

Sharing a Cup with the Queen of Angels

By Emily Blasik

I run a lifestyle blog for women called *Her Story Goes* in which I occasionally interview inspiring women in my community. While the conversation typically centers around their passions, accomplishments, and daily rituals, I always end on the same question: "If you could have coffee with one woman, living or dead, who would it be?"

I chose this question because the answer can tell you a lot about a person's values and aspirations, and the array of names I get are always fascinating—varying from current celebrities to sixteenth-century saints to legendary authors, adventurers, and trailblazers. It's a hard question for some, but for me, the answer is easy.

I've always wondered what it might be like to have coffee with the Blessed Mother. It seems kind of trivial to picture Mary in that context, doesn't it? The Queen of Angels sitting opposite of me with a warm mug in her hand, softly smiling as I share my innermost thoughts and ask my most burning questions. But somehow, I get the sense that she'd like us to think of her that way: like an old friend with a listening ear, a confidant to lean on during times of sadness or stress, a mother to guide us when we're lost.



If I could talk to Mary in the flesh, if I could ask her anything I wanted—what would I say? What would I ask? At first, I'd be speechless—in awe of her holiness, as visible as the crown of roses upon her head. But eventually I'd start to relax, to open up, to engage in genuine conversation with our Lady about everything under the sun. I'd embrace her like a long-lost daughter who has finally found her way home: with joy, curiosity, and perhaps a tinge of sorrow at not having met her sooner.

How many hours going forward would I seek her company, knowing full well the infinite amount of love, comfort, and wisdom she'd have to give? Most of

my life, I imagine, would be spent in her presence, if I had anything to say about it. And it occurs to me now, as I write this, that I do. We all do.

Mary might be the Mother of God, perfect in love and kindness and purity, but she's still a woman who walked this earth like the rest of us. And I have a feeling that she simply wants to be the person sitting across from us at the end of the day, sharing secrets and struggles and hopes and dreams over coffee. †

Our Blessed Mother sits opposite of me with a warm mug in her hand, softly smiling as I share my innermost thoughts and ask my most burning questions.



Lord Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, inspire us to lead holy, faith-filled, generous lives. Amen! Alleluia!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

May 15–20

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:9–18 / Jn 16:20–23

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28

Bringing Home
the Word 

May 14, 2023

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Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)
May 14, 2023

What Is Your Hope?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope: not hope that, but hope in. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine hope for those who believe in God is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

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Sunday Readings

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

Unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people.

1 Peter 3:15–18

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

John 14:15–21

[Jesus said,] "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth...You know it, because it remains with you."

For those who believe in God, hope can be defined as trust in God.

A Word from Pope Francis

To have a healthy family, three words need to be used: please, thanks, sorry. We say "please" so as not to be forceful in family life... We say "thank you" (yet) how many days go by without uttering this word...? And sorry. We all make mistakes....Don't ever let the sun set without reconciling.

ADDRESS, PILGRIMAGE OF FAMILIES, ROME, OCTOBER 26, 2013



REFLECTION
QUESTIONS


- Do I hope and trust in God?
- In what circumstances do I need to try harder to hope in God?



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's
Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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6th Sunday of Easter

Mass May 14, 2023

Lector: Molly Kunkel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mike R. & Wally G.

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Hector & Emily Lopez Family

Altar Servers:

Mackenzie P. & Giselle S.

Ascension Sunday of Easter

Mass May 21, 2023

Lector: Victoria Ocampo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Stacy T. & Eloisa M.

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Leo & Elida Fernandez

Alter Servers:

Adrian K. & Emmett K.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

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.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Friday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917; 12 pm – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like
on the all-parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact
Marla Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday
bulletin. Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please
email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

LIKE our Facebook page to get updated posts and information about our parish. You can also
see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on
Facebook, please email Onna Pollock at olpollock@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

May – Guadalupanas

June – Altar Society Guild 1

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday the 24th of May

@ St. Vincent Parish

6:30 pm

Confession Schedule

@ St. Pat's –Pasco

Tuesday – Friday

5 pm – 6 pm

@ Sacred Heart- Othello

Wed. @ 5 pm

Connell Food Bank

Banco de Comida

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes

May 23

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / Miércoles

May 24

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

New Act of Contrition

O my God,

I am sorry and repent with all my heart

For all the wrong I have done

And for the good I have failed to do,

Because by sinning I have offended

you,

Who are all good and worthy to be loved

above all things. I firmly resolve with the

help of your grace,

To do penance, to sin now more,

And to avoid the occasions of sin.

Through the merits of the Passion

Of our Savior Jesus Christ,

Lord, have mercy.

Thank You for Your Generous Contributions

Apr. 30, 2023

10:30 am - \$656.00

12:00 pm – \$778.40

Basin City – \$844.90

Apr. 23, 2023

10:30 am - \$810.00

12:00 pm - \$576.00

Basin City – \$5176.26

Prayers for 1st Communion Students

Please keep all of our 4th- 6th graders in our
Religious Ed programs in your prayers as they
finish their preparation for 1st Communion

San Juan Diego Students:

Joel Garcilazo, Daisy Garcia, Giselle Gómez,
Jonathan Cuevas, Citlalli Abrego, Yahir Guizar,
Miguel Herrera, Miguel Chávez, Brandy
Sánchez, Emanuel Sánchez, Karen Salas,
Anyeli Gutierrez, Ayrair Gutierrez, Eva Perez,
Abigail Plaza, Genesis Guizar, Ximena Torres,
Juan Salas

Sacrament Mass Schedule

Sat. May 20th 1st Communion for Elementary

San Juan Diego Mission Students @ 11am

Please all students be at church ½ hour before
Mass starts.

Bilingual Graduation Mass

May 21st @ 10:30 am

Reception to follow in the parish hall.

Please, all graduates be at

Mass by 10:15 am,

With your graduation gown.

Youth Sacrament Mass

Schedule

Confirmation / 1st Communion Mass

for St. Vincent Youth is

Saturday, May June 3 @ 12:00 pm

Please be at church by 11:30 am

Confirmation / 1st Communion Mass

For San Juan Diego Mission Youth is

Saturday June 3 @ 9:00 am

Please be at church by 8:30 am

HOG RAFFLE

BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tickets sold on Sundays after Mass

\$10 per ticket / \$50 per 6 tickets.

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS:

May 14, 2023 – May 28, 2023

Mon. May 15:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. May 16:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Finance Council @ Basin City

Wed. May 17:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

No confessions @ Connell

5:00 pm Practice & Confessions for children
@ Basin City

Thurs. May 18:

9:00 am Meeting @ Spokane

No Adoration @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Guadalupanas @ Connell

Fri. May 19:

8:00 am Mass @ Tricity Prep

No Confessions @ Basin City

6:00 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

Sat. May 20:

11 am 1st Communion Mass @ Basin City

7:00 pm Graduate's Mass @ Basin City

Sun. May 21: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Graduate's Bilingual Mass @ Connell

Reception to follow Bilingual Mass

No Noon Mass @ Connell

Please Keep Fr. Gus in Our Prayers.

Mon. May 22:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. May 23:

Meeting @ Spokane

No Confessions @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. May 24:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

6:30 pm Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. May 25:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

Fri. May 26:

8:00 am Mass @ Prison

4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

Sat. May 27:

1:00 pm Quinceanera @ Spokane

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. May 28: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell