



St. Mary's Catholic Church



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

5/1: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—12:30 PM: Madelyn Anderson r/b Maynard & Mary LaFond

Saco - 8:30 AM: End of War in Ukraine r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

5/2: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Jerry Depute r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

5/3: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Paul Morrow r/b Julie & Gary Howell

5/4: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Jerry Depute r/b Lana Fortin

5/5: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM: Repose of Elenore Emond r/b Maynard & Mary LaFond

5/6: Malta—8:30 A.M.: Repose of Helen DePuydt r/b Terry Hunder

5/7: Malta - 4:00 P.M.: Repose of Patrick, Paul, Dick & Mike Morrow r/b Sue Kron

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.

Knights of Columbus
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Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

5/1: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker; Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

5/2: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Acts 6:8-15; Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29

5/3: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalms 19:2-5; John 14:6-14

5/4: Wednesday in the 3rd week of Easter; Acts 8:1-8; Psalms 66:1-7; John 6:35-40

5/5: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo; Acts 8:26-40; Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51

5/6: Friday in the 3rd week of Easter; Acts 9:1-20; Psalms 117:1-2; John 6:52-59

5/7: Saturday in the 3rd week of Easter; Acts 9:31-42; Psalms 116:12-17; John 6:60-69

5/8: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day; Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalms 100:1-3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—12:30 p.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco— 8:30 a.m.



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: _____

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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

Zayden Mathh, Tana Mount, , Lesley Robinson, Lana Pekovich, Myrtle Hould, Cory LaBrie, Julia Cebulski, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Lew McNamara, Ray Shores, Jerry Depute, Eleanor Emond, Helen DePuydt, Lydia Abrahamson, Selma Sticha, Bev Comstock, Leroy Rummel, Howard Rummel, Lyle Cochran, Pat Comstock, 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

Everyday Stewardship

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in

disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

In the course of its history, Israel was able to discover that God had only one reason to reveal himself to them, a single motive for choosing them from among all peoples as his special possession: his sheer gratuitous love. And thanks to the prophets Israel understood that it was again out of love that God never stopped saving them and pardoning their unfaithfulness and sins. CCC218

Pope Francis' Intention

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Fr. Felix

EASTER III [C] (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19)

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today's first reading describes how the Jewish leaders brought the Apostles before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop teaching in the name of Jesus. This was the second time they had been arrested by the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court. When the High Priest demanded that Peter and his companions listen to him and obey his orders, Peter replied, "We must obey God rather than men." Then they testified to God's raising of Jesus as Savior to grant Israel forgiveness of sins. Although they were whipped and given strict order not to repeat the crime, the Apostles went away rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer for the sake of Jesus' name.

The second reading describes the vision of John, how the praise was offered to the risen Jesus by all those in Heaven, on earth, under the earth, and in the sea. In Heaven, angels and other spiritual beings sing praises around God's throne. Then the risen Jesus is pictured as a slain Lamb who stands before the

throne of God in Heaven. Like the suffering, innocent lamb of Isaiah, Jesus is vindicated by God. This passage gave the early Christians the message that the only lord worthy of worship is the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of today describes the rehabilitation of St. Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caia-phas, repented, and then received forgiveness and Primacy in the Church from Jesus. St. Peter returning to his old way of life is, perhaps, trying to forget the disastrous events of the crucifixion of his master. The appearance of Jesus after his resurrection, reminds us of an earlier incident in his ministry, namely the call of St. Peter and the other disciples after their night of fishing in the Sea of Galilee. In both instances, Jesus asks the disciples to cast their nets into the sea a second time. In both cases they catch a large number of fish, and in both incidents Jesus invites St. Peter to follow him. Thus, the return of the apostles to their old occupation sets up the next stage of their conversion. Eventually, they come to understand

that the stranger on the shore directing them to a tremendous catch of fish is the Lord. Immediately after their meal with Jesus, Jesus offers him three chances to redeem himself. Jesus asks if St. Peter loves him with a deeper, stronger, and more sacrificial love. Then St. Peter is restored to the leadership position from which he had fallen by his triple denial. St. Peter is indeed a pastor, who is to show his love for Christ in feeding Christ's sheep. St. Peter's rehabilitation is a celebration of Divine Grace, as the shepherd appointed by the True Shepherd to care for his sheep. Feeding of his flock will

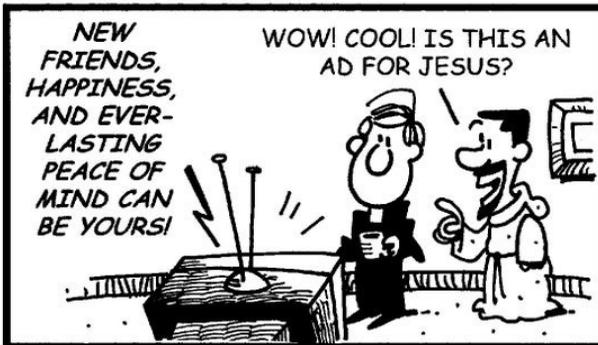
continue until the risen Lord appears in glory. Finally, Jesus says that St. Peter will glorify God by his death; probably St. Peter was martyred by crucifixion. Legend says that he asked to be crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to emulate his Lord.

Unlike St. Peter, the risen Lord reminds us, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" and challenges us to demonstrate our love for him by faithfully, feeding his sheep entrusted to our care, Amen.

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Gospel Meditation

3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting

with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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.

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.

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



Sacrificial Giving for 4-24

	4-24	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$2,859.00	\$533.50
Dodson:	\$219.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$145.00	\$50.00

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS—5/1/2022

- **All Parish Meeting, Sunday May 1st following Sunday Mass. A brunch will be served.**
- **You are encourage to check out the FORMED site at formed.org**
- **Mass Intentions for this Sunday are:**

Malta—all parishioners

Dodson—Madelyn Anderson

Saco—End of Was in Ukraine



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This is why May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Among Catholics, May is most well-known as “Mary’s Month,” a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Why is that? How did May become associated with the Blessed Mother?

There are many different factors that contributed to this association. First of all, in ancient Greece and Rome the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime (Artemis and Flora, respectively). This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. This was long before “Mother’s Day” was ever conceived, though the modern celebration is closely related to this innate desire to honor maternity during the spring months.

In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year, but it wasn’t until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, “The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite.”

Dedicating an entire month to Mary wasn’t a new tradition, as there existed a prior tradition of devoting 30 days to Mary called Tricesimum, which was also known as “Lady Month.”

Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May, as it is recorded in the *Raccolta*, a publication of prayers published in the mid-19th century.

It is a well-known devotion, to consecrate to most holy Mary the month of May, as the most beautiful and florescent month of the whole year. This devotion has long prevailed throughout Christendom; and it is common here in Rome, not only in private families, but as a public devotion in very many churches. Pope Pius VII, in order to animate all Christian people to the practice of a devotion so tender and agreeable to the most blessed Virgin, and calculated to be of such great spiritual benefit to themselves, granted, by a Rescript of the Segretaria of the Memorials, March 21, 1815 (kept in the Segretaria of his Eminence the Cardinal-Vicar), to all the faithful of the Catholic world, who either in public or in private should honour the Blessed Virgin with some special homage or devout prayers, or other virtuous practices.

In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honor our heavenly mother.

The background of the image is a composite. The top half features a close-up of the American flag, showing the blue field with white stars and the red and white stripes. The bottom half shows a pair of hands holding a string of dark rosary beads against a dark blue background. The text is overlaid on the flag portion.

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