

May 5, 2013: Sixth Sunday of Easter



Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." — Jn 14:26-27
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 5 (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29)

8:00 am- Alphonse & Helen Steffek, Rudy & Bernadette Konarik

10:30 am- Lou Kubena, Anton & Agnes Kubena
(First Holy Communion)

Monday, May 6 (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26--16:4a)

7:00 am- V. L. & Rose Rainosek

10:00 am- Martha Repka (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 7 (Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)

7:00 am- Frank & Agnes Polansky

Wednesday, May 8 (Acts 17:15, 22--18:1; Jn 16:12-15)

7:00 am- Tyler Bludau

8:05 am- Arthur, Irene & Daniel Wick

6:15 pm- (CCD Mass) Hubert & Bunny Dornak, August & Karolina Dornak, Carl & Hilda Buss

Thursday, May 9 (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)

7:00 am- Alfonse, Dorothy, Evelyn & Ervin Grahmann

10:00 am- Mary R. Janak, Benefactor (Stevens)

Friday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster, Priest (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)

7:00 am- Bowdy Migl & Gene Mikulik

8:05 am- Adolph Kraatz

Saturday, May 11 (Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28)

5:30 pm- Ervin J. Bludau, Sr.

Sunday, May 12, The Ascension of the Lord

(Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)

8:00 am- Mother's Day Novena (*Mother's Day*)

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

(Sacred Heart School Baccalaureate)



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Anniversaries:

Randy & Sandra Fojt	30 yrs.	May 7
Harry & Linda Cull	40 yrs.	May 9

April Baptisms: Jayden Michael, son of Michael & Valorie Schindler; Heidi Christine, daughter of Kevin & Melanie Rother; Noah Charles, son of Andrew & Sheila Henke.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 5

-SHCS Spring Band Concert, 6:00 p.m., Gym.

MONDAY, MAY 6

-Rosary & Evening Prayers, 5:30 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

-Adult Education Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

-Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

-CCD: K-12th Gr., 6:00-7:15 pm (Closing Mass 6:15 pm)

THURSDAY, MAY 9

-English Second Language Class, 6-7:15 p.m., Family Center. Babysitting available for children 2 yrs. & older.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Ed Aulick, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemeck, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Donna Coldewey, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Dorothy Allen Hass, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Helen Kresta, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Jonathon Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Henry Joe Henke, Jr., Clinton Henneke, Rachel Davis, George Meyer, Leonard Lamza, Antonio DeLuna nursing home residents & homebound.

Young Men's Vocation Retreat – The Diocese of Victoria **QUO VADIS VOCATION RETREAT** for young men who are completing their 8th grade year this Spring through 21 years old will be held at Coopers Farm near LaGrange, Sunday, July 14–Wed., July 17. Spaces are limited. A \$10 non-refundable deposit by July 1 guarantees your spot. Registration forms are available in the church office and in the back of the church. The week will include discussions on discerning God's call in your life. The retreat will be facilitated by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria. Retreat cost is \$50 per person. Scholarships are available. Please call Fr. Tommy for more information.

Baptism Preparation Class – Two couples are needed to facilitate the Baptism Preparation Class, which is held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. If you are interested & need more information, please call Bruce & Gayle Wesson at 798-4600.

Calendar Membership: **Apr 25:** Blackie & Karen Bludau-\$100; **Apr 26:** Margaret Klekar-\$100; **Apr 29:** Joanne Bourque, Houston-\$50; **Apr 30:** Cathryn Holland, Houston-\$50; **May 1:** Fred & Sharon Grahmann-\$100.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!



From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today, Sunday, we celebrate First Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We congratulate and rejoice with the 35 young people who will be receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the very first time. This is a very special time for all of us because Holy Communion is central to our faith as Catholics.

We receive Holy Communion reverently, respectfully and in the state of grace. We should not take the reception of Holy Communion lightly nor take it for granted. We thank God for the gift of Jesus in this sacrament.

Our First Communicants are: Arabella Arellano, Braden Bludau, Ann Estelle Brown, Cole Bujnoch, Tyler Butschek, Brooklyn Cortez, Priscila Corvera, Cameron Davis, Jordan Evans, Savannah Filip, Trevor Gienau, Kylie Grahmann, Bailey Haas, Tyler Hawkins, Melea Henke, Grace Henneke, Madelyn Hynes, Jules Janak, Lilly Machicek, Briahna Mayfield, Seth Migura, Aidan Miksch, Jake Mullen, Katherine Pavliska, Lani Pilat, Katelyn Pustejovsky, Braxton Ranly, Cesar Reyes, Garrett Ridgeway, Briley Rother, Brandt Trliceck; Home school: Emma Baucom; Sacramento Prep: Johnathon Myers, Jasmine Rios, and Dalton Jahn.

Religious Education (CCD) –

May 5: First Communion, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

May 8: Closing Mass & May Crowning.



Sacred Heart Catholic School –

May 12: SHCS Senior Baccalaureate, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Sacred Heart Youth – We thank everyone who attended the "farewell to seniors" event that took place this past Sunday, and we pray that they keep Christ in their lives as they continue forward and discern their vocations.

Looking forward: Our final event of the year is on May 19 at **Splashway Family Waterpark!!** We will join the Columbus youth group for a day of fun and quality fellowship. Splashway Waterpark has been extremely gracious in allowing our groups to attend at very little cost! All you have to do is fill out a parent consent & medical release form, attach \$5 and drop it off at the Rectory before the day of the event. Forms will be at the S.H. School Office, Religious Ed. Office (Angela McConnell), back of Sacred Heart Church, & Rectory. Without this form your child will not be able to attend as a part of the Sacred Heart Youth Group. We encourage all youth to wear appropriate swimwear for this event, keeping in mind that we represent our church on standards of modesty and decency.

Mark Your Calendar: June 2 at 6:00 p.m. - Parish Eucharistic Procession in honor of the Solemn Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ) and the Year of Faith. Let us gather together as a parish family and celebrate our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic – May 26th

Our picnic is just around the corner! If you have cattle, antiques, or unusual or interesting items you would like to donate to the auction, please call the Rectory as soon as possible so that we may begin advertising.

Vacation Bible School, June 17-21. It's time to start thinking about VBS! We love VBS at SH & this year's theme is awesome, "*Cool Kingdom Party, Mary Leads Me Closer to JESUS!*" If you love working with kids & sharing your faith, call the R.E. Office 798-3124 or Angela's cell 741-8730. Our first planning meeting is Wednesday, June 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria. You'll love that you said "YES!" It is always so rewarding!

Area Church Picnics:

May 5, Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn.

May 5, Holy Family Church, Victoria Community Ctr.

Truck Raffle Tickets for sale at the Rectory - \$100 each. The 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 Z-71 4-door truck is on display at Grafe Chevrolet GMC.

God's Embrace Renewal Centers serves the Church through spiritual formation. Beginning in August, groups will meet once every month for 2-1/2 hours with Michael Fonseca, program presenter. A manual and companion workbook will be provided. If you are interested, please mail your name, address, phone number, email address, & name of your parish, to Sandy Reese, P. O. Box 1211, El Campo, TX 77437, or email her at sandy.reese@godsembrace.net.

"Thank you!" to all CDA members who baked so many delicious treats and worked so hard to make our Annual Catholic Daughters Bake Sale at the Fiddler's Frolics such a great success! Many compliments were received. Thank you, too, to those individuals who gave cash donations and to the community for supporting our bake sale. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated, and vital for the continued success of our bake sale.

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale Committee

6th Sunday of Easter – In the Gospel this weekend Jesus is speaking to His disciples at the Last Supper describing the relationship between Himself and the Father and the Holy Spirit. Those who love Jesus will keep His word and He and the Father will come and make their dwelling with the disciple. This image of dwelling speaks to the abiding presence of God in the followers of Jesus. God is always with them.

We are six Sundays away from Easter now, and maybe the joy of that feast has also dimmed a bit in our hearts. Maybe we've slipped back into some of our usual patterns and lost some of the fervor of our baptismal commitment. Jesus tells us in the Gospel not to be troubled or afraid. He and the Father are with us in a dwelling that is forever. (2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.)

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Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

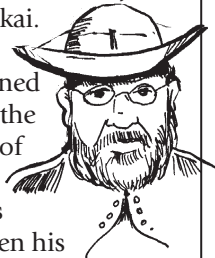
Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Fr. Damien of Molokai

The Year of Faith saint for May is Fr. Damien of Molokai.

Born in Belgium in 1840, he joined his brother in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. When his brother couldn't serve the lepers on the Island of Molokai (those with Hansen's disease), Fr. Damien went instead. Horrified by the conditions, Fr. Damien built schools, churches, hospitals and sanitation facilities. He bestowed dignity and hope and served until his death from the disease in 1889.



Truth or white lie?

When a friend asks your opinion, have you hesitated to tell the truth because you fear hurt feelings? When asked, a true friend always speaks the truth. It is gentler to hear a hard truth from a caring friend.

"How beautiful is the gaze with which Jesus regards us - how full of tenderness! Let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God."

Pope Francis



Make a difference in the world

Jesus expects us each to do something great in the world, and he doesn't mean just the millionaires or heads of state. Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Start now. If we think that our contribution can't make a difference or that others will take charge, nothing will get done. Start today, and believe that God will strengthen your efforts. "I can do all things in him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Share your love. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" and your kindness may influence others.

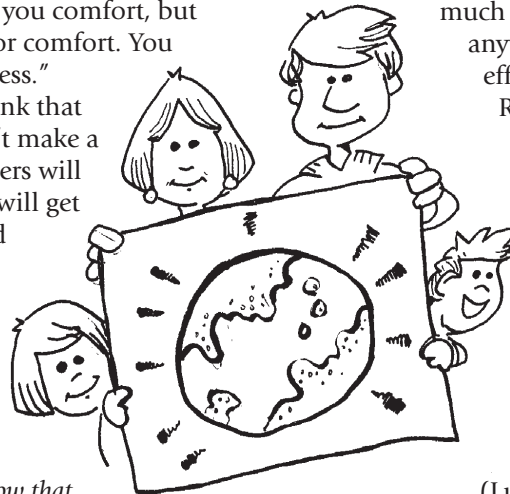
Commit. Find a parish ministry or charity you love and adopt it. Your contribution will benefit the future.

Give your mite. If you don't have much to give, give anyway - time, effort or funds.

Remember the widow's mite: "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest ... from her poverty has offered her whole livelihood"

(Luke 21:3-4).

Empower others. Be generous with praise and stingy with criticism. Offering sincere praise and encouragement helps others achieve goals and adds value to the world.



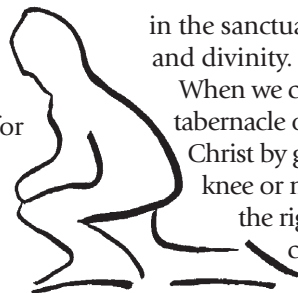
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we genuflect in church?

Most Catholic Churches have a tabernacle in the sanctuary. The tabernacle contains consecrated hosts for people in the hospital or nursing homes, and those in danger of death. Therefore, Jesus is present

in the sanctuary: body and blood, soul and divinity.

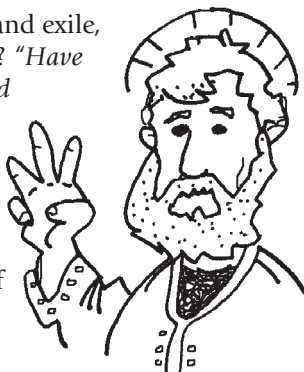
When we cross in front of the tabernacle or enter a pew, we honor Christ by genuflecting on the right knee or making a deep bow. We use the right knee because that is considered the side of honor.



A 3-step cure for stress

St. Paul knew stress. He spent time in prison and exile, experienced frustration and conflict. His advice? *“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:4-7).

“Have no anxiety at all.” Step 1 – Rid yourself of worry. There is a difference between concern, which leads us to take steps to be prepared, and



worry, which produces nothing but stress.

“Make your requests known to God.” Step 2 – Carry everything to God in prayer. St. Paul added the phrase, “with thanksgiving,” to remind us to put our trust completely in the Lord to provide for us.

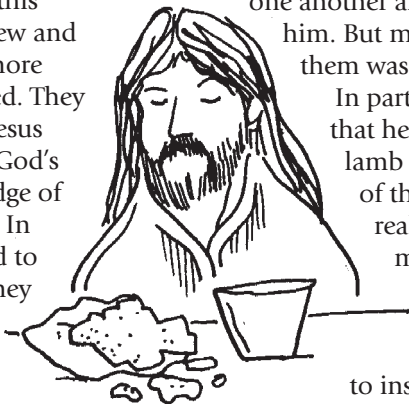
“The peace of God ... will guard your hearts and minds.” Step 3 – Keep your mind on God and experience his peace. The perfect peace that only God can give will come to those who keep their minds and hearts focused on Jesus.

from Scripture

John 16:12-15, the coming of the Holy Spirit

This reading is from St. John’s account of the Last Supper. By this point, the Apostles knew and accepted that God is more than they had imagined. They also understood that Jesus had a special place in God’s plan but their knowledge of his role was imperfect. In this reading, Jesus tried to explain to them that they would understand in time.

By the time the Last Supper took place, the Apostles had spent three years with Jesus, traveling, listening, speaking, and learning from him. Some of what Jesus



taught was quite clear – love God, love one another and tell others about him. But much of what Jesus told them was hard to understand.

In particular, Jesus told them that he would be the sacrificial lamb who takes away the sins of the world. The Apostles really struggled what this meant. But Jesus let them know the “Spirit of truth” (the Holy Spirit) would come to instruct them and to make everything clear.

The same is true for us. When we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, much becomes clear.

Q & A What are the precepts of the Church?

The five precepts of the Church are designed to bring us closer to God through the Mass and penance.

We’re to attend Mass on Sundays. As members of the Body of Christ, we’re strengthened when we worship together.

We’re to confess our sins at least once a year. We all commit sin, often on a daily basis. Yet we see a lack of the sense of sin in our society. Confession brings us to recognize our sinfulness and return us to a state of grace.

We’re to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season. There are those who think they’re never worthy to receive the Eucharist and who never would without this precept.

We’re to keep the Holy Days of Obligation. These feasts honoring the Lord, the Blessed Virgin, and the saints who teach us more about our faith.

We’re to observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence. These acts of penance take us out of our comfort zone so we can focus on our relationship with Christ.

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Feasts & Celebrations

In May we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. On May 31st, we commemorate the Visitation when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to share her joy at being favored by God.

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker. Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena (1444). As Franciscan, his boundless energy and joy was put to use running the local hospital during the great plague in Europe. Then, after a dozen

years in solitude, he journeyed across Italy preaching. The symbol of the sun with IHS, the first three letters of Jesus’ name in Greek, is attributed to him.

May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. She then became an Augustinian nun and was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

