

The Catholic Community of

Saint Joseph

Masses

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.; Sunday – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish: Sunday – 1:30 p.m. Holy Days: Check inside of bulletin.
Weekdays: Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15 a.m.
Confessions: By Appointment Only

“In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people.”

Parish Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

- ◆ **PARISH STAFF:** Rev. James Hatfield, *Pastor*; Deacon Ronald Fondriest, *Retired*; Ms. Brenda Stilgenbauer, *Pastoral Associate*; Ms. Cindy Teynor, *Director of Religious Education*; Mrs. Kateri Renicker, *Religious Education Secretary*; Mr. Matthew Nadalin, *Director of Music Ministry*; Mrs. Jodi Lindberg, *Bookkeeper*; Mrs. Betty Bidinger, *Coordinator of Family Life Center*; Mr. Russ Clay & Mr. Coleman Boring, *Church and Cemetery Maintenance*; and Mr. Neal Kwasnicka, *Custodian*.
- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Mr. Brian Bauer, Mr. Chris Chaney, Mr. Mark Clemence, Mr. Jack Dooling, Mr. Dennis Gonano, Mr. Jan-Michael LaBrake, Mrs. Brenda Pope, Mr. Frank Rose, Mr. Joe Sciarretti.
- ◆ **MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** – Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office.
- ◆ **BAUTISMOS** – Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.
- ◆ **NEW PARISHIONERS** – Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.
- ◆ **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Parish Office:
330-364-6661

**After Hours
Emergency Line:**
330-364-6662

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330-602-7488

Youth Ministry:
330-364-6661

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330-432-0811

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Catholic Elementary
School:**
330-343-9134

**Tuscarawas Central
Catholic High School:**
330-343-3302

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 8 and 9, 2021
Mayo 8 y 9, del 2021



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 10

No Mass

Readings: 291: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 11

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Dale Wherley

Readings: 292: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 12

8:15 a.m. Richard and Terence Capozella

Readings: 293: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 13

8:15 a.m. Martha Beraducci

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 294: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98/Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 14

8:15 a.m. Joe Dick

Readings: 564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday, May 15

The Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Jose Z. Samson

Sunday, May 16

The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Carmella Urfer

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

1:30 p.m. Isidro Robles (Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 58: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23/
Mk 16:15-20

Offertory for May 1 and 2, 2021

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 1,833.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 9,169.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,390.00
Total	\$12,392.00
Contributions needed each week	\$12,192.00
Other Funds:	
Poor Fund	\$ 542.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 65.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 50.00
Other Collections	\$ 100.00

**Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph
Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.
Thank you for your generosity!**

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, May 11 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo

Wednesday, May 12 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, May 13 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, May 14 – 8:15 a.m. – Mike Finley

May 15 and 16, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Lector: Lyle Tope

Ushers: Mary DeBois, Steve DeBois, Kateri Renicker,
Roy Montan

Server: Cade Renicker

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Mike Finley

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,
Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell, Joanne Hamilton,
Milt Hamilton

Server: John Chaney

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Mike Ernest

Ushers: Jim Elco, Mary Elco, George Kail,
Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti

Server: Peyton Olson

**The Church also will be open for individual prayer on
Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. until Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday following 8:15 a.m. Mass until 1:00 p.m.

Thursday following 8:15 a.m. Mass until 1:00 p.m.

Friday following 8:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until Mass begins at 4:00 p.m.

**Confessions are available by appointment, please call
the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a time.**



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

**Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound,
and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping
with physical or mental conditions.**

**Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked
for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.**

Spiritual Notes:

In the Gospel today, Jesus continues to speak to the disciples at the Last Supper. Knowing that He is about to leave them, He promises "I will not leave you orphans," pledging gifts of the Holy Spirit "to be with you always." Jesus' death and Resurrection are part of God's plan, and will lead to a deeper union between Jesus and His followers. The gift of "another Advocate" assures us of His never-ending presence. Ironically, the persecution of the church leads to its growth. In Acts, after Stephen's death, Philip, another deacon, goes to "Samaria proclaiming the Christ to them." That he is empowered by the Spirit is indicated by the fact that he speaks with power. "The crowds paid attention to what was said," and he performs miracles - exorcizing demons and healing those who are paralyzed or crippled. He is doing the work of Jesus. This evangelization leads to a visit from Peter and John who "prayed for them" and "laid hands on them," as a result of which they "received the Holy Spirit." Peter writes with an awareness that believers will "suffer for their faith." But this should not discourage us, "for Christ also suffered." We are called to be examples of integrity, practicing "gentleness and reverence," even in our dealings with those who persecute us. We are also called to be a people of hope, because Christ's suffering has a uniqueness about it that leads us to God. Christ's suffering unites us to God in a way that our suffering alone could never achieve. He died "righteous for the sake of the unrighteous."

For reflection: Do I see value in suffering in my life? In the lives of others? How do I experience the presence of the Spirit in the church?

Real Presence, Real Future Reflections:

As the Father Loves Us

"Jesus said to His disciples: 'As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.'" Christ reaches out to us as friends, inviting us to remain, to dwell, in His love. We draw close to God by loving our neighbor as Christ loves us: through self-sacrifice, trust in God, and fully giving of ourselves. We cannot do this alone. Individually and as a Church, we are brought into the life of God, healed, nourished, and sustained by Christ's real presence. In the same way Christ is with us, we are called to be truly present to one another.

To read more about how we are growing together in the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

Save the Date - August 27-28, 2021

Eucharistic Gathering

St. Joseph Cathedral - Columbus Ohio



We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together on Fridays in church at 3:00 p.m. We hope you will join us! If you are unable to attend in person, it will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

St. Joseph Church will host a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Family Life Center on Sunday, May 23rd from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Employees from the Tuscarawas County Health Department will be administering the vaccines. There is no charge for the vaccine, but registration is required. Please call the Parish Office at 330-364-6661 to register.



"Living the Joy of the Gospel," the theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the Good News of Christ to those who most need to feel His love. Works of kindness and assistance, sometimes in the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are vital in spreading His love. Next week is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. Our parish has been asked to raise \$70,289.00. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Save the Dates!

Chicken Bar-B-Que, Carry-Out Only

Sunday, May 16, 2021, 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

The cost is \$10.00 per meal and includes ½ chicken, potato, baked beans, roll and cookies.

Orders must be returned by noon Monday, May 10th.

We hope you will support this important fundraiser, while also enjoying our Festival Chicken BBQ recipe.

Order forms are available in the Parish Office.



St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 16 and 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

More information coming soon!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

We are currently passing out takeout meals for all those in need.

May 12, 2021 - Team E (Judy Burnham)

May 19, 2021 - Team F (Boy Scouts)

May 26, 2021 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)

June 2, 2021 - Team H (Cindy)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.

Thank you for your support!



Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools



School Aged Child Care Coordinator

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School in Dover is seeking a loving and dependable person to serve as the coordinator for the School-Aged Child Care Program. Requirements:

- Current BCI and FBI background checks
- Attend a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Safe Environment workshop
- Love working with children and have the ability to maintain a safe, happy, disciplined environment

Contact Matt Ritzert at mritzert@cdeducation.org.

Computer Teacher/Tech Coordinator

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School is seeking a computer teacher/technology coordinator for the 2021-22 school year. The successful candidates will assist the K to 6 classroom teachers in the instruction of the computer and technology curriculum. The successful candidate will also serve as the technology coordinator in the maintenance and operation of computer equipment and software. Candidates should possess the appropriate teaching license; have a current BCI/FBI background check; submit proof of attendance for Protecting God's Children seminar; and have completed the online teaching application for the Diocese of Columbus. Please contact Matt Ritzert with a letter of interest and résumé to mritzert@cdeducation.org.

Physical Education Teacher

Immaculate Conception School in Dennison is seeking a part-time physical education teacher. Requirements:

- Hold appropriate Ohio teaching license
- Current BCI&I and FBI background checks
- Attend a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Safe Environment seminar
- Complete the online teaching application for the Diocese of Columbus.

Contact Matt Ritzert by emailing résumé and letter of interest to mritzert@cdeducation.org.

Pre-School Aide

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a part-time aide to work in the pre-school classroom two days a week. The successful applicant must complete the Protecting God's Children workshop and background check and obtain an ODE aide permit. A high school diploma is required. We are seeking a person of good character who loves to work with children in a faith-filled environment. Experience preferred. Additional training will be required upon employment. Send a letter of interest and résumé to Matt Ritzert at mritzert@cdeducation.org.



**THE
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FOUNDATION**

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"

– John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him, we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical, out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love?

Learn how you can show your faith by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org for more information.

Other Information To Note:



Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Low Gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.



Online Giving

Online Giving. If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. To get started, please visit www.stjosephdover.org. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May 2021

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.

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Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

Month of May ~ Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

“Turn all your thoughts and aspirations to heaven. Work hard to secure for yourself a place there forever.” ~SAINT DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI

Monday, May 10 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter
Optional Memorial of Saint Damien de Veuster (of Molokai), Priest;
Optional Memorial of Saint John of Avila

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-16:4a Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. “I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you.”

Meditation: Jesus tells us much about the Holy Spirit. First, the Holy Spirit is inseparably one with the Father and the Son. It is the Holy Spirit who gives life – the very life of God – and who kindles faith in hearts receptive to God's word. The Spirit makes it possible for us to know God personally. He gives us experiential knowledge of God as our Father. The Spirit witnesses to our spirit that the Father has indeed sent his Son into the world to redeem it and has raised his Son Jesus from the dead and has seated him at his right hand in glory and power. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the knowledge, wisdom and plan of God for the ages and the Spirit enables us to see with the “eyes of faith” what the Father and the Son are doing. Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit we become witnesses to the great work of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus warned his disciples that they could expect persecution just as Jesus was opposed and treated with hostility. We have been given the Holy Spirit to help us live as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Spirit gives us courage and perseverance when we meet adversities and challenges. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in faith, hope and love and to give you courage and perseverance with hope when you meet adversities and challenges?

Prayer: Grant, O merciful God, that we may experience at all times the fruit produced by the paschal observances. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer ~ Saint Damien: Father of mercy, who gave us in Saint Damien a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned, grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of the heart of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer ~ Saint John of Avila: Almighty and eternal God, who gave your holy Church blessed John of Avila as Doctor, grant that what he taught when moved by the divine Spirit may always stay firm in our hearts; and, as by your gift we embrace him as our patron, may we also have him as our defender to entreat your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Have you ever examined whom you turn to for help and support when you most need it? True friendship is strengthened in adversity. Jesus offers his disciples the best and truest of friends. Who is this promised friend? Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our Counselor and Advocate (also translated “Paraclete” or “Helper” or “Guide”). Counselor is a legal term for the one who will defend someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life. As Jesus

approaches the hour he was to be glorified – through his death on the cross and his resurrection – he revealed more fully to his disciples the person and role of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday, May 11 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 14:6-14 Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

Meditation: What's the greatest thing we can aim for in our brief earthly life? Fame? Riches? Power? The greatest thing we can aim for is to know, love and serve God. What is the best thing we can possess in this life, bringing more joy, contentment, life and happiness, than anything else? Knowledge of God! *Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glorifies glory in this, that he understands and knows me"* (Jeremiah 9:23-24). One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the *living* God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the personal knowledge of God as our Father – the one who created us out of love, and who out of love for us sent his only son into this world – Jesus Christ – to save and redeem us.

Prayer: Grant, almighty and merciful God, that we may in truth receive a share in the Resurrection of Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us unconditionally – without reservation, unselfishly – for our sake and not his, and perfectly – without neglecting or forgetting us even for a brief moment. Jesus promises that God the Father will hear our prayers when we pray in his name. That is why Jesus taught his followers to pray with confidence, "*Our Father who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses...*" (Matthew 6:9-11; Luke 11:2-3). Do you pray to your Father in heaven with joy and confidence in his genuine love and care for you?

Wednesday, May 12 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter ***Optional Memorial of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;*** ***Optional Memorial of Saint Pancras, Martyr***

Holy Gospel: John 16:12-15 Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Meditation: Jesus told his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth who will guide you into all the truth, and declare to you the things that are to come (John 16:13). Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit poured out on the new community of faith on the day of Pentecost, we too are able to profess the same creed which the apostles proclaimed – that Jesus died, and was buried, and rose again on the third day, and will come again to judge, raise the dead, and give everlasting life (the Apostles Creed). We not only have the same faith given to the apostles and early believers, but we have the same Spirit in us who raised Jesus from the dead. The Lord Jesus gives each of us his Holy Spirit as our divine Teacher and Helper that we may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and allow his Holy Spirit to give you understanding of God's truth and will for your life?

Prayer: Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer ~ Saints Nereus and Achilleus: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who know the great courage of the glorious Martyrs Nereus and Achilleus in confessing you, may experience their loving intercession for us in your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer ~ Saint Pancras: May your Church rejoice, O God, confident in the intercession of the Martyr Saint Pancras, and by his glorious prayers may she persevere in devotion to you and stand ever firm. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: What we would all give to know all truths! Truth, however, is not something we create nor is it our discovery. It is the gift of God who is the possessor and the giver of all truth. Jesus tells his disciples that it is the role of the Holy Spirit to reveal what is true. How can this be? Skeptics of truth don't want to believe in an absolute Truth. If truth is objective then it must be submitted to as authoritative. Some fear the truth because they think it will inhibit their freedom to act and think as they wish. Jesus told his disciples that the truth will set you free (John 8:32). The truth liberates us from doubts, illusions, and fears. Since God is the source of all truth, then the closer we draw to him and listen to his word, the more we grow in the knowledge of him and of his great love and wisdom for us.

Thursday, May 13 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter ***Our Lady of Fatima***

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:27-28 As Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Meditation: When an admirer wished to compliment Jesus by praising his mother, Jesus did not deny the truth of the blessing she pronounced. Her "beatitude" (which means "blessedness" or "happiness") recalls Mary's canticle: All generations will call me blessed (Luke 1:48). Jesus adds to her words by pointing to the source of all true blessedness or happiness - union with God in heart, mind, and will. Mary humbly submitted herself to the miraculous plan of God for the incarnation of his only begotten Son - the Word of God made flesh in her womb, by declaring: I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:38). Mary heard the word spoken to her by the angel and she believed it.

Prayer: O God, who chose the Mother of your Son to be our Mother also, grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world, we may further more effectively each day the reign of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima: O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Prayers of Petition: Send your prayer requests via e-mail to the Shrine of our Lady of the Rosary in Fatima, Portugal; visit the Shrine web page: <https://www.fatima.pt/en/pages/prayer-requests>

Contemplation: Our ultimate goal in life, the very reason we were created in the first place, is not to attend a certain university, have a particular job, live at a certain address with a particular car parked in the driveway. No, our ultimate goal is to get to heaven where we may experience complete union with God. We were made for God and our hearts are restless until they rest in him. Saint Lucian of Antioch, an early Christian theologian and martyr, once said that "a Christian's only relatives are the saints." Those who follow Jesus Christ and who seek the will of God enter into a new family, a family of "saints" here on earth and in heaven. Jesus changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God and his kingdom. As in "those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28) and those who are "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Think about it!

Friday, May 14 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17 Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. 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. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Meditation: Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never out give God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

Prayer: O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles, grant us, through his intercession, that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us, we may merit to be numbered among the elect. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

Saturday, May 15 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Optional Memorial of Saint Isidore the Farmer

Today is a fitting day for all of us to pray for those who work the land, grow crops, raise farm animals, and all who provide for the food that is on our tables.

Holy Gospel: John 16:23b-28 Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. I have told you this in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but I will tell you clearly about the Father. On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you. For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

Prayer ~ Saint Isidore the Farmer: Lord God, to whom belongs all creation, and who call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us, inspire us by the example of Saint Isidore to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of all people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Farmers to Saint Joseph: O glorious Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, you did provide for the Holy Family. We commit to your protection all of our crops and farm industries. Deign, we beseech you, to intercede in our behalf with Almighty God, Who rules the seasons, so that our fields being safe from pests and favored by the weather may yield abundant crops that will allow us to supply the wants of life. Thus freed from earthly worries may we after your example apply all our thoughts to eternal life. We beseech you to instill a love of the land into the hearts of our youth for their own salvation and that of Christian unity so that we may all share hereafter in the same blissful life you enjoy in heaven. Amen.

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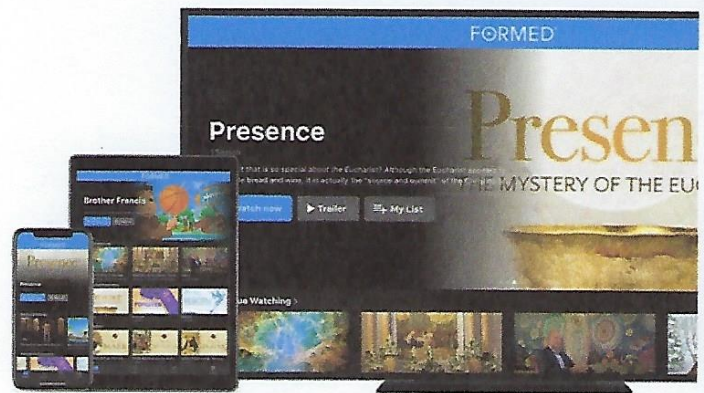
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**Iglesias San José
Ministerios Hispanos
Sexto Domingo de Pascua
9 de Mayo del 2021**



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	Mayo 16	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Mayo 23	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones con cita previa.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Mayo 2021

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Reflexiones Presencia Real, Futuro Real

Como el Padre Nos Ama

“Jesús dijo a Sus discípulos: ‘Así como el Padre me ama, así también yo los amo a ustedes. Permanezcan en mi amor.’” Cristo se acerca a nosotros como amigos, invitándonos a permanecer, a vivir, en Su amor. Nos acercamos a Dios amando a nuestro prójimo como Cristo nos ama: mediante el sacrificio personal, la confianza en Dios y la entrega plena de nosotros mismos. No podemos hacer esto solos. Individualmente y como Iglesia, somos llevados a la vida de Dios, sanados, nutridos y sostenidos por la presencia real de Cristo. De la misma manera que Cristo está con nosotros, estamos llamados a estar verdaderamente presentes los unos a los otros.

Para leer más acerca de cómo estamos creciendo juntos en la vida de fe y discipulado en la Diócesis de Columbus, por favor visite: www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

Notas Espirituales

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús sigue hablando a los discípulos en la Última Cena. Sabiendo que Él está a punto de dejar a ellos, Él promete, “No los dejaré huérfanos,” prometió el don del Espíritu Santo “para estar con ustedes siempre.”

Muerte y resurrección de Jesús son parte del plan de Dios y dará lugar a una unión más profunda entre Jesús y sus seguidores. El don de “otro Defensor” nos asegura su presencia nunca acabar.

Irónicamente, la persecución de la iglesia conduce a su crecimiento. En Hechos, después de la muerte de Esteban, Felipe y otro diácono, va a “Samaria... (proclamando) el Cristo a ellos.”

Que él es el poder del Espíritu se indica por el hecho de que habla con el poder. “La multitud prestaba atención a lo que se decía,” y él hace milagros, exorcizar demonios y sanando a los que están paralizados o lisiado. Él está haciendo la obra de Jesús. Esta evangelización lleva a la visita de Pedro y Juan, que “oró por ellos” y “puso las manos sobre ellos,” como resultado de lo cual “recibían el Espíritu Santo.”

Pedro escribe con un conocimiento que los creyentes van a sufrir por su fe. Pero esto no nos debe desanimar, “Porque también Cristo padeció.” Estamos llamados a ser ejemplos de la integridad, la práctica de la “mansedumbre y respeto,” incluso en nuestro trato con los que nos persiguen. Nosotros también estamos llamados a ser un pueblo de esperanza, porque el sufrimiento de Cristo tiene un carácter único en él que nos lleva a Dios. El sufrimiento de Cristo nos une a Dios de una manera que nuestro sufrimiento no bastaría para lograr. Él murió, “el justo por el bien de los injustos.”

***Para la reflexión:** ¿Veo valor en el sufrimiento en mi vida? En la vida de los demás? ¿Cómo puedo experimentar la presencia del Espíritu en la iglesia?*



Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

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