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May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of
Easter



Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday 9:15 a.m.
Thursday 9:15 a.m.
Friday 9:15 a.m.

Weekday Mass at St. Gerard Majella, 211 Pentagon Blvd.
Monday: 9:15 a.m. , Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.

Saints of the Week

May 10, Damien de Veuster
May 12 St Nereus and St Achilleus
May 13 Our Lady of Fatima
May 14 St Mathias

Pastor:

Rev. Alex Saurianthadathil

Parish Secretary:

Tammy Dufault

Office Hours:

Tues to Fri
9:00am to 1:00pm

Parish Covenant & Mission

Covenant: As a hope-filled, Christ-centered people, the community of St. Jerome Parish will strive to make Christ visible as we reach out to love, serve and support all God's people.

Mission: In love and service St. Jerome Parish will seek to meet its covenant commitment through life giving liturgy, religious education, outreach and community building.

WELCOME

If you are new to the Parish, please visit our website to register with us

www.stjeromeparishssm.com

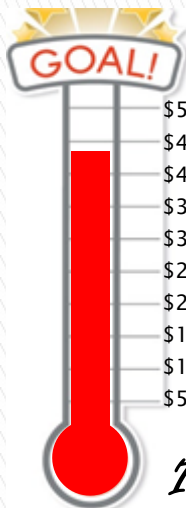
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- 1) Through our Sunday Offering Envelopes
- 2) Pre-Authorized Debit Plan
- 3) Online on our web-site
- 4) E-transfer to stjeromessm@gmail.com (please include name and address in comments).

Furnace Fund

We thank you all for your continued support to our parish during these difficult times. Your love for the parish is greatly appreciated. Our furnace fund is growing! We're less than \$10,000 short of our goal. Would you be able to make a gift to your spiritual home? Please make cheques payable to St. Jerome Church; include on envelope and cheque: "Furnace Fund".

If any gifting is imposing a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.



Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions

May 11-May 15, 2022

† denotes a Mass for a deceased person

Wednesday, May 11, 9:15 am:

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Thursday May 12, 9:15 am:

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Friday, May 13, 9:15 am:

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Saturday, May 14, 4:00 pm:

† Linette Janveau by Gerald Janveau

Sunday, May 15, 9:00 am:

† Tom Worthing by Nancy Worthing

† David Lawrence by June Chaput

† Thomas Punch by St Jerome CWL

Sunday, May 16, 11:00 am:

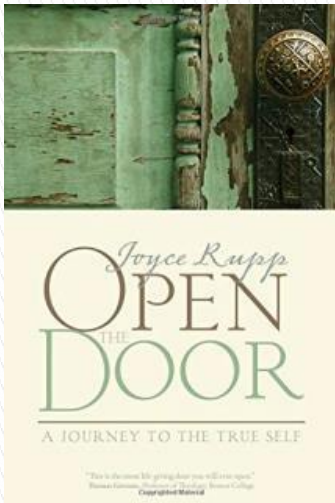
Intentions of All People in the Parish



Sunday Collection: Apr 25 to May 1, 2022

Sunday envelope donations	\$3,159.00
Sunday pre-auth. donation	\$2,074.00
Building Fund	\$1,041.00
On-line giving	\$207.44
Other	\$258.00
Total income	\$6,739.44

Furnace fund to-date	\$42,796.00
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Spring Prayer Journey 2022

Are you wondering what prayer is all about?
Looking to deepen the prayer life you
already have?
Curious about Spiritual Direction?

Consider joining spiritual directors Patricia Frederick and Stephanie Romiti on an online prayer journey! Participants will be encouraged to spend time in daily prayer, using a resource from well-known author Joyce Rupp. Each participant will meet individually with one of the directors on a weekly basis. Whether you are new to the spiritual life or a seasoned pray-er, you are welcome to join us on this journey of faith. Participants will be asked to obtain a copy of the book Open the Door by Joyce Rupp (cover image may vary from above).

Dates: Opening session together on Thursday, May 12, 2022

10:30am–noon Eastern Time via Zoom

Closing session together on Thursday, June 23, 2022

10:30am–noon Eastern Time via Zoom.

Weekly appointments will be determined individually.

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Space is limited so register early!

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Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue

Today's readings tell us of the Church's universality.

The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but from its beginning it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism. The next week the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

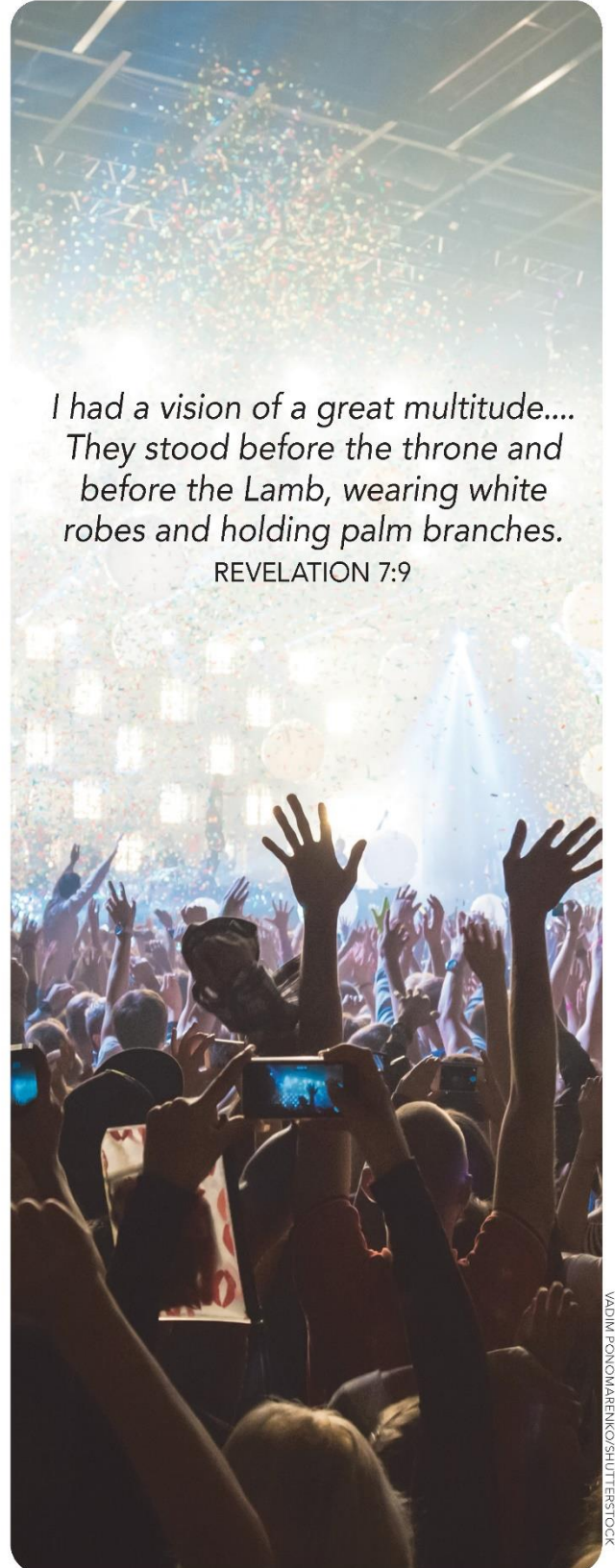
We know that many Jewish-Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement (see Acts 15:1). They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by “every nation, race, people, and tongue” (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected because what really unites them is the “blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✳ *How open are you to people of other nations, races, or tongues?*
- ✳ *What might you learn from people with different backgrounds?*



*I had a vision of a great multitude....
They stood before the throne and
before the Lamb, wearing white
robes and holding palm branches.*

REVELATION 7:9

Dear Padre,

Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter

the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



RENATA SEDMAKOVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24—13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Sunday

MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21–27

Rv 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear...The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."

EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013



HAPPY *Mother's Day*

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign



It's time for the **Pregnancy Centre's annual Baby Bottle Campaign!** Since our churches are open this year, we are doing a "hybrid" campaign:

Option 1: You can pick up a physical baby bottle at the church on **Mother's Day weekend** (and fill it with cash or change, like you used to do before the pandemic) and bring it back on **Father's Day weekend**.

Option 2: You can fill a virtual bottle instead, if that is the method you prefer. Simply go to our website: www.algomapregnancy.com and click on the Baby Bottle Campaign banner to donate on-line with your credit card. If you need assistance, give us a call at 705-759-9100 and we can process your credit card over the phone. E-transfers can be sent to: info@algomapregnancy.com (please indicate your name and mailing address in the message). Or, you can send a cheque in the mail to the Pregnancy Centre (177 McDougald Street, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 3A9).

Whatever option works best for you this year, we just want you to know that we are tremendously grateful for your support of the Pregnancy Centre during these past two years. Truly, we couldn't have stayed open and available to our clients during the pandemic if it wasn't for all of you who believe in this ministry. Thank you!



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