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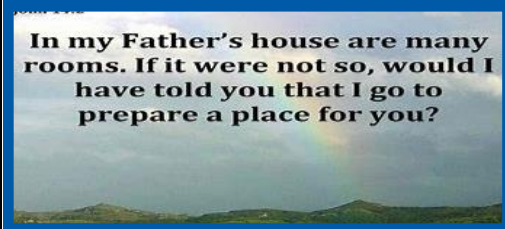
May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Where the Heart Is

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?



Some would say that the purpose of life is to save one's soul. And certainly we should try, with the grace of God, to live our lives in such a way that we avoid evil and do good in order to do our part in building God's kingdom on earth. At the same time, we must remember that it is

God who saves us. We don't save ourselves. Eternal life and happiness are by-products of loving others. If the focus of one's life is to be happy, one never achieves it. If one seeks to serve others, however, happiness seems to find us. So also eternal life. Robert Frost's "The Death of a Hired Man" is a poem about Silas, an aging drifter farmhand, and Warren and Mary, a farming couple who give Silas a room whenever he comes around.

Silas comes when he is needed the least and leaves when his presence would be most helpful, all of which frustrates Warren. In the poem Silas has returned, and Mary thinks it will be his last time, that he is dying. She says to Warren that theirs is the only home Silas has. Warren simply shakes his head as if to gently mock the idea of home: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, / They have to take you in." Mary says it differently, "I should have called it / something you somehow haven't to deserve." Is that not also the promise of Jesus? "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). something we somehow haven't to deserve.

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For Reflection

Where do you feel truly at home—and is Jesus invited?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; Acts 6:1-7

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Second Reading: You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel: "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do..." Jn 14:1-12

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:15 a.m.

HAWAIIAN MASS

Every Second Sunday

7:15 a.m.

St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

St. John the Baptist

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME!



Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Directives and Cold & Flu Guidelines

Bishop Larry Silva has decided to allow parishes to restore Holy Communion under both kinds, on Holy Thursday, April 6th, at the pastor's discretion.

As always, you are reminded to use **common sense** for your health and safety during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from coming to Mass. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matter in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from a physical expression of the sign of peace out of care of our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals Please contact the office for information about available dates *before* making arrangements with the mortuary or cemetery.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

A WORD FROM *POPE FRANCIS*

[Jesus] knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, arises from the sensation of not being able to cope, of feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. We cannot overcome this anguish alone...and this is why Jesus asks us to have faith in him, that is, to lean not on ourselves but on him.



REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 10, 2020

May is Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin

Regina Caeli

*O, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
For He whom thou didst merit to bear,
Alleluia,
Hath arisen as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Pray the Rosary Daily

SAINT OF THE WEEK - FEAST DAY MAY 12 BLESSED IMELDA LAMBERTINI, 1322—1333



In her earliest years, little Imelda developed a strong love of Jesus. At age five she asked her parents if she could receive Holy Communion, but she was too young. The Church held that age twelve was the proper time for children to receive their First Communion. When she was nine years old she entered into the Dominican convent near Bologna. Little is known about her role in convent life, but her one desire was to receive First Holy Communion. She understood the true meaning of the sacrament and was heard to say "Tell me, can anyone receive Jesus into his heart and not die?" The convent chaplain, however, would not allow an exception to the customary age. Imelda continued to beg for permission but no one would grant her request. On the vigil of the Feast of the Ascension, May 12, 1333, the entire community went forth to receive the body of Christ. She was left alone there in the choir stall, shaking, tears flowing, and with her voice full of emotion, asking to receive her Lord. She was ignored. At the end of Mass, Imelda stayed behind, alone. It was then, that a sweet fragrance, like roses, drifted through the monastery causing the nuns to follow the scent back into the chapel. There they witnessed a Sacred Host above the trembling child's head. The chaplain who had celebrated the Mass came, carrying a paten and waited to see what would happen. The Host slowly came down to rest on the paten. Imelda received her Eucharistic Lord from the priest. The love and sheer joy overcame her heart and she died in the state of ecstasy. Imelda made her thanksgiving in the company of the angels in heaven. She was beatified in 1826 and named Patroness of First Communicants in 1910 by Pope Pius X.



DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In his classic work *True Devotion to Mary*, St. Louis de Montfort lists the “ten principal virtues of the most Holy Virgin Mary.”

#10. HEAVENLY WISDOM

One of the sublime titles given to Mary in her glorious Litany is that of *SEAT OF WISDOM*. A wise person knows what is most important in life. Dynamic love for God and ardent desire for the salvation of immortal souls are hallmarks of true wisdom. Our Lady had a burning love for God and an ardent desire for the conversion of sinners and their eternal salvation. “*The Blessed Virgin persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross... joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother’s heart.*” (Vat II, Lumen Gentium) King Solomon was once wise, but he gave into his weakness—that of lustful desires—and ended his life a fool. We beg the intercession of *Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom* to attain for us not only wisdom, but, in this sublime virtue until the very end!



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty God, You are powerful and strong. You are the creative force behind all that is. You are the energy that flows through us all. I willingly believe Your strength is bigger than the weaknesses we may feel. I believe you can heal them. If it be Your will, Lord, we ask You to heal us, our families and our friends. Provide peace and comfort to those in need of it, in Your mercy. Amen.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Joby Kanda-Alvarez, Lily Leslie, Clifford Chow Jr., Patsy Sabarre, Bernard Labasan, Azarias Dosdos, John Herman, Janet Katakura, Merton Ogata, Carol Crusat, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Emily Griego, John Sanchis, Rafael Ramirez, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho’onei, Johnny Koene, Ruby Best, Jimmy Best, Keiki San Filippo. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that
You are present
In the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You
above all things,
and I desire
to receive You
into my soul.
Since I cannot
at this moment
receive You
sacramentally,
come at least
spiritually into my
heart.
I embrace You
as if You were
already there and
unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated
from You.
Amen*

*Thank God ...
for the gift of Jesus
in the Eucharist!*

PRAYER

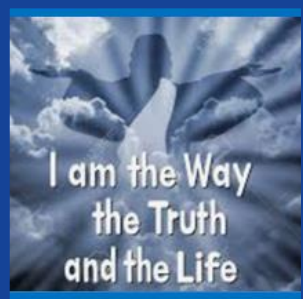
CALENDAR

- MONDAY** May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18, Jn 14:21–26
- TUESDAY**
May 9 *Easter Weekday*
Acts 14:19–28,
Jn 14:27–31a
- WEDNESDAY**
May 10 *Easter Weekday*
Acts 15:1–6, Jn 15:1–8
- THURSDAY**
May 11 *Easter Weekday*
Acts 15:17–21, Jn 15:9–11
- FRIDAY** May 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31, Jn 15:12–17
- SATURDAY** May 13
Weekday
Acts 16:1–10, Jn 15:18–21
- SUNDAY**
May 14
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
1 Pt 3:15–18, Jn 14:15–21

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS

- read it
- think it
- pray it
- live it



*Fifth Sunday
of Easter*

[John 14: 1-12]

Treasure Hunt

1. Jesus tells His disciples, "In my Father's house there are many _____."
2. **For what purpose** did Jesus go **before** us to His Father's house?
3. **What** was Jesus' response when Thomas asked Him, "How can we know the way?"
4. **Why** did Philip receive this rebuke from Jesus: "Have I been with you for so long and you still do not know me?"
5. Jesus tells the disciples that whoever _____ in Him will do His works and even _____ ones.
6. In this week's Gospel, Jesus is preparing His disciples for **what pivotal event** as it draws near?

Answers to Last Week's Treasure Hunt

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 1**- want; -**2**- verdant (green) pastures; -**3**- His rod and His staff;
-**4**- our foes; -**5**- goodness and kindness.

In Holy Communion...

Jesus changes us, makes us new, and unites us.

*Jesus said to them,
"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat
the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.*

John 6:53

Dear Padre,

I know a Catholic couple who wanted to celebrate their sacrament of matrimony at a Mass in a forest, but the bishop didn't allow it. Why not marry in God's creation?

A marriage between Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic is usually celebrated in a parish church. It can be celebrated in another church or oratory with the bishop or pastor's permission. A marriage between a Catholic and an unbaptized person can be celebrated in a church or another suitable place, although a Catholic church remains the preferred place for the celebration. Why is the parish church the preferred site for the celebration? For Catholics, matrimony is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics ask God to bind their union as a sacrament, the couple's love for each other is a sign of God's love for both, and their union is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church. Thus, the church as a "house of God," which contains the presence of Christ, is revered as the most sacred place to make this most sacred commitment. Marriage, according to Pope Francis in a 2015 General Audience, "is not merely a ceremony in a church, with flowers, a dress, photographs....Christian marriage is a sacrament that takes place in the Church, and which also makes the Church, by giving rise to a new family community....[Saint] Paul says that the love between spouses is an image of the love between Christ and his Church. An unimaginable dignity!"

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The **regular** St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. **Next Distribution will be on Friday May 12, 2023.**

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Please continue to donate your extra fruit to our Painted Church gift shop. The visitors are excited to sample our tropical varieties.



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