



St. Mary's Catholic Church



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and
remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

5/10: Malta - To Be Announced

5/11: Malta - 5:30 PM: No Mass

5/12: Malta - 8:30 AM: No Mass

5/13: Malta - 8:30 AM: No Mass

5/14: Malta - 8:30 AM: Sue Kron r/b Julie & Gary Howell

5/15: Malta - 4:00 PM: Linda Brown r/b Lana Fortin

5/16: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—8:30 PM: Our mother's and grandmothers r/b Maynard & Mary LaFond

Saco - 4:00 PM: Repose of Mike Perraut r/b Helen DePuydt

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



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Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

5/9 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

5/10: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest; Acts 16:11-15; Psalms 149:1-6 and 9; John 15:26—16:4

5/11: Tuesday in the 6th week of Easter; Acts 16:22-34; Psalms 138:1-3, 7-8; John 16:5-11

5/12: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr; Acts 17:15, 22—18; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; John 16:12-15

5/13: The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]; Our Lady of Fatima; Acts 18:1-8; Psalms 98:1-4; John 16:16-20; **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mark 16:15-20

5/14: St. Matthias, Apostle; Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalms 113:1-8; John 15:9-1

5/15: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day; Acts 18:23-28; Psalms 47:2-3, 8-10; John 16:23-28

5/16: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mark 16:15-20; **Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Dodson—12:30 p.m.

Saco—4:00 p.m.

There will be no Mass from May 10-13. Fr. Felix will be at the Priest Retreat.

New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Kylie & Kimberly Wood, Terry Williams, Weir Family, Our Lady of Lourdes family, Merlyn Metz, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould Chayten Pippin, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Mikey Nevriy, Paul Kunze, Dale Bruckner, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make? Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we're not "passing the basket", we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.

There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available. Please contact Mariah for routing numbers

Pope Francis' Intention

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Fr. Felix

Easter VI (B): Act 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, today's readings speak of God's unequivocal and impartial love to us. God's love is poured out in abundance on all life under heaven continually, whether there is a response or not. It may sometimes shock us that the love of God is the same for both the most virtuous and the most sinner in the same way because God is love. It is this love that enables us to love our enemies and be reconciled with them. St. John said in today's reading that wherever there is love, there is God. If we truly love our brothers and sisters, including strangers and even enemies, we do not have to worry if we love God. Let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to teach us how to know and love Jesus.

Today's Gospel describes two models of personal relationship to Jesus: that of a servant, and that of a friend. Jesus explains that as the Father loves the Son, so does the Son love the disciples, and the disciples are to love one another. He teaches that the purpose of this mutual love is to bear lasting fruit. In our own individual faith journey, one of these two models is dominant: either we see our own relationship to Christ as Master to servant, or as Friend to friend. Historically, the Church has usually followed the Master-servant model, whereas Jesus is seen as a Master to be feared, respected and obeyed, in sharp contrast to an intimate and familiar Friend who walks beside us as a

Guide. Jesus challenges us to rethink our own relationship with Christ, because Christ himself relates with his disciples as Friend to friend rather than as Master to servant. He tells them at the Last Supper: "I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends." Thus, today's gospel passage calls us to transition our relationship with Christ as that of our Master to our Friend.

Today as we celebrate Mother's Day, we honor our mothers, expressing our deepest gratitude to them for their selfless love, care and sacrifice for the well-being of their children. Motherhood is a God given vocation, it is the most honorable and important vocation. From the mother, first, the child learns and experiences what is love, and later on discover the eternal love of God. She is the first teacher from whom the child mainly learns about God, spiritual, ethical, moral, social values and grows as child of God as well as good citizen of the country. So let us pray that we may have good mothers in the church - like mother Mary, St. Monica, etc, Amen.



“How much we need Mary to teach us what it means to satiate God’s thirsting love for us which Jesus came to reveal to us. She did it so beautifully. Mary allowed God to take possession of her life by her purity, her humility, and her faithful love. Let us seek to grow, under the guidance of our Heavenly Mother, in these three important interior attitudes of the soul that delight the heart of God and enable him to unite himself to us.”

Mother Teresa

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Gospel Meditation

6th Sunday of Easter

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us

friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

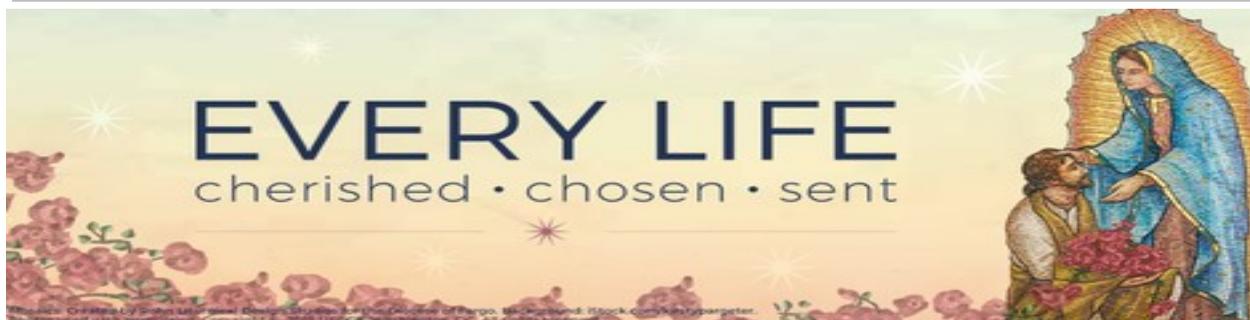
Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.



Sacrificial Giving for 5-2

	5-2	Needed	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$1,015.85	\$7475.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$177.00	\$416.18	\$0.00
Saco:	\$330.00	\$470.96	\$50.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday evening. Thanks!

Word of Life from the USCCB

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

A Prayer for Those Afraid of their Motherhood

Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors.

Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child

within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Announcements 5-2-2021

- **There will be no Mass from May 10-13.** Fr. Felix will be at the Priest Retreat.
- **Tuesday May 11:** Practice for Youth receiving the Sacraments. 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.
- **Saturday, May 15th.** A Cake Reception honoring all children completing their First Sacraments with Bishop Warfel will be held immediately following 4PM Mass. All families and parish members are welcome and encouraged to congratulate our youth on this special occasion.

Praying the Memorare

The "Memorare (which is Latin for Remember)" is a powerful devotional prayer to Mary that was originally part of the 15th Century prayer "Ad Sanctitatis Tuae Pedes, Dulcissima Virgo Maria." The prayer, which can be used for a novena is as follows:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

The prayer is believed to have attained miracles for people in need of desperate help, including Saint Teresa of Calcutta (known as Mother Teresa when she was alive) and Saint Francis de Sales. According to the book "Selected Letters," by St. Francis de Sales, a "torment of despair" the saint experienced for a month ended suddenly as he prayed the "Memorare" after he received holy inspiration to pray it. St. Teresa of Calcutta and her Missionaries of Charity would pray a "Memorare" novena whenever there was an urgent need. After they prayed the nine "Memorare" prayers, they prayed a tenth in thanksgiving.

The Litany of Loreto

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the
world,

God the Holy Spirit, Holy
Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of the Church,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother immaculate,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of good counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of justice,

Seat of wisdom,

Cause of our joy,

Spiritual vessel,

Vessel of honor,

Singular vessel of devotion,

Mystical rose,

Tower of David,

Tower of ivory,

House of gold,

Ark of the covenant,

Gate of heaven,

Morning star,

Health of the sick,

Refuge of sinners,

Comforter of the afflicted,

Help of Christians,

Queen of angels,

Queen of patriarchs,

Queen of prophets,

Queen of apostles,

Queen of martyrs,

Queen of confessors,

Queen of virgins,

Queen of all saints,

Queen conceived without
original sin,

Queen assumed into heaven,

Queen of the most holy rosary,

Queen of families,

Queen of peace,

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world, spare us,
O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world, gracious-
ly hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world, have
mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother
of God.

R. That we may be made wor-
thy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech
you, O Lord God, that we,
your servants, may enjoy per-
petual health of mind and
body; and by the intercession
of the Blessed Mary, ever Vir-
gin, may be delivered from
present sorrow, and obtain
eternal joy. Through Christ
our Lord. Amen.

