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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM,
and 5:00 PM

Daily Masses

Monday through Friday
7:00 AM and 12:10 PM
SATURDAY— 7:00 AM

Live Stream Mass

7:00 AM Weekdays
10:30 AM Sunday
Access the live streams at:
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SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Daily, 11:30 AM—12:00 PM
Saturdays, 4:30 PM—5:15 PM

Marriage

Please arrange at least six months in
advance of the desired date.
To reserve a date, or for more
information, please contact
Tracy Marklein at 314.231.3250.

Devotions

Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesdays, 12:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 30

8:00 AM Parish Family
10:30 AM Niki, Nicholas
& Apostolos
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Pauline Maurer
5:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Monday, May 31

7:00 AM Marian & Fenton Petersen
& Family
12:10 PM Canceled

Tuesday, June 1

7:00 AM Georgiana Geroncin
12:10 PM Marie Hong Tran

Wednesday, June 2

7:00 AM John & Emily Duker
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday, June 3

7:00 AM Oscar & Dominga Actis
12:10 PM Sieglinde Alvarado

Friday, June 5

7:00 AM Bill & Elsie Biersach
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Saturday, June 6

7:00 AM Adeline Meyer
5:30 PM Julius Ortiguera

Sunday, June 7

8:00 AM Robert Geisz
10:30 AM Parish Family
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Jorge Lamuedra
5:00 PM Dolly Bischoff

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Observances for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Justin, Martyr
Wednesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

All of us were born into this world as sons and daughters, and dependent upon our parents or guardians for our existence. No matter how our life stories have unfolded, we are all connected to a biological, “natural” family in some way. But it is an earthly connection only, one that is temporary and finite.

Our celebration of the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity helps us remember that we are also connected to a family that is eternal and infinite. God himself is a family, a communion of persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God created us in his image, as his children, and we were made to be members of this divine family. Humanity rejected this offer, falling out of right relationship with God through sin and disobedience. As such, we were destined to be kept from the divine inheritance because we were no longer rightful heirs.

Jesus came to reunite us to the Father and repair our relationship. Those who are baptized into Christ become children of God by adoption – by grace we are configured to the reality of Jesus’ Incarnation – thus making us both children and heirs to the promises of God. When we are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are clothed in a white garment as a sign of the dignity with which we have been clothed by the Holy Spirit.

We have taken the name “Christian,” much as one who is adopted takes on the name of his or her adopted family. This is a permanent adoption that cannot be changed or diluted. As the *catechism* says, “Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark ... of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated” (CCC 1272).

No sin can erase this mark, but just as some children are estranged from their earthly parents, some children of God stray away from their heavenly Father. But he is always calling his children back to himself, no matter how far they stray. This is because we were made for eternity with him. We are invited into the fullness of relationship in the Trinity. Because we are children of God, we are also heirs of God – meaning that we inherit not only good gifts from God, but God himself. We are given Jesus Christ as our brother, so that we might share in his union with the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are given the Holy Spirit, so that we might know God as our Father and Jesus as our Lord.

It is an inheritance that we have begun to receive in this life, and we will continue to receive for all eternity. Through our celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, we praise God not only for who he is, but for who we are in him.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe.

-Father Smith



Priesthood Ordinations 2021

On Saturday, May 29, Archbishop Rozanski ordained the following six priests for service to the People of God in the Archdiocese of St. Louis:

Father Charles Joseph Archer
Father Mitchell Clemens Baer
Father Joseph Andrew Detwiller
Father Edward James Godefroid
Father Jonathan Richard Ruzicka
Father Ryan William Truss

Please keep these newly ordained priests in your prayers as they begin their lives of service among us.

We are especially honored to have Father Godefroid celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving at the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, May 30, here at the Old Cathedral. Archbishop-emeritus Robert J. Carlson will be the homilist.

Photograph: Ordination Mosaic from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.

**SAINTS OF
THE WEEK**



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31): Mary visits her relative Elizabeth. They are both pregnant: Mary with Jesus and Elizabeth with John the Baptist. Mary left Nazareth immediately after the Annunciation and went “into the hill country...into a city of Judah” (Luke 1:39) to attend her cousin Elizabeth.



There are several possibilities as to exactly which city this was, including Hebron, south of Jerusalem, and Ein Karem. The journey from Nazareth to Hebron is about 130 km or 80 miles in a direct line, probably up to half as far again by road, depending on the route taken.

Elizabeth was in the sixth month of her pregnancy before Mary came (Luke 1:36). Mary stayed three months, and it may be presumed that she stayed for the birth of John. Given the prevailing cultural traditions and needs for security, etc., it is probable that Joseph accompanied Mary to Judah then return to Nazareth, and came again after three months to take his wife home.

The apparition of the angel, mentioned in Matthew 1:19-25, may have taken place then to end the tormenting doubts of Joseph regarding the origin of her children. Even though he was still in his mother’s womb, John became aware of the presence of Christ and leapt for joy. Elizabeth also responded and recognized the presence of Jesus. It is on the occasion of the Visitation that Luke has Mary pronounce the Magnificat, which we proclaim today.

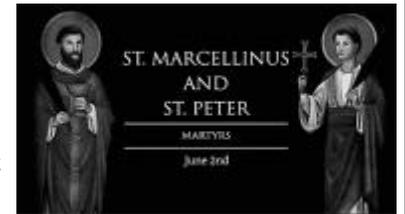


Saint Justin, martyr (June 1): Justin the Martyr was born in Judea around 100 and was of pagan Gentile origin. He looked among various schools of philosophy for a body of wisdom by which to conduct his life and settled upon Christianity. He became a traveling missionary for Christianity, later settling in Rome to start his school.

He ran afoul of imperial authorities and was beheaded around 165. He left a number of writings. In his *Dialogue with Trypho*, he became the first commentator on Scripture to identify the Serpent of Genesis 3 with Satan.

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs (June 2): Saints Marcellinus and Peter are among the many martyrs of the persecution under Diocletian in 304. Saint Damasus I is the source for our knowledge of these martyrs.

Marcellinus was a priest and Peter was an exorcist. Supposedly they were martyred and buried in an obscure location because the authorities did not want their tomb to be venerated by other Christians. Their bodies were in fact located by Christians and reburied. They are mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer (Roman Canon).



Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs (June 3): Upon canonizing the Ugandan martyrs Saint Charles Lwanga and companions, Saint Paul VI noted as well that Anglican Christians were put to death alongside them. Saint Charles is also recognized as a saint in the Anglican Communion.

Born in 1860 or 1865, Charles served in the court of King Mwanga II, who resisted Christianity, seeing in it a manifestation of European colonization and a threat to his rule. He had killed Anglican missionaries, and his major-domo, Joseph Mukasa, a Catholic lay catechist, rebuked the king, who had him beheaded.

The king ordered Lwanga to take up Mukasa’s duties; Lwanga right away sought baptism into Catholic Christianity. In 1886, Lwanga and a number of pages of the royal court were burned to death.

Saint Boniface, bishop and martyr (June 5): Saint Boniface was born around 675 in England and entered a Benedictine monastery; he began missionary efforts on the continent of Europe in 716. Pope Gregory II gave him the name Boniface (he was born Winfrid) and appointed him missionary bishop for Germania.

An emblematic event in this mission was his effort to cut down an oak tree sacred to pagans, when a strong wind came and blew it down.

He benefited from the protection of Charles Martel and his son Carloman; he had a less successful relationship with Pepin, king of the Franks. In a mission to Frisia, he and over 50 of his companions were killed by bandits in 754. Boniface is revered for establishing Christianity in Germany.



All you holy men and women, Saints of God, pray for us.

Archbishop
Mitchell T. Rozanski



Preach the Gospel with both words and actions
God's revelation and Jesus' preaching came to
people in words and deeds

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We celebrate a series of witnesses this week. St. Justin Martyr gave witness to the Gospel by refusing to sacrifice to idols in 2nd century Rome. St. Charles Lwanga gave witness to the Gospel by refusing to comply with the king's immoral sexual agenda in 19th century Uganda. St. Boniface gave witness by proclaiming the Gospel and knocking down pagan shrines in 8th century Germany.

These saints raise a question: What does it mean for us to give witness to the Gospel in 21st century Missouri?

Many people instinctively turn to the quote generally attributed to St. Francis: "Preach the Gospel always. If necessary, use words." But I want to say, words are necessary if we're going to give witness to the Gospel in our day.

Our lives are full of words. We live by e-mails, texts, blog posts and Google searches. Words are a central feature of every part of our lives. It's absurd to take this one area — faith — and to suggest that we don't need words there.

That's not to say by any stretch that words are the first and last thing when it comes to proclaiming the Gospel. They're not! Deeds need to come first and last. But if we stop for a moment and think about the relationship between words and deeds in our lives, we can see that both are needed.

Words without deeds are cheap. Words alone are a shallow witness to what we believe. Deeds provide depth to words of love, and likewise to words of faith. Deeds show that we really mean what we say.

But deeds without words are often unclear. Words explain why we do what we do. If deeds show that we really mean it, words show what it is that we mean. The words "I love you" and "I forgive you" and "I'm sorry" really matter. So do the words of faith.

In the Old Testament, God's revelation always came to people in words and deeds. In the New Testament, Jesus always proclaimed the Gospel in words and deeds. That's why the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "The divine plan of Revelation is realized simultaneously by deeds and words which are intrinsically bound up with each other and shed light on each other." (CCC, 53)

The great witnesses we celebrate this week proclaimed the Gospel in words and deeds. That's our call as well.

In times when faith is all talk and little action, the St. Francis quote is a worthy challenge: don't let your faith be words without deeds.

Memorial Day Mass Schedule



Monday, May 31, is Memorial Day when the Nation pauses to honor and mourn the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. There will be NO confessions or 12:10 PM Mass on Memorial Day. The only Mass celebrated will be at 7:00 AM. The regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, June 1.

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