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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Quinto Domingo de Pascua Mayo

Off the Top of My Head...

Every once in a while I encounter a passage from the history of the church that just needs to be shared. Here is a passage from the Liturgy of the Hours for today, the Fifth Sunday of Easter. It was written by Saint Maximus, the fifth-century bishop of Turin. The following is edited for length.

Fr. Tom Metzger

Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism, and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth. Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord...

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: Night is almost over; day is at hand. He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven....The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it.

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Pensamiento del padre Tom.....

De vez en cuando me encuentro con un pasaje de la historia de la iglesia que necesita ser compartido. He aquí un pasaje de la Liturgia de las Horas de hoy, quinto domingo de Pascua. Este fue escrito por San Máximo, obispo de Turín del siglo V. lo siguiente está editado por su longitud. La resurrección de Cristo destruye el poder del abismo, los recién bautizados renuevan la tierra, el Espíritu Santo abre las puertas del cielo. Porque el abismo, al ver sus puertas destruidas, devuelve los muertos, la tierra, renovada, germina resucitados, y el cielo, abierto, acoge a los que ascienden. El ladrón es admitido en el paraíso, los cuerpos de los santos entran en la ciudad santa y los muertos vuelven a tener su morada entre los vivos. Así, como si la resurrección de Cristo fuera germinando en el mundo, todos los elementos de la creación se ven arrebatados a lo alto.

El abismo devuelve sus cautivos, la tierra envía al cielo a los que estaban sepultados en su seno, y el cielo presenta al Señor a los que han subido desde la tierra: así, con un solo y único acto, la pasión del Salvador nos extrae del abismo, nos eleva por encima de lo terreno y nos coloca en lo más alto de los cielos.

La resurrección de Cristo es vida para los difuntos, perdón para los pecadores, gloria para los santos. Por esto el salmista invita a toda la creación a celebrar la resurrección de Cristo, al decir que hay que alegrarse y llenarse de gozo en este día en que actuó el Señor.

La luz de Cristo es día sin noche, día sin ocaso. Escucha al Apóstol que nos dice que este día es el mismo Cristo: La noche está avanzando, el día se echa encima. La noche está avanzando, dice, porque no volverá más. Entiéndelo bien: una vez que ha amanecido la luz de Cristo, huyen las tinieblas del diablo y desaparece la negrura del pecado porque el resplandor de Cristo destruye la tenebrosidad de las culpas pasadas.

Porque Cristo es aquel Día a quien el Día, su Padre, comunica el íntimo ser de la divinidad. Él es aquel Día, que dice por boca de Salomón: Yo hice nacer en el cielo una luz inextinguible.

Así como no hay noche que siga al día celeste, del mismo modo las tinieblas del pecado no pueden seguir la santidad de Cristo. El día celeste resplandece, brilla, fulgura sin cesar y no hay oscuridad que pueda con él. La luz de Cristo luce, ilumina, destella continuamente y las tinieblas del pecado no pueden recibirla: por ello dice el evangelista Juan: La luz brilla en la tiniebla, y la tiniebla no la recibió.

Por ello, hermanos, hemos de alegrarnos en este día santo. Que nadie se sustraiga del gozo común a causa de la conciencia de sus pecados, que nadie deje de participar en la oración del pueblo de Dios, a causa del peso de sus faltas. Que nadie, por pecador que se sienta, deje de esperar el perdón en un día tan santo. Porque, si el ladrón obtuvo el paraíso, ¿cómo no va a obtener el perdón el cristiano?

CONFESSION TIMES on Saturdays-St. Mary Anderson will be 1:00-2:00 PM until further notice, to enable social distancing, Confessions will take place in the sacristy.
St. Ambrose will be 4:00-5:00 PM. St. Mary Alexandria will be 3:30-4:00 PM

HORARIO DE CONFESIÓN los sábados-St. Mary Anderson será de 1: 00-2: 00 PM hasta nuevo aviso, para permitir el distanciamiento social, las Confesiones se llevarán a cabo en la sacristía.
St. Ambrose será de 4:00-5:00 PM.
St. Mary Alexandria será de 3:30-4:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	May 3	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Poor Souls David Papai
Tuesday	May 4	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Grant Lierman
Wednesday	May 5	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Poor Souls Charles Mack Betty Brownfield
Thursday	May 6	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Dec'd of George Mehling Family Dennis Coppock
Friday	May 7	8:00 AM 8:10 AM	St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Nancy Payton Poor Souls
Saturday	May 8	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Johnie Masters Betty Duffy Ryan Warner
Sunday	May 9	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Veniero Ippolito Diana Boyer Pro Populo Poor Souls

Bulletin Deadline: To have announcements published in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate Bulletin, please email them to stambrose2801@gmail.com by Thursday at 12:00 Noon (at the latest) for publication the following week-end.

Anuncios para el boletín: Para publicar anuncios en el Boletín de la Pastora Anderson-Alexandria, envíe un correo electrónico a stambrose2801@gmail.com antes de los jueves a las 12:00 del mediodía (a más tardar) para su publicación en el fin de semana siguiente.

Spiritual Life

Eucharistic Adoration This Sunday

Adoration will begin after the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Ambrose. A bilingual rosary will be prayed at 3:30 PM. Closing will be at 4:00 PM.

Rosary at the Grotto (St. Mary, Alexandria) May through October

Everyone is invited to join the parishioners of St. Mary, Alexandria for our annual Rosary at the Grotto event which starts **May 13th at 7:00 PM**. This outdoor prayer event is held on the **13th of each month from May through October at 7:00 PM**. Plan to gather at the outside parish grotto (to the west of the school playground) to recite the rosary for the intentions of Our Blessed Mother and to pray for peace in the world. This year, to commemorate the Year of St. Joseph, we also plan to recite a litany to St. Joseph.

Bring blankets and/or your lawn chairs and be sure to dress for outdoor weather. In case of stormy weather, the rosary will be recited in the church.

40 Days For Life

The 2021 Spring Campaign is completed. 755 lives of unborn babies saved. 11 abortion workers have left the abortion industry. And 3 more abortion facilities are now closed.

Rosaries Before Masses in May (St. Mary, Alexandria)

All are welcome to join the St. Joseph's Helpers and Daughters of Mary in reciting the rosary before all weekend Masses at St. Mary, Alexandria. The rosary recitations will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of each Saturday and Sunday Masses during the month of May. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us! St. Joseph, pray for us!

"In Memory of ..." Poster Project

Each year in November, the Daughters of Mary create a presentation of all parishioner and loved ones who passed away in that year. Posters will be on display throughout the month of November in the Narthex of St. Mary, Alexandria. Submit obituaries or prayer cards for friends and family who are near and far. This project is not limited to parishioners of St. Mary parish who have passed away. Send notices to coordinator Peggy Clabaugh, 10926 N. Pugh Street, Alexandria, IN 46001. You can also look for a basket in the Narthex where you can place your notices for the project throughout the year. Contact Peggy at 765-617-7567 if you have any questions.

Volunteers Needed:

St. Mary Anderson Parishioner needs a ride to 4:00 Mass. If you are available please call them at (765) 643-0238.

Panera Bread Ministry

We are looking for more volunteers to help pick up bread on Friday nights at Panera at 8:45 PM. They give you the leftover bread from that day and you take it to St. Mary's Anderson school annex. If you are interested in being in a rotation with the other two teams it would be appreciated. Call Anita at St. Ambrose 644-5956 for more information.

Community News

Mothers' Day Bake Sale (St. Mary, Alexandria May 8-9)

Our bakers are back! Help to satisfy your sweet tooth and help the Daughters of Mary to raise money to support upcoming parish and school activities. Come to Zimmer Hall after Masses Mother's Day weekend (May 8-9) to buy treats for you Mom, a special friend, or yourself. Thank you for your support!

Reminder to bakers: Drop off your donated items at least one hour before the start of each Mass. Be sure to price each item and package any smaller items (i.e., cookies, or brownies or snack mixes) as desired. All contributions are greatly appreciated!

Knights of Columbus (Located at 1225 Main St. Anderson) Don't forget the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 9th from 8:30 AM—12:30 PM. It will be eat-in or carry-out. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can purchase what we will need. Also, tell us how many in your party so that we can set-up proper seating. Reserve your spot by Monday, May 3rd, by calling the hall at 274-5311 (if no answer, leave a message with your name and phone number and someone will get back to you), or call Joe at 606-8711.

Career Opportunity: The Catholic Pastorate of Anderson-Alexandria is seeking a talented, motivated, and faith-filled person to serve as the Director of Operations for the pastorate. This person will oversee the day-to-day operations for the three parishes of the pastorate.

Any interested and qualified candidate should contact Molly Clark at mclark@dol-in.org.

This position is posted on our diocesan website at <https://www.dol-in.org/employment-opportunities>.

Parish Trash to Treasure Sale-St. Mary's Anderson School Annex

St. Mary's Parish is disposing of office furniture, toys, etc. Come and make a deal. Free will donations. Saturday, May 15th 8:00 AM—2:30 PM and Sunday, May 16th 8:30 AM—9:30 AM. You are responsible for moving your purchases. We are not accepting any items for the sale.

GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION: Any Indiana resident age 16 and older is now eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment, as are long-term care residents, some first responders and healthcare workers, and specific groups of at-risk patients. Register online at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/index.htm> or call 211. (The 211 number offers options in Spanish and English.)

OBTENGA SU VACUNACIÓN COVID-19: Cualquier residente de Indiana de 16 años o más ahora es elegible para programar una cita de vacunación, al igual que los residentes de atención a largo plazo, algunos socorristas y trabajadores de la salud, y grupos específicos de pacientes en riesgo.

Regístrese en línea en <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/index.htm> o llamando al 211. (El número 211 ofrece opciones en español e in-glés).

Pete's Pantry in Alexandria

Pete's Pantry needs a variety of food and non-food items. Special request was made for egg cartons. Plastic bags are always appreciated. Cereals, canned meats, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, and personal hygiene items are frequently needed. Donated items can be dropped off in the Narthex of St. Mary Church, Alexandria.

Monetary donations are especially appreciated to help buy items in bulk. Checks can be made out to "Pete's Pantry" and mailed directly to Pete's Pantry at the address noted below.

Reminder: Pete's Pantry—located in the Lucheran Church, 309 W. Washington St. Alexandria is open to residents of Alexandria, Summitville, and Orestes. Residents of these communities can visit the pantry up to 3 times each month. Current hours of operation: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9:30 AM-11:00 AM. Call Pete's Pantry at (765) 724-7566 for more information.

Taking Orders for Grotto Sidewalk Memorial Bricks

St. Mary (Alexandria) has a lovely memorial sidewalk that leads to our grotto. Many bricks of this sidewalk are engraved with the names of former pastors, teachers, family members, and parishioners of St. Mary Church and School. To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the parish, you may order memorial bricks which will be installed in this special sidewalk later this year. Consider ordering a brick as a gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, or just to remember a loved one and former parishioner. Look for order forms in the Narthex of St. Mary (Alexandria). Each brick costs \$50 (which covers the engraving and installation materials). Orders accepted until June 30th. Checks can be made out to St. Mary with "Memorial Bricks" noted on the memo line.

Donations Accepted for the Care of the Grotto

The Daughters of Mary and other volunteers maintain the grotto plants, flowers, and mulch each year. Donations always welcome from parishioners who might want to support the maintenance and update to the grotto. Checks can be made out to St. Mary Church with "D of M Grotto" in the memo. Cash donations should be put in envelopes labeled "D of M Grotto." May St. Mary and St. Joseph bless you for your support! The D of M ministry appreciates your help in defraying these costs.

Mulching Project for the Grotto

Contact parishioner Jackie Maynard (765-278-6915) if you would be available to purchase and deliver 20 bags of black mulch to the area near the grotto by May 11th. You will be reimbursed through the generous donations received for the grotto maintenance. Volunteers will also be available to spread the mulch. Just need a strong person to purchase then deliver the mulch up near the grotto area.

Everyone is working hard to make this grotto look its best! Thanks to ALL who are helping with this yearly project!

Let us praise Christ the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day of Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1st. Consider praying the following prayer or another Litany to St. Joseph.

In Praise of Saint Joseph

Joseph, patron saint of workers,
blending skill with charity,
silent carpenter, we praise you!
Joining work with honesty,
you taught Christ with joy to labor,
sharing his nobility.

Joseph, close to Christ and Mary,
lived with them in poverty,
shared with them their home and labor,
worked with noble dignity.
May we seek God's will as you did,
leader of his family!

Joseph, inspiration for workers,
man of faith and charity,
make us honest, humble, faithful,
strong with Christ's true liberty,
Make our labor and our leisure
fruitful to eternity!



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