joins Paul in his missionary work. Following the Spirit, they are led to Macedonia. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the world will hate and persecute them because it hated and persecuted him first.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday May 12th noon

Geneva Sicinski

Wednesday May 13th noon

Living & deceased members of the John & Frances
Wisnoski family

Thursday May 14th noon

Monica Krause

Friday May 15th noon

Nichols & Stella Vitanza

Saturday May 16th 4:15

David, Pearl, John & Agnes Busa
Deceased members of the Leon & Hattie
Pavlock family

Sunday May 17th 8:00 am

Sunday May 17th 10:00 am

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule



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Saturday May 16th 4:15pm

Lectors: Delores Posinski & Carolyn Kimich **Rosary:** Dorothy Pasket
Ushers: Darrell Wagner, Danny Pasket, Stephen Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr

NO E.M.H.C. or Altar Servers

Sunday May 17th 8:00am

Lectors: Volunteers **Rosary:** Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteers

NO E.M.H.C. or Altar Servers

Sunday May 17th 10:00am

Lectors: Blake Vezurk & Mandi Wroblewski **Rosary:** Joan Pushee
Ushers: Ian Campbell, Ben Leman, Dennis Sechelski, Gene Yanchak

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One Minute Meditations

St. Rita of Cascia

Born in 1381 near Spoleto, Italy, St.

Rita was known for her holiness and charity from a young age. She wanted to be a nun but was forced into marrying when she was twelve. Unfortunately, her husband was cruel and violent. After eighteen years, she was widowed. Following the deaths of her sons, she finally entered the convent, where she became known for her piety, kindness, and humility. She is the patron saint of impossible causes.



Honor Mary

Jesus performed his first public miracle because his Mother asked. He said "no" at first, but his mother asked for help. The Bible is clear—Jesus listens to his Mother.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 4:6)



Why does God let us suffer?

When we watch a loved one suffer – or suffer ourselves – hearing "it's God's will," can feel unsatisfying. The implication is that God directs us like chess pieces, and bad things result. In fact, germs, atmospheric conditions, human error, or just plain chance account for what is often outside of our control. It helps to remember that God is always present, he wills our good, and evil is not of his doing.

God is always present.

Our Father loves us deeply, cares about our concerns right down to the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). He urges us to respond well to a world we can't control. If we let him, God will enable us to learn and grow

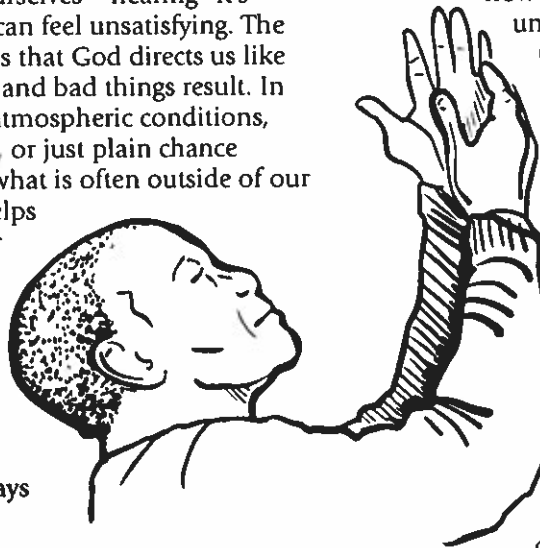
through our experiences, no matter how overwhelming or unpleasant.

God wills our good. It is not God's will that we suffer. The ways of the world aren't always in harmony with his will.

However, his plan for us will bring us the ultimate good. He loves us with true love and wants us prepped and ready for Heaven.

God doesn't make evil. What we see as evil in the world, God can use for good. When we cooperate with him,

suffering becomes meaningful, struggle worthwhile, victory affirming, and even the acceptance of what we cannot overcome life-giving, as they were for Jesus.



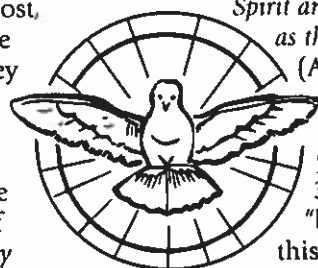
Why Do Catholics Do That?

On the feast of Pentecost, the Apostles were in the Upper Room where they held the Passover with Jesus. All of a sudden, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of wind and fire. "And they were all filled with the Holy

Why do Catholics call Pentecost the "birthday of the Church?"

Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"
(Acts 2:4).

Then the Apostles were emboldened and rushed out to preach the Gospel and baptized 3,000 people. We call this the "birthday" of the Church because this is the day when the Holy Spirit made the Church visible to the world.



Jesus understands

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). It is astounding to think that in his human nature, Jesus experienced fear and suffering, just like we do. Even better, he wants to help.

Fear. Early in his life, soldiers hunted him down to kill him. His neighbors threatened him with harm when they didn't like his teaching. He endured a horrific Passion. Jesus coped by relying on prayer, grace, and



confidence in his Father's will. He showed us how so we can endure, as well.

Suffering. During his crucifixion, Jesus became sick, dehydrated, and exhausted as his body began to shut down. Once on the Cross, it became harder and harder for him to breathe. In fact, throughout his life, Jesus experienced how it feels for a body to fail. He knows how it feels to die. When we are sick and suffering, we can turn to him for a cure, or the grace and strength to accept his will. All we have to do is ask.

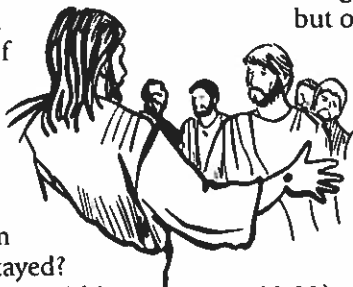
from Scripture

John 20:19-23, Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit

This Gospel shows us a glimpse of how most of the disciples spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in fear. They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. What if the Resurrection really happened as Mary Magdalene said? What if Jesus came looking for them? Would he punish them for abandoning him when they should have stayed?

Yet, Jesus appeared to them within the locked room and spoke words of peace. He wasn't a ghost; his glorified body wasn't limited by the physical world. He showed them his wounds as

"the living proof" of the Resurrection. Imagine the Apostles' great relief at having their Friend back. Jesus did come looking for them, not in anger, but offering his forgiveness.



Instead of punishing them, Jesus gave them a mission and the Holy Spirit to help them. He said, *"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained"* (John

20:23), establishing the Sacrament of Penance. Having authority to forgive sins, the Apostles and their successors could continue Jesus' work after he returned to Heaven.

Q & A

Why is Mary pictured with a blue mantle?

In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant was covered in blue (or "violet") fabric for traveling (Numbers 4:5-6). God's Presence would "rest" on the Ark as a king sits on his throne (Exodus 25:22).

When Mary agreed to be the Mother of Jesus (i.e. God), she became his living "resting place." In art, Mary's blue mantle signals she is the new Ark of the Covenant.

Blue also indicates Mary's royal status. Jesus is the King of Heaven making Mary the Queen Mother. In Biblical times, the mother (not the wife) of the king was the queen. She wasn't as powerful as the king, but her intercession with him had significant influence.

Mary is not God, but her intercessory prayers for us are powerful because she is Jesus' mother. When we consider that Mary is also our mother by grace, her blue mantle invites us to entrust our concerns to her. Rather than an obstacle to Jesus, Mary leads us directly to him by a sure, safe path.



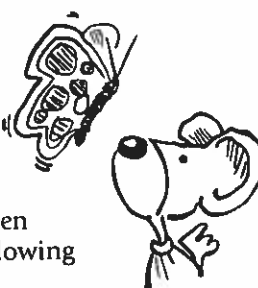
Feasts & Celebrations

May 12 – Sts. Nereus and Achilleus (1st century). Not much is known about them, but it is certain they were Roman soldiers under the Emperor Trajan. They converted to Christianity, were exiled from Rome, and eventually martyred.

May 14 – St. Matthias the Apostle (1st century). Chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot, St. Matthias is only mentioned once in Scripture, but had accompanied Jesus and the Twelve from the beginning. He spent his life preaching the Good News until his martyrdom.

May 18 – Pope St. John I (526). Born in Tuscany, Italy, John was elected pope in 523 while a deacon. His visit to Constantinople restored peace with the Eastern Church yet raised political suspicions. Arrested by King Theodoric, he died in prison.

May 21 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.



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Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

For Deacons: We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Announcements



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Today's Gospel message is a sobering reminder that if we are following Christ in an authentic way that truly exemplifies his teachings, we will meet opposition. Yet the hope that sustains us – which comes with being chosen by Christ – gives us the strength to carry out the mission of the Kingdom.



May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

What Is God Really Like?

That is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; “the big guy” up there. Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like?

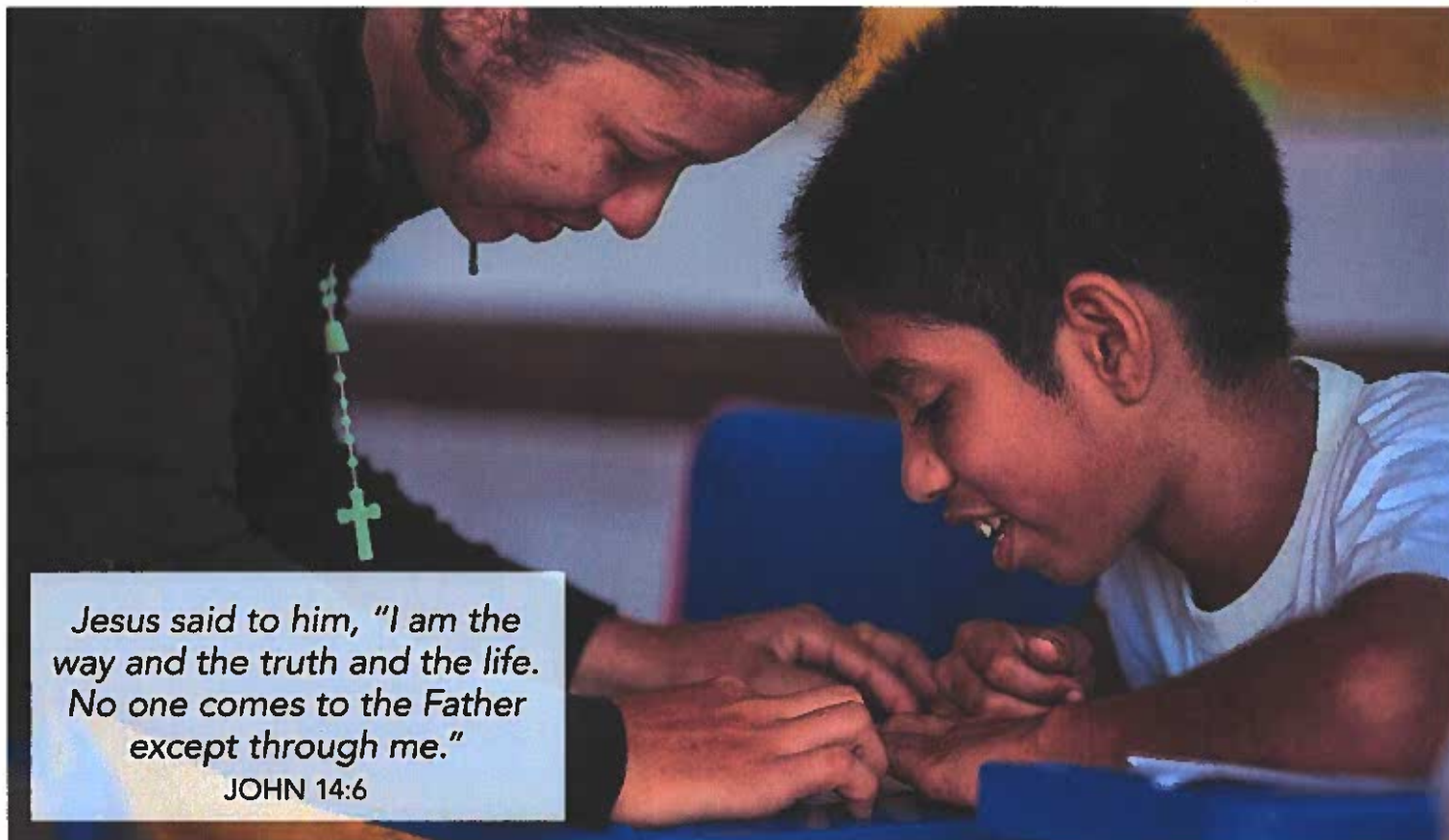
FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How do you think of God?
- ★ Why do you suppose you think of God in that way?

The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions flowed from Jesus’ constant reference to God as Father. That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus’ being and existence.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: “Look at me!” His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that *this* is what God is really like?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

JOHN 14:6

Dear Padre,

Are there models I can use to help me better understand what a mother is to do or be?

A great model for mothers is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix when speaking of Mary (CCC 969). These titles are important in explaining Mary's special relationship to us, her children. We can also use these titles to show how mothers today can relate to their children and spouses.

Mary encourages us in our efforts to follow Christ. So it is the duty of all mothers to be a guiding presence to their children as they begin to pray and learn to follow the Lord.

As Advocate and Helper, Mary assists us by her own prayer and example. Mary prays for us, and we only have to read Scripture to understand Mary's example of listening to God. Today's mothers share the task of praying for their children and spouses. A mother's example of listening for God can teach her children the importance of seeking God's will.

As Benefactress, Mary is a patron and invites us to receive the graces that only her Son can bestow. In today's family, a mother offers a constant stream of love and encouragement to her spouse and children. She is the patron of love, a refuge from the harshness that life can bring.

As Mediatrix, Mary brings people together to be coworkers with Christ in the work of salvation. Also, a mother is a mediator, a coworker with Christ, helping her children and spouse on their journeys toward salvation. Her family is a little church where heaven and salvation are proclaimed. Happy Mother's Day!

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Be my ambassador, [Mary] says to us, giving food to the hungry, drink to those who thirst, a refuge to those in need, clothe the naked and visit the sick. Come to the aid of your neighbor, forgive whoever has offended you, console the grieving, be patient with others, and above all beseech and pray to God.

—HOMILY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016



Calendar

Monday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

MAY 14

St. Matthias,

Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Friday

MAY 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

MAY 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

MAY 17

Sixth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

1 Pt 3:15–18

Jn 14:15–21

Our Lady of Fátima

Feast Day May 13

Our Lady of Fátima is one of the more recent and well-known devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady appeared six times to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, between May 13 and October 13, 1917, in the little village of Fátima.

She asked the children to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to pray the rosary every day to bring peace to the world and an end to war—World War I, a long and tragic war, had just entered into its fourth year. She also asked the children to help increase devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

In her last apparition, it has been reported, Mary gave a great sign—the sun dancing—as a way of proving that she was truly there. There were 70,000 witnesses on October 13, 1917, in Fátima who saw this sign. It is said all could stare at the sun without blinking, or even hurting their eyes. It is said the sun rotated, got larger and smaller and “danced” in the sky.

Two of the children, Francisco and Jacinta, died in 1919 and 1920, respectively, as part of the great, worldwide flu epidemic. The third, Lucia, became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

The children said that Mary gave them three secrets to reveal to the world. Lucia told all of this in a series of memoirs that she was asked to write. In 1941, she said the first secret was shown in July 1913. That secret was a vision of hell that the children were allowed to see.

The second stated: “The war is about to end [World War I], but if men do not cease to offend God there will begin a worse one in the pontificate of Pius XI...the punishment of the world is at hand for its so great sins by means of war, famine and persecutions directed against the Church and the Holy Father.”

The third secret was written down by Lucia in 1944 and given to a Portuguese bishop. It was sent to the Vatican in 1957 and finally revealed in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II.

She wrote: “We saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendour that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: ‘Penance, Penance, Penance!’”

The secret also spoke of a bishop dressed in white going up a steep mountain and being killed along with many other bishops, priests and religious. Many believe that this is a reference to the assassination attempt of Pope

St. John Paul II in 1981. However, Pope Benedict XVI said the third secret did not directly refer to the assassination attempt. Pope Benedict has said that all of the third secret has been revealed and that the matter is settled.

For most people, though, Fátima is not about secrets. Rather, it is about the faith of small children and the benevolence of a loving mother who cared for them.

The feast of Our Lady of Fátima was approved by the local bishop in 1930. It was added to the Church’s worldwide calendar in 2002. About four million people visit Fátima each year.

In August 2015, Pope Francis said, “Virgin of Nazareth, Mary: the first human person who believed in God by accepting the flesh of Jesus. Let us learn from her, our Mother, joy and gratitude for the gift of faith, a gift that is not private but shared. It is for the life of the world.”

Mary believed, and she continues to go out and help others to believe.

Mary, you come to us in so many different ways and in so many different parts of the world. You come, so often, to the humble and the young. Thank you for continuing to talk with us and reach out to us. You were young and humble and believed. Help us to believe!



Reflection:

- Imagine that Mary appeared to you. It would be a blessing but also imagine having to convince people that it really happened. What would you do? How do you explain your own faith? For that, too, is miraculous.
- So often we think back on the “good old days.” But Mary appeared at a time when war was raging. A worldwide flu epidemic followed. Heartache and death were commonplace. Sorrow is part of life, but the comfort of Mary also is a constant. When do you turn to Mary? How has she helped?

Hail Mary...

You've probably heard these words a lot. Maybe you say this prayer. But have you ever wondered why we say it? What about all the songs, statues and feast days dedicated to Mary? Why do we honor Mary so much?

First, think about this. People who do great and heroic things have schools, streets and even cities named after them. Some heroes even have holidays in their honor. Great people can inspire us to do great things too. It's a little like that with Church heroes. Except that when we honor the people who love and follow Jesus, we're not glorifying them, we're giving God the glory. Now, can you think of any saint who loved and followed Jesus more than his own mom?

Who could be more loving, kind and good than the person God himself chose to be the mother of his son?

No one else but Mary.

When we give Mary the honor that's due to her, we give glory to God who created her. And imagine how happy that makes Jesus!



ACROSS

2. Mary's cousin
4. The angel who visited Mary
5. He wanted a sign from Juan Diego
7. Mary and Joseph took Jesus here to worship God
9. String of beads for praying

DOWN

1. Mary's birthday is this month
3. Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus escaped Herod here
6. At the end of her life Mary was taken up to _____
8. Mary asked St. Catherine to create the Miraculous _____
10. The angel called Mary "Favored _____"
11. Mary's answer when God asked her to be Jesus' mom



In Fatima, Portugal, Mary appeared to three kids

named Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco with an important message for the world to turn away from sin and back to Jesus.

Sometimes Mary gives us special reminders too. She appeared to Catherine Labouré, asking her to create a special medal. Nowadays, many people wear the Miraculous Medal to show they belong to God. Another time, Mary offered a small piece of cloth tied to a string, called a **scapular**, which some people wear as a reminder to live as Mary and Jesus lived.

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Who shall separate us
from the
love of
Christ?



Romans 8:35

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