



SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH

First Communion Class 2023



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last week the boys and girls who appear on the cover of this week's bulletin received their First Holy Communion.

They had been watching all the other people go to receive Jesus for many years. But last week Jesus came to live inside of them in a very special way.

You know the story. How on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread and gave to his disciples saying "take this, all of you, for this is my body, which will be given up for you." And every time we receive Jesus in that little piece of bread we remember his love for us, how much he wants to forgive us and how he came to save us that we might live with him forever in heaven.

Our recently deceased Pope emeritus, Benedict XVI, once spoke of the day of his First Holy Communion. He spoke of First Communion as the beginning of a "lifelong friendship with Jesus." From that moment, he said, "the Lord has always taken me by the hand, guided me even in difficult situations."

"So on that day I was really filled with great joy, because Jesus came to me and I realized that a new stage in my life was beginning, I was 9 years old, and that it was henceforth important to stay faithful to that encounter, to that communion. I promised the Lord as best I could: "I always want to stay with you", and I prayed to him, "but above all, stay with me". So I went on living my life like that; thanks be to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand and guided me, even in difficult situations." On our part, the Pope said, we must be willing to say every day: "Jesus, I am yours. I will follow you in my life, I never want to lose this friendship, this communion with you."

I made my first communion sixty-one years ago, and I can still remember how good it felt when I received Jesus for the first time. And do you know why I felt so good? Because I knew that God was always watching me and always loving me and always looking out for me. And now he loved me so much that he was coming to live in my heart. And my whole life is just trying to find out how I can love him too.

What a wonderful day last Sunday was for these children, and for us. A wonderful day, when God gave them the gift of his love.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney







Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Lillian Papadopoulos, Jeannine Brideau, Jennifer, John Nelson, Viola Cyr, Dolores Garceau and Judy Davis. If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email us at office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our list for a month or so.



The Sympathies of the parish community are extended to the family and friends of **Patricia A. Nardone** whose Funeral Mass was held recently. Please remember her in your prayers.



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless our mother. Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, her family, may honor her always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Ascension of the Lord Mass Schedule
Vigil, Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00pm
Thursday, May 18 at 9:00am and 6:00pm

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BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Do you think that the Philip who went to Samaria was the apostle Philip, or someone else? Is there something about this story to make us think that he was not an apostle?

It seems that Philip administered one of the sacraments to his converts in Samaria. Which sacrament would that have been?

Peter and John prayed that the Holy Spirit might come upon the new converts, and they laid hands upon them. Which of the sacraments do you think that the apostles were conferring?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

- Philip went down to the _____ of _____ and there _____ the Messiah.
- Peter and John upon arriving _____ hands on them and they _____ the _____ Spirit.
- _____ the Lord, that is, _____, in your hearts.
- I will not _____ you _____: I will come _____ to you.
- He who _____ the _____ he has from me is the man who loves me.

ANSWERS

1. town, Samaria, proclaimed
2. imposed, received, Holy
3. Venerate, Christ, hearts
4. leave, orphaned, back
5. obeys, commandments, loves

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday May 13 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 148*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
 3:30pm Pray the Rosary (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Deceased members of Plourde and Brow families, by the family (Church)

Sunday May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter *Breaking Bread, page 148*

7:00am Mass for Theresa Crochetiere (6th anniv.), by the family (Church)
 7:30am Pray the Rosary (Church)
9:45am Mass for John Gaudet, by his mother (Church)
11:15am Mass for Theresa Provo, by Mr. & Mrs. James W. Provo (Church)

Monday May 15 Easter Weekday

6:30am Mass for Special Intention for Robert Hamel, by his mother (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday May 16 Easter Weekday

6:30am Mass for Parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday May 17 Easter Weekday

6:30am Mass for Souls in Purgatory (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday May 17 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 150*

6:00pm Mass for Lorette McDonald, by her family (Church)
6:30pm Confessions
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday May 18 The Ascension of the Lord *Breaking Bread, page 150*

9:00am Mass for Father Robert Bruso, by Susan Lamkin (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Jeannette Aubuchon, by the family (Church)



Friday May 19 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for Lena Albert, by Anita Leger and Jeannette Wiseman and family (Chapel)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass

Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts at 6:30pm

Saturday May 20 Easter Weekday

9:00am Mass for The Intentions of the Sick (Church)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday May 20 Vigil

Breaking Bread, page 152

3:00pm Confessions (Church)

3:30pm Pray the Rosary (Church)

4:00pm Mass for Willie Daigle (14th anniv.), by the family (Church)

Sunday May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Breaking Bread, page 152

7:00am Mass for Bernadette Cormier (7th anniv.), by her husband and daughter (Church)

7:30am Pray the Rosary (Church)

9:45am Mass for Andy, Maurice, Laura & John, by the family (Church)

11:15am Mass for Theresa (11th anniv.) and Maurice (2nd anniv.) Doucet, by the Doucet family (Church)

3:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal (Church and Parish Center)

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A MASS FOR HEALING AT SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH

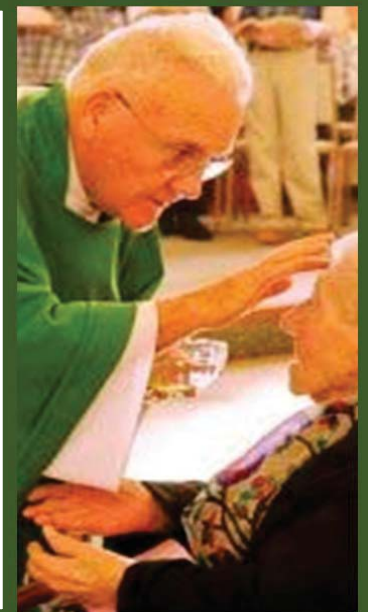
THIS SATURDAY, MAY 20th, the 9:00am Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of everyone who is sick. After the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are elderly or who have a serious illness.

What is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

When the priest anoints the sick person with the Oil of the Sick blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass, he prays that "through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who frees you from your sins, save you and raise you up." The Sacrament unites us to Christ's Passion, strengthens us to endure suffering, forgives our sins, restores our health if it's conducive for our salvation, and prepares us to enter eternal life.

Who can be anointed?

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for any Baptized Catholic who is suffering from a grave illness which could, even remotely, end in death. It is not intended for those with a cold or a mild illness. Those who are elderly, by definition, may always be anointed.





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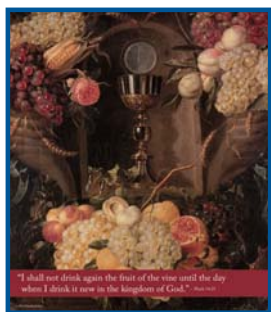
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