

Listen, my son,
to your father's
instruction and
do not forsake
your mother's
teaching.
Proverbs 1:8 "

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Happy Mothers' Day to all the moms in our parish!!

Dear God, thank You for the gift of our Mothers!

Thank You that our Mothers always believe in us, no matter what. Thank You that they always trust, always hope, and always care — in short, they always love us, just like You!

Please bless our Mothers with the unmistakable gift of Your love this Mother's Day, O Lord. May each of them feel Your love in their hearts, Your peace in their minds, and Your joy in their spirits this special day.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, we ask You to refresh our Mothers and fill them again with Your Holy Spirit. May their families surround them and may their children rise up and call them blessed. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Remember in your prayers



Those who are ill or in need of prayer: Francis Alvanna, Connie Bartko, Elsa Bronson, May Bernhardt, Cindy Briscoe, Everett Buzek, Gemma Carlisle, Mathilda Crisci, Cathy Freericks, Jens Hildreth, Carlee Hobbs, William Kaleak III, Jerome Koezuna, Joe Kunnuk, Andrew Kunayak Sr, Wilbert Landry, Ben Merculief, Megan Mackiernan, Nancy McGuire, Pauline Montminny, Peggy & Ray Mucillo, Fr Armand Nigro, SJ, Sigwien Omiak, Mary Omnick, Alex Oyoumick, Gabriel Payenna, Emily Regan, John Schaeffer, Pete Schaeffer, Ross Schaeffer, Christine Schultz's father Norman, Louise Scratcher, Annette Sherwood, Antonia Stewart & family, Charles Tunley, Phillip Villa, Bryce Warnke-Green, Rylan Lewis

Those in the military: Souther Board, Bryan Braswell, Frank Ellanna, Jake Froehle, Travis Kayouktuk, Andy Lean, Christina McGuire, Michael Miller, Jennifer Thomas, Jeffery Wysong

Those who have died: Johnny Asher

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass 10:30 am

Monday Mass 8:00 am

Tuesday Mass 8:00 am

Wednesday—AMCC

Thursday Mass 8:00 am

Friday Hospital Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Confessions Saturday 4:30 pm

Father Vince Burns
443-5527

Deacon Bob Froehle
443-3750

Mo Koezuna
304-1492

Parish Council:

Rebeccca Callahan

Patrick Callahan

Angela Gorn

Megan Mackiernan

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Fr. Ross is now off to Maryland and can be reached by mail at:

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The Sunday Gospel - taken from "Sunday connection" by Loyola Press

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

LECTOR / EMHC SCHEDULE

Saturday May 9	5:30 p.m.	Lector: Pat Malone
Sunday May 10	10:30 a.m.	Lector: Julie Farley EMHC: Megan Mackiernan
Saturday May 16	5:30 p.m.	Lector: Gretchen Froehle
Sunday May 17	10:30 a.m.	Lector: Sylvia Paniataaq EMHC: Kitty Scott
Saturday 23	5:30 p.m.	Lector: Spruce Lynch
Sunday 24	10:30 a.m.	Lector: Frances Contreras EMHC: Sylvia Paniataaq

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- Sunday, May 17 - 5pm Confirmation Class
- Tuesday, May 12 ; 7pm Parish Council Meeting
- ♦ Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday - Pancake Breakfast after 10:30 mass
- ♦ Monday, June 15 - Fr. John Hinsvark comes to Nome for 2 weeks