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PRELUDE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The Mass begins with the Processional Hymn.
The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a kiss.
The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence.*
STAND

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* Hymn 144

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (10:30 am only) Pew Missal, page 186

✠. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

✠. The Lord be with you. **R. And with your spirit.**

SPRINKLING RITE (10:30 am only) Pew Missal, page 172

*In place of the Penitential Act, water and salt are blessed and
sprinkled on us as a reminder of our baptism.*

At the 4:30 pm & 8:00 am Mass:

PENITENTIAL ACT Pew Missal, page 4

KYRIE *Sancta Maria Magdalena* Pew Missal, page 30

GLORIA *Heritage* Pew Missal, back page

*The Gloria begins by echoing the song of the angels at the birth of Christ:
"Glory to God in the highest!"
In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs
in offering praise and adoration to the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.*

COLLECT

*The Introductory Rites conclude with the Opening Prayer, also called the Collect.
The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence,
proclaims the prayer of the day. The Opening Prayer gives a context for the celebration.*

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we
may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

*In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word.
The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation.*

READINGS Pew Missal, page 186

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED **STAND** Pew Missal, page 10

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL ✠. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord hear our prayer.**

*The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful.
The gathered assembly intercedes with God on behalf of the Church,
the world, and themselves, entrusting their needs to the faithful and loving God.*

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Pew Missal, back page

SIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET, 11 10 11 10



1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



1. Wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
2. Think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
3. He that for three days in the grave had lain;
4. Your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



1. Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
2. Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
3. Raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
4. Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



- 1.-4. Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John M.C. Crum, 1872-1958.

Music: French traditional carol.

ORATE FRATRES

Pew Missal, page 11 STAND

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May our offerings rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Pew Missal, page 11

SANCTUS

Sancta Maria Magdalena

Pew Missal, page 35

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Prayer I - page 11; II - page 14; III - page 15

MEM. ACCLAMATION

ICEL Chant- Save us...

Pew Missal, page 39

STANDCOMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

Pew Missal, page 17

THE PEACE

Pew Missal, page 18

AGNUS DEI

Sancta Maria Magdalena

Pew Missal, page 36

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Pew Missal, page 18

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion are inside the front cover of the Pew Missal.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Pew Missal, page 188

COMMUNION HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Hymn 82

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

STAND

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pew Missal, page 19

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL Pew Missal, page 535

MARIAN ANTIPHON *Regina Caeli*

Hymn 234

POSTLUDE

The Shape of the Liturgy

Something Different – The Book of Revelation

For the entire liturgical season of the fifth days of Easter, our Second Readings at Mass on Sundays are taken from the very last book on the New Testament – the Book of Revelation. The author of this book was undoubtedly the Apostle John, the apostle whom Scripture tells us was “beloved” of Jesus. Although some scripture scholars debate about who the author was, we can know for certain who he was simply because the book is in the New Testament. As the canon (or list of contents) of the New Testament was developing in the earliest Church – which did not take the final form we have today until 397 AD – the criteria for inclusion was that the book had to be by an Apostle or by someone who was closely associated with one of the apostles, e.g. the Gospel of Mark, and Mark was not an apostle. However, he acted as “secretary” to the Apostle Peter, so that his Gospel contains the sermons of the apostle, and is thus included in the New Testament canon. The book of Revelation itself was probably written in the late 1st century, the AD 90’s. Although John literally wrote it, the Book makes it clear that the source of the revelations is Jesus (Rev. 1:1-2).

The Book of Revelation itself makes for both interesting and perplexing reading. Interesting because in chapter 1 we are told of the final days of St. John who was in exile on the small island of Patmos just off the coast of Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and of the seven churches there. Then, chapters 2 and 3 offer us a critique of the seven churches in Asia Minor - their triumphs and failings, with a warning to each congregation to repent. Some of these seven churches were sound in the faith, others St. John wrote, were dead. But perhaps the most pathetic of these churches was surely the one in the town of Laodicea. Of them St. John writes, “You are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth!” (Rev. 3:14-15) The advice in these letters is prophetic, and certainly serves as a warning for us today of the snares that can lure us away from our faith.



These churches and their deficiencies can often symbolize churches even today in one respect or another. For myself, after serving as a pastor for over forty years in eight different parishes, I can testify to the trust of what St. John tells us. For the vast majority of those years, I was blessed to serve parishes which were indeed healthy in their Faith. There were a couple though, that sometimes I thought I could smell the “smoke of Satan” in the Church of which Pope St. Paul VI spoke. (This omits the two-year stint when I served as Anglican Bishop’s Chaplain to the Bishop of Lake Malawi, 1975-1977, in Central Africa. But that is a story for another time.)

Finally, for the remaining chapters 4-22 of Revelation, may I suggest you get a good commentary and work through some of it. You may be surprised at the rewards you will receive. After all, if the early Church Fathers put Revelation into the New Testament, it needs also to be part of our “working canon”.

-Fr. James Ramsey

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 28-29**

We will have a bake sale on the weekend of May 28th & 29th after all Masses, in front of the Rectory, to help with supply costs for our **2022 Vacation Bible School** entitled: *Hearts on Fire*.

CAN YOU BRING A BAKED ITEM to help us out? Drop it off the day of the bake sale or contact Marie Immenhauser at 572-3863 for more information. Thank you!!

**BAKE SALE****PARISH FESTIVAL IN
CUERO****THIS SUNDAY, MAY 22**

St. Michael Catholic Church in Cuero is having their Spring Festival on the parish grounds this Sunday. A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served for \$12.00 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Come enjoy a fun time!



The quilters are in need of old or broken jewelry and 8x10 or 11x14 frames (without the glass) for the Harvest Bazaar Craft Sale.

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING****THURSDAY, MAY 26 FROM 6-8 PM**

Please join our Volunteer training session for The Bethlehem Maternity Home and Mother & Baby Outreach Services

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5TH SUNDAY ROSARY**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 29**

The 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY is one event within the Knights of Columbus Rosary Program which encourages devotion to Mary, the patroness of the order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in the community and family. In the months of the year which have 5 Sundays, a rosary is prayed on the last weekend of the month, 30 minutes prior to each mass. This month the KC's invite parishioners and visitors to join in praying the rosary before the masses on May 28th & 29th.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO**
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE COLUMBUS HALL

The Knights of Columbus Council #1329 has its Bingo Night every Wednesday evening at the Columbus Hall (3610 N Ben Wilson; Airline at Ben Wilson). The hall opens at 5:00pm. Dollar Dauber Games start at 5:30pm. Bingo Games from 7:00pm until 10:00pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks are available. Outside food and drinks are not allowed. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For more information, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214. Come out, have fun and meet friends!



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, May 21 **Saturday of the 5th Week of Easter**

4:30 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Al Bomba †
5:30 pm Confession Cecilia Janak

Sunday, May 22 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Daniel Vrana †
Eugene Vrana †

9:15 - 10:00 am Confession

9:30 am Holy Face Devotions - Chapel

10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

Monday, May 23 **Monday of the 6th Week of Easter**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Raymond Farris &
Rosetta Trahan †

12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary

Tuesday, May 24 **Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: John B. Sala, Jr. †
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary
3:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution at the Annex
3:00 - 4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel
6:30 pm Choir Practice in the Church

Wednesday, May 25 **Wednesday of the 6th Week of Easter**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
11:45 am Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the Church
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Robert Parson †
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary
7:00 pm Troops of St. George
7:00 pm Confession

Thursday, May 26 **Memorial of Saint Philip Neri**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Quilt and Craft Corner in the Annex
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Sam, Mary & Robert Hyak †
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary

Friday, May 27 **Friday of the 6th Week of Easter**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
8:10 am Nazareth Academy Mass Intention: Theresa Wearden †
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Barbara Supak †
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary

Saturday, May 28 **Saturday of the 6th Week of Easter**

4:30 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Michael Tipton †
5:30 pm Confession William & Allison Tagliabue †

Sunday, May 29 **The Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Mike Donalson †
Kasper Lyssy †

9:15 - 10:00 am Confession

9:30 am Holy Face Devotions - Chapel

10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

† symbol indicates the deceased

OFFERTORY GIFTS

May 9-15

Sunday Collection.....\$5,721.40
On-line giving.....\$ 915.00
Total.....\$6,636.40
Amount needed weekly to meet budget:
\$8,085.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat., May 14th at 4:30 pm.....128
Sun., May 9th at 8:00 am.....89
Sun., May 9th at 10:30 am.....170
Total.....387

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