

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter



St. Rita

CATHOLIC CHURCH WEST ALLIS, WI

Welcome to St. Rita

We are happy that you decided to worship with us.

*If you are visiting just for today, we pray that
God will be with you on your journey.*

*If you are seeking a church home, we would be
happy to welcome you into our parish community.*

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday Closed

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 12:00 Noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is
held every Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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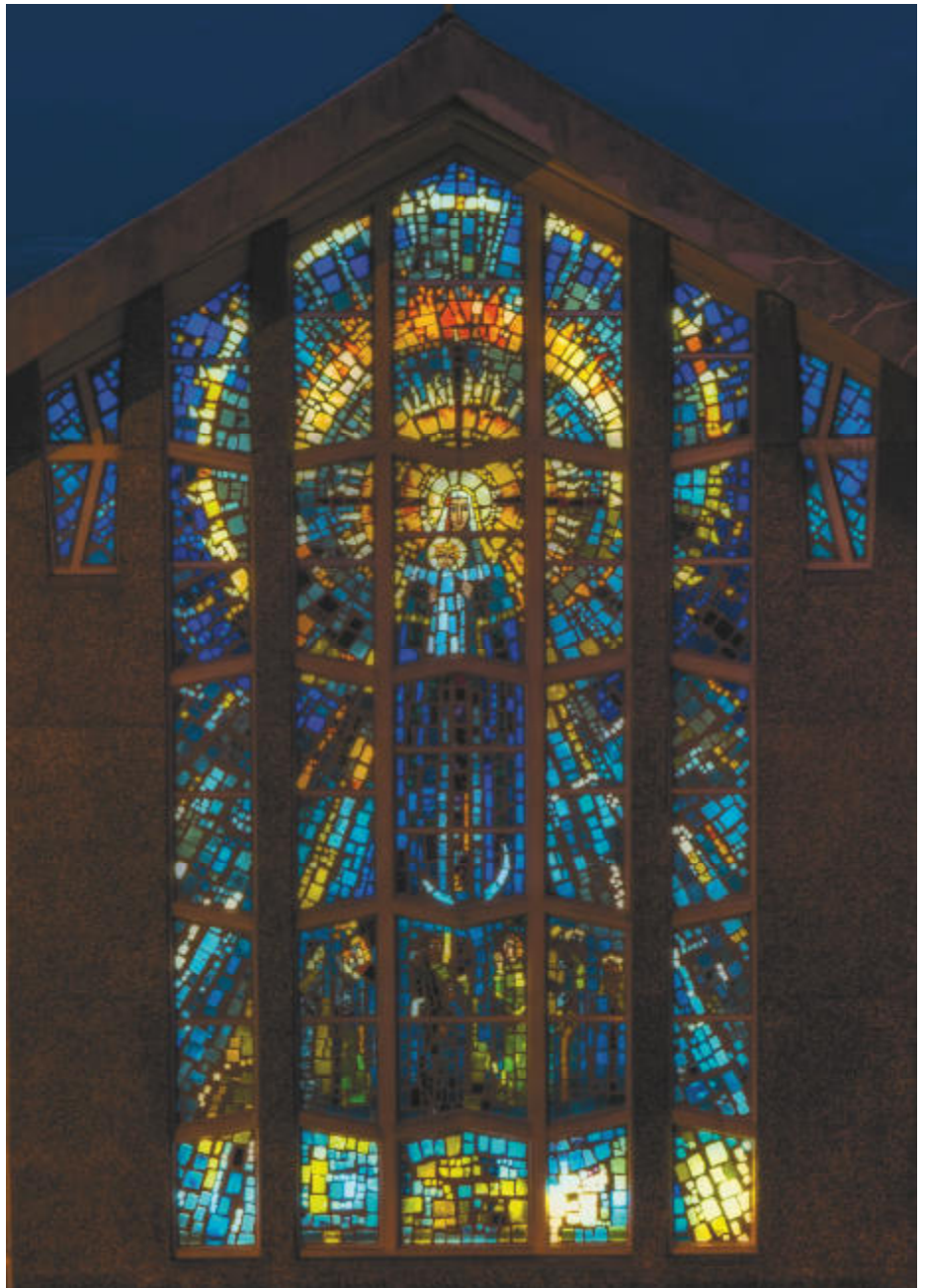
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From the Desk of Fr. Andrzej

From the Letter to Diognetus

The Christian in the world

Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labour under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonour, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.

Fr. Andrzej

From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate . . .

Hospitality

Mark your calendars, next weekend is our last Hospitality for the year.

So stop after Mass, get your "goodie bag" and enjoy a treat on your way home.

Hopefully when Hospitality returns in the fall, we will truly be able to celebrate "Hospitality!"

Today's Gospel

Did you "hear" what Jesus said? Really, were you listening? Jesus says that his disciples did not choose him, but HE chose them! It is not we who chose God, but rather God, who in his grace, approached us with a call and an offer made out of his love.

Here is a list of the things for which we are chosen:

1. we are chosen for joy. There is always a joy in doing the right thing;
2. we are chosen for love. We are sent out into the world to love one another;
3. we are called to be Jesus' friend. He said he does not call his disciples slaves, but friends. What a tremendous honor and privilege;
4. Jesus called us to be partners. The slave could never be a partner. Slaves were defined as a *living tool*;
5. we are chosen to be ambassadors. Jesus calls us to be sent out;
6. we were chosen to be *advertisements*. We are being sent out to bear fruit which will stand the test of time;
7. we were chosen to be privileged members of the family of God. He chose us so that whatever we ask in his name the Father will give to us.

So the next time you are feeling down, or thinking that you are a "nobody", read through this list again . . . and always remember . . . YOU ARE CHOSEN, YOU ARE LOVED, YOU ARE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE!!! Can't possibly get any better than that.

Blessings always,

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 8

4:30 p.m. † Gordon Murphy
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Sunday, May 9

9:00 a.m. † Raymond Mecha
11:00 a.m. † For the Protection of the Blessed Mother

Wednesday, May 12

Word and Communion Service

12:00 p.m. † Donald Paradowski

Saturday, May 15

4:30 p.m. † Roger Stanislawski

Sunday, May 16

9:00 a.m. † Charles Wolf
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Readings for the Week of May 9th

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3,
3-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12,
13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10/
Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter:
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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The Week Ahead

Wednesday, May 12

6:30 p.m. Prayer and Worship Committee
Zoom Meeting

Thursday, May 13

6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal Church

NON-FESTIVAL NEWS

Without a festival, we are still in need of the funds it provides. Please take your envelope from the back of church and put the ticket stubs and money in the small envelope and place in the collection basket, mail or drop off at the office. If your neighbor does not currently come to church, please bring them their tickets. It will help reduce the mailing cost. Please buy / sell what you can!

May Tabernacle Light

In Loving Memory of:

Week 1: Gordon Murphy
Week 2: Raymond Mecha
Week 3: Jerry and Dorothy Perlongo
Week 4: Verna O'Connell



Attention!!!

On May 29th / 30th and June 5th / 6th we will have nominations for Pastoral Council members and Trustee Secretary.

For Pastoral Council members, he / she must be a Baptized, practicing Catholic, registered member of the Parish, participate in the Parish life, especially Mass and the Sacraments, at least 18 years of age, and be willing to serve on one of the Committees of the Parish.

For Trustee Secretary, he / she must be Baptized, practicing Catholic, registered member of the Parish, and at least 25 years of age.

Please carefully and prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate. Perhaps yourself?

Your Parish needs YOU!!!!





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