



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

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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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.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 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

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES Arrangements should be made through the Parish
Office at least eight months before any other planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS 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. *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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have bulletin
announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or
e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 6 and 7, 2023
6 y 7 de Mayo del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 8

No Mass

Readings: 285: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 9

6:00 p.m. The Special Intention of Mary Salvo

Readings: 286: Acts 14: 19-28/Ps 145/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 10

8:15 a.m. Kathy Thomas

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 287: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 11

8:15 a.m. The Special Intention of Rosie Manus

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 288: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96/Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 12

8:15 a.m. Donald Metzger

Readings: 289: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 13

The Vigil The Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members
of the Ianelli Family

Sunday, May 14

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Jose Z. Samson

11:00 a.m. Richard Figuly

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (**Spanish Mass**)

Readings: 55: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66/1 Pt 3:15-18/
Jn 14:15-21

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, May 9 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, May 10 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, May 11 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, May 12 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

May 13, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Quillen – 1st Lector

Debby Tristano – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Erin Neff, Beth Cecil,

Kateri DeBois, Bill Bartz, Jackie Hostetler,

Janice Cosenza

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker, Alex Utuy

May 14, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Lyle Tope – 1st Lector

Mike Finley – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Michael LaBrake,

Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio, John Kuczirka,

Sharon Kuczirka, Doug Telle, Jeannine Kennedy

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Piper Olson

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Sally Dooling – 1st Lector

Mike Ernest – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,

Dan Galbraith, Cathy Galbraith, Mary Elco,

Mark Clemence, Marcus Clemence

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry and Linda Clawson,

Beth Ernest

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Nick Civiello, Megan Martinez

Offertory for April 29 and 30, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,866.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,385.00
Online Giving	\$ 565.00
Total	\$ 7,816.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 132.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 125.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 175.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 75.00
Other Collections	\$ 130.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



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 Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

Spiritual Notes

Today in Acts, Luke narrates the origin of the office of deacons. As the community of believers grows, the Apostles find themselves overwhelmed. Their numbers include so many needy that they don't have time to preach: "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table." This is also causing stress between the Hellenist (Greek speaking) Christians and the Hebrew Christians. The situation leads to the selection of the first seven deacons, reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, who can handle the task of the daily distribution. This frees up the Apostles to devote more time to preaching the word of God, which continued to spread. The letter of Peter reminds us that there are two possible responses to Christ Jesus: acceptance or rejection. For those who reject Him, there is judgment. He is a rock that will make them fall, the writer says. As believers, we are called to be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices. God has called us to be a people of His own, the writer tells us, echoing the election of Israel in the Book of Exodus. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to stand firm in our faith. "You have faith in God; have faith also in Me." Speaking to His disciples at the Last Supper, He calls them to a deeper union with Him and the Father. It is through Jesus that we are united with the Father, and He tells us that He is going to the Father to prepare a place for us.

For reflection: The story of the first deacons shows us that the work of God needs to be shared among ministers. Do I invite others to share in the work of the church? How does my faith enable me to share in the work of Jesus?

Please keep in your prayers Jerry Bryan, age 78 who died on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

And Ivan Vinkovich, age 92, who died on Friday, April 28, 2023.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please also keep their families in your prayers.

Save the Date

Sunday, June 25, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass, followed by dinner at the Union Country Club. Everyone is invited! More information coming soon!



On Saturday, May 6th the following members of our parish received their First Holy Eucharist.

Karina Ajanel Ixcoy	Jarritte Miller
Brennan Bowe	Lila Moore
Harper Dinninger	Emily Neff
Alivia Gilmore	Ariana Ortiz Godoy
John Hernandez Calel	Brandon Ortiz Godoy
Ana Hernandez Sica	Miguel Oxlaj Pelico
Karla Huinac Santiago	Victor Oxlaj Pelico
Hannah Huston	Brevyn Schumacher
Heidi Kubena	Noelia Sica
Roxany Lopez Baten	

Congratulations and God's blessings to you!

"Mark Your Calendars!"

May 8th

TCCES May Crowning
Church – 1:00 p.m.

May 17th

St. Joseph Seniors
Manor Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

May 21st

Confirmation
Mass – 3:00 p.m.

May 29th

Parish Office Closed

June 2nd

First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00 p.m.

June 2nd

Last day of school

July 4th

Parish Office Closed

July 14th and 15th

St. Joseph Festival

Youth Ministry News

Sunday, May 7th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Family Life Center
Guest speaker – Jeremiah Jones, Music Director

Sunday, May 21st

No Meeting

July 7th to July 9th

Franciscan Youth Conference



Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. This will be Bishop Fernandes' first trip to our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend! A reception will follow in the Family Life Center.

The Memorare Mom's Group will continue to meet in the Family Life Center during on Friday mornings after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All mothers of school-aged children and younger are invited to attend.

175th Anniversary! We need your help!

Do you have photos from parish events in the past?

We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. We are also looking for mementos that you may willing to share to display the Anniversary Dinner, they will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.



Our next drawing will be
Wednesday, May 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Each drawing will be livestreamed!!



"FORWARD WITH JESUS" We are moving forward in the Light of Christ Jesus and ever more dependent on our Lord who is with us always. The Appeal is a major source of funding for evangelization, vocations, Catholic school tuition assistance, and social concerns efforts throughout the diocese. Your contributions help diocesan ministries and services in providing a path to move forward. Our parish goal is \$69,680.00, please prayerfully consider your gift today and contribute to The Appeal. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need; the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

May 10, 2023 – Team L (Chrissie Hensel)

May 17, 2023 – Team M (Fran Mason)

May 24, 2023 – Team O (Pat Figuly)

May 31, 2023 – Team A (Dooling/Comg)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit	Applesauce
Canned peas	Rice
Canned Baked Beans	Cereal

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

Discipleship Quads

Grow as a disciple and form other disciples.

Are you interested in forming a Quad?

A Discipleship Quad is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversation, and learning. This 12-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. For more information, please contact Judy Burnham at 330-340-2077 or the Parish Office.

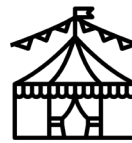
National Shrine of St. Dymphna

St. Mary's Catholic Church

206 Cherry Road NE, Massillon, Ohio.

Sunday, May 21, 2023

You are invited to come celebrate St. Dymphna's Feast Day. Veneration and Novena beginning at 1:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 2:00 p.m. Following Mass, there will be light refreshments and fellowship in the school gym.



St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 14 and 15, 2023,

5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Booth Chairpersons, we will have a Festival Committee Meeting, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Festival Sponsors

If you or your company are interested in becoming Festival Sponsors, we are accepting donations. For more information, please contact Milt Hamilton or the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Festival, please contact Joe and Sarah Sciarretti, or you may call the Parish Office.

More information coming soon!

L.C.B.A. and the St. Joseph Crafty Ladies are accepting donations for the Fancy Booth at the Festival. Please bring your handmade items, arts, crafts, jewelry or other creations to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

If you would like to volunteer to work at the Festival, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone _____

Where you would like to work: _____

Available day and times: _____

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)

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor His Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor Him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek – Jesus, her Son.” ~SAINT LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT

Monday, May 8 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 14:21-26 Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, “Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

Meditation: God’s love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us for love – to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us. How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord’s abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God’s word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

Prayer: May your right hand, O Lord, we pray, encompass your family with perpetual help, so that, defended from all wickedness by the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, we may make our way by means of your heavenly gifts. 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.

Contemplation: Do you know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself (Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus’ last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father’s love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine says “the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love.”

Tuesday, May 9 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 14:27-31a Jesus said to his disciples: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me.”

Meditation: Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less. Jesus also speaks of his destination and ultimate triumph over the powers of evil in the world. In the eyes of the world the cross stood for shame, humiliation, and defeat. Jesus went to the cross knowing that it would lead to victory over the powers of sin and of Satan. Jesus also knew that he would return to his Father in glory. The cross brought glory to Jesus and to the Father and it is our

way to glory as well. In the Cross of Christ we find true peace and reconciliation with God. Do you live in the peace of Jesus Christ?

Prayer: O God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, grant your people constancy in faith and hope, that we may never doubt the promises of which we have learned from you. 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.

Contemplation: Do you know the peace which passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the one true peace which conquers all of our fears and anxieties. Do you seek his peace before other sources of peace which are fleeting at best?

Wednesday, May 10 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter **Optional Memorials: Saint Damien of Molokai; Saint John of Avila**

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8 Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Meditation: People often wonder why Jesus speaks of himself as the "true vine?" The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "as his choice vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "yielded wild grapes" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "degenerate and wild vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Prayer: O God, restorer and lover of innocence, direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself, that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief may never stray from the light of your truth. 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.

Prayer ~ Saint Damien of Molokai: 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, 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, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or

non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's abiding presence with you?

Thursday, May 11 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

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 outgive 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, by whose grace, though sinners, we are made just and, though pitiable, made blessed, stand, we pray, by your works, stand by your gifts, that those justified by faith may not lack the courage of perseverance. 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.

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?

Friday, May 12 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 15:12-17 Jesus said to his disciples: "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: Jesus defines friendship, the mutual bond of trust and affection between two or more people, as the willingness to give totally of oneself even to the point of dying for one's friends. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying. God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. He loved us so much, some might even mistakenly say too much, by giving us the best of all gifts, the offering of his beloved Son who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God gave up his Son so that we might become his sons and daughters, his adopted children (Romans 8:14-17).

Prayer: Grant us, Lord, we pray, that, being rightly conformed to the paschal mysteries, what we celebrate in joy may protect and save us with perpetual power. 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.

Contemplation: Jesus called his disciples his "friends." Jesus not only showed his disciples that he cared for them. He enjoyed their company. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them – even his most intimate thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus is to know God and to understand the love and friendship God offers each one of us. One of the special marks of favor shown in the scriptures is to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the "friend of God" (Isaiah 41:8). God

speaks with Moses "as a man speaks with his friend" (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, in turn, calls the disciples his "friends" rather than his servants. Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. Friendship is based on love, and love must be reciprocal. Do you love Christ as much as he loves you? If not, why not?

Saturday, May 13 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Send your prayer requests to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal:
<https://www.fatima.pt/en/pages/prayer-requests>

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.

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!

ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Today marks 106 years of the Fatima apparitions, and an opportunity to reflect deeply again upon their message. Fatima calls us to conversion, and a daily turning away from sin. In order to convert the unrepentant, the Angel first taught the children the great value of intercessory prayer. Underscoring the importance of our intercession, the only thing the Virgin Mary requested at all six appearances was for us to pray the Rosary, every day. She told them that our prayers can help save souls, "Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them." It is not only intercessory prayer, but also our intercessory sacrifices and sufferings that are efficacious. By virtue of our Baptisms, we are all brought into the Body of Christ and partake in His priesthood, as part of the common priesthood of the faithful. Acting in our priestly role, we can offer ourselves up as "spiritual sacrifices" acceptable to God and in atonement for sins (CCC 1141). The Virgin Mary also asked us to make reparation through devotion to her Immaculate Heart and the "First Five Saturdays" devotion. Our Lady promised Sister Lucia, "to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation" those who will practice this devotion of Confession, Eucharist, recitation of the Rosary, and meditation upon its mysteries. On this 100th anniversary of Fatima we contemplate its message and embrace its devotions.



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Diocesan Senior Citizens Day

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus, Ohio

This annual event is a great opportunity of prayer, food and fellowship with senior citizens from the Diocese of Columbus. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Registrations are requested by June 20th. For more information, please contact the Office of Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

Diocese of Columbus Museum and History

Night at the Museum (May 20, 5:00-9:00 p.m.): Have you seen the movie *Night At The Museum*? Come join us for a fun night of experiencing history come alive. Learn about the Catholic Church throughout the centuries through art and stories. You may be surprised at whom you will meet. Located downtown Columbus near St. Joseph Cathedral at 257 E. Broad Street, Columbus. We hope to see you there! For more information, contact the Museum at 614-618-4030 or info@catholicmuseum.org.



Other Information To Note:

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

Homebound and Shut-in Ministry

Do you know of anyone who is currently homebound and not able to get to Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist weekly? Our Eucharistic Ministers are honored to visit with them. It can be temporary or long-term needs. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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.

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.

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St. Joseph Cemetery

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May 2023

For church movements and groups
We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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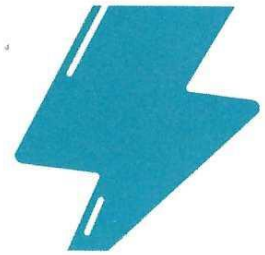
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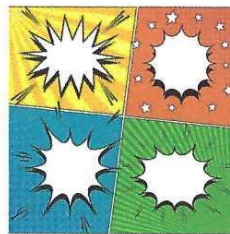


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Misas en Español

Domingo	14 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	21 de Mayo	1:00 p.m.
Domingo	28 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

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 2023

Por los movimientos y grupos eclesiales
Oremos para que los movimientos y grupos eclesiales
redescubran cada día su misión evangelizadora,
poniendo sus propios carismas al servicio de las
necesidades del mundo.



Horario de los Coros

14 de Mayo	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
21 de Mayo	Reina de Los Ángeles
28 de Mayo	El Nuevo Sembrador
4 de Junio	Seguidores de Cristo
11 de Junio	Mensajeros de Cristo
18 de Junio	El Nuevo Sembrador
25 de Junio	Seguidores de Cristo

Notas Espirituales

Hoy en Hechos, Lucas narra el origen del oficio de los diáconos. A medida que la comunidad de los creyentes crece, los apóstoles se encuentran abrumados. Sus números son tantos necesitados que no tienen tiempo para predicar: "No es justo que nosotros dejemos la palabra de Dios para servir en la mesa." Esto también están causando el estrés entre los helenistas (de habla griega) los cristianos y los hebreos (que hablan hebreo ó arameo). La situación lleva a elegir a los primeros siete diáconos, "hombres de buena reputación, llenos de Espíritu y de sabiduría," que puede manejar la tarea de "la distribución diaria." Esto libera a los apóstoles a dedicar más tiempo a la predicación de la palabra de Dios, que "sigue extendiéndose."

La carta de Pedro nos recuerda que hay dos respuestas posibles a Cristo Jesús: de aceptación o rechazo. Para aquellos que lo rechazan, no hay juicio. Éles "una roca que hace caer," dice el escritor. Como creyentes, estamos llamados a "ser edificados como casa espiritual/para ser un sacerdocio santo, para ofrecer sacrificios espirituales." Dios nos ha llamado a ser "un pueblo de su propia heredad," el escritor nos dice, haciéndose eco de la elección de Israel en el libro del Éxodo.

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos llama a mantenernos firmes en nuestra fe. "Tú tienes fe en Dios, creed también en mí." Hablando a sus discípulos en la Última Cena, los llama a una unión más profunda con él y con el Padre. Es a través de Jesús, que nos une con el Padre, y nos dice que él va al Padre, "a preparar lugar para" nosotros.

Para la reflexión: La historia de los primeros diáconos nos muestra que el trabajo de Dios tiene que ser compartida entre ministros. Cómo puedo invitar a otros a participar en la obra de la iglesia? ¿Cómo mi fe me permite participar en la obra de Jesús?



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.

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