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NUESTROS PEQUEÑOS HERMANOS

For many years our parish has had a connection with Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, an organization that transforms the lives of vulnerable children in Latin America and the Caribbean. NPH runs group homes, provides health services and educational programs to help children overcome poverty and become leaders in their own communities.

NPH is fully supporting more than 3,600 boys and girls in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru. An additional 3,900 community children receive scholarships, meals, health care and other support. More than 81,000 services were provided through community outreach programs in 2020.

Unfortunately, NPH has been negatively impacted by COVID in terms of their annual fundraising. Like many organizations, they have not been able to rely on their traditional fundraising activities. As a result, they are reaching out to their long time supporters, like St. Josaphat Parish, to help them in their time of need.

NPH has a new fundraising effort underway called Taste of NPH, which begins Monday, May 10th and concludes Sunday, May 16th. It's an opportunity for supporters of NPH to get a peek into the life of a *pequeño*, as we Celebrate Family through food, culture and onsite videos. Taste of NPH is a week-long virtual experience that will connect you with authentic recipes, beverages, sounds, games and videos highlighting family life at NPH.

Given our longstanding connection with NPH as a parish, we have sent NPH a \$3,000 donation. And I encourage you to consider making your own individual donation to support NPH as well. You can register for Taste of NPH here: <https://nphusa.org/event/taste/>



Throughout the week, you will receive daily emails with information on specific meals with ingredient lists prepared at the homes; music inspired by the countries NPH serves; games and fun activities the children play at the homes. The week-long activities will culminate with an *Hermano Mayor* preparing a dish for Sunday dinner that is served family-style at each home. Many of the activities can be converted to in-person gatherings, so if you are able, you can invite your extended family, friends or neighbors to join you.



I hope you will prayerfully consider supporting NPH this week. They do outstanding work to help children move out of poverty and provide them with a sense of family, emotional support and serve their most basic needs.

God Bless,

Fr. Francis

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

First Reading Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

Responsorial Psalms 98:1, 2–3, 3–4

**The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**

Second Reading 1 John 4:7–10

Gospel John 15:9–17

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

1ST: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 2ND: 1 Jn 4:7–10 GOSPEL: Jn 15:9–17

A MOTHER'S EYES

My mother spoke with a distinct accent. It was especially noticeable with misplaced accents in individual words (calling her granddaughter Jes-SI-ca, not JESS-i-ca), mispronunciations (ah-ka-hole not alcohol), words and phrases she simply invented, (dunking bread in tomato sauce was “spoonsing in the soak”), and sometimes inserting dialect from the Puglia region of Italy mid-sentence, (“Dominic, stop sniffing, use a hankie and *stoogha la nas*,” which meant ‘blow your nose’). Her words and sentences may not have always been clear, but I always knew what she was trying to tell me.

It was her eyes. She often never had to speak a word. I would know exactly what she was feeling. If I had done something wrong, she might allow tears to well up in her eyes and that would absolutely devastate me. She didn't need to speak words of correction or disappointment. When she was afraid for me, I could see the fear, even when I didn't want to. When she was proud of me, her eyes would shine and I would be lifted off my feet. The times I chose not to respond to her when she was upset with me often led to a lightning-fast left hook or a quick right slap. (Unfortunately for me, she was also blessed to be fully ambidextrous.) Immediately afterwards there would be a moment of silence, and her eyes would water up which stung the worst. Never once did I look into her eyes and not feel loved.

Today's readings are all about love. Peter can touch Cornelius's heart in the First Reading because Jesus had looked Peter in the eyes many times: with joy and love when they gathered all the fish into their boat, with sadness and love when he told Peter he would betray him, and with forgiveness and love after Peter had denied him three times.

John also looked Jesus in the eyes, while he sat next to him at the Last Supper and as Jesus hung on the cross. Seared by those moments, John would write some of the most memorable words in scripture, imploring us to love one another because GOD IS LOVE. Jesus speaks to that reality in the Gospel today. We have his words. He says he has chosen us. Imagine, right now, looking him in the eyes as he speaks them.

On this Mother's Day I encourage us to share God's love with one another, in words and in actions, and with our eyes. A gentle, loving gaze might just be what someone close to us needs today. Take the time. We may be surprised by the love that will be returned to us. And we will know that we are living out what the scriptures today are asking of us.

— Rev. Dominic J. Grassi



A CHURCH TO COME HOME TO

ALL ARE WELCOME

All are invited to the next Parish Leadership Summit on Monday, **May 17**, from 7–8 pm on Zoom. The Vision of St. Josaphat Parish (see our website) contains an essential component: “lay leaders are formed and empowered.” We want to invest in our parishioners and create a culture of leadership. We want to give you skills to make your ministry stronger. Join us!



TEACHING OUR CHILDREN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Early-bird registration is open! Our program is for all children not attending Catholic school, and it runs 2–3 times per month from August to April. Sign up at stjosaphatparish.org > Kids.

ST. JOSAPHAT SCHOOL

We are now accepting **applications** for the 2021–22 school year! Visit the school website: stjosaphat.net

MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Francis is praying his daily Mass for us and these intentions this week:

MONDAY Living and Deceased Mothers and Fathers

TUESDAY Parishioners of St. Josaphat

WEDNESDAY For an increase of vocations to the Franciscans of the Eucharist

FRIDAY † Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY † Mr. & † Mrs. Albert and Margaret Lacey, † Mr. Emery Goldie and † Mr. Max Lacey

SUNDAY 8 am: † Jack Allen
10 am: † Tyler Andy

THIS WEEK

Mon.	5/10	8:00 am	School Mass (<i>closed to the public</i>)
		7:00 pm	Baptismal Preparation (Zoom)
Tues.	5/11	8:00 am	School Mass (<i>closed to the public</i>)
		10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation* (<i>Church</i>)
		7:00 pm	PTO (Zoom)
Wed.	5/12	8:00 am	School Mass, Watch Live on Facebook
Thu.	5/13	8:00 pm	Alpha Marriage Course (Zoom)
Fri.	5/14	8:00 am	Mass* (<i>Church</i>)
Sat.	5/15	3:00 pm	Svec/Rickert Wedding (<i>closed to the public</i>)
		5:00 pm	Mass* (<i>Church</i>)
Sun.	5/16	8:00 am	Mass* (<i>Church</i>)
		10:00 am	Mass* (<i>Church</i>) or Watch Live on Facebook

*Reservations required

Pre Cana is offered online by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Baptismal Preparation Class is offered virtually via Zoom the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Sign up on our website.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Mary Louise Koehl, Adalberto Jacinto Nogueira, Hope Zelmer

REST IN PEACE

Dradyne Robyne Eudeikis



We're most in need of men's L or XL white t-shirts and socks.

2021 MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL
The face of need is mothers and children.
The face of hope is you.



MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

"What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family?"

—Cardinal Cupich

Please give to Catholic Charities today to help the most vulnerable access food, rental assistance and counseling. Text **Catholic to 312.625.5666**. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

SUNDAY OFFERING

In order to give you a better understanding of our financials, we are now publishing year-to-date (vs. weekly) Sunday Giving numbers.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 THROUGH END OF FEBRUARY 2021

Budget.....	\$434,831
Actuals.....	\$467,435
Difference.....	\$32,604

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More on our website: Welcome > Directory

WHO'S NEW IN THE PEW?

We warmly welcome new parishioners Jaime and Dan Grigorescu and Family. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not yet registered, please register through our website at www.stjosaphatparish.org.

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