



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am
Weekdays: 8:00am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:
Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel
Rosary: Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass
Weekday devotions after morning Mass:
Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help
Wednesday: Litany of St. Joseph
Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life
First Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart
First Saturday of the Month Devotions
8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Wednesdays in church, 7pm
Saturdays in church following 8am Mass
Marriage: Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding
Baptism: Contact the parish office
to register for class and to arrange date
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

Parish Staff

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Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion
 Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays
 Confirmation Preparation
 8th Grade—September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 September thru May, during the 10am Sunday Mass
 Adult Education
 Sundays 8:45—9:45am Grand Hall, Wednesdays 7:10pm Weber Hall
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

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 Janet Hespern 314-369-6521

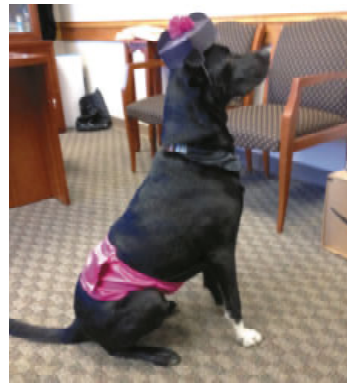
“Monsignor” Jackson August 24th, 2013—May 10th, 2022

Dear Parish Family,

Jackson took his last breath at 11:33 on Tuesday, May 10. He was such a good dog and I was blessed to be with him in his final goodbye. While I miss him terribly, he was such a lucky dog and we were all lucky to have him. He was our parish dog and has left us with so many good memories. Amidst the tears that still happen when I think of him, I can't help but remember so many good things about our Monsignor. Below is a list of a just few things that come to mind as I reflect upon having Jackson in my life. Before that list, thank you all for the love and kindness you have shown him over the years. A dog couldn't have more love and treats in his life than Jackson. I really want to thank Laura and Peggy for all the love they have given Jackson—they were special people in his life and one of the sources of his joy in the morning when he would see them at the beginning of the day. In these final years of aging decline, Big Mac managed to get on Jackson's A list of human beings.



- Why Monsignor? I have to pick up after him. If he were a Deacon he would be picking up after me.
- The Morning Mass at the chapel—he loved our daily community and visited everyone in the chapel and then made himself at home usually in front of the altar.
- All the treat givers—He knew many of your cars and couldn't wait to greet you.
- Playing in the snow. Jackson loved wintertime except for the ice.
- His willingness to be dressed up by the staff. (see below)
- Happy mornings, almost a daily occurrence except in these last months of pain
- His romping into the office in the morning to greet Laura or Peggy



- Sorry UPS & Fed-Ex—you weren't on his A list.

Love,

Fr. Tom

6th Sunday of Easter—Year C

[Speaking of his departure from earth. Jesus said to his disciples,]

"Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you." John 14:27

Albert Schweitzer gave up a successful musical career in Europe to become a missionary doctor in Africa. One day someone asked him what starting point he used to introduce Jesus and Jesus' message to the members of African tribes. He replied: "When I speak of the difference between the restless and the peaceful heart, the wildest of my savages knows what is meant. And when I portray Jesus as he who brings peace with God to the human heart, they comprehend."

How does Jesus bring peace to my own restless heart?

I shall ever try to drive all evil away from my heart and keep my love in flower, knowing that you have your seat in the inmost shrine of my heart.

Ministry Schedule

May 21—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Bob Brossette, Ann Zaleuke
Lec: Yvonne Brossette, Karen Wilson
Music: Bryan & Betsy
Serv: Izzy & Zach Scheer
Ush: Tim Wilson, Bryan Potter, Bill Pollihan, Andy Pope

May 22—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, John Fiacco, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Mary Hardesty
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle, Emma Clifton
Ush: Mike Hardesty, Gary Potter, Terry Schneider, Tom Meczkowski

May 22—10am

EM: Deacon Chris, Michelle Greiwe, Mary Busby-Simpson
Lec: Pat Gentry, Jackie Dunn
Music: Children's Choir
Serv: William Lassiter, Jack Lyons
Ush: Ron Simpson, Larry Smith, Bob Hutchcraft, Gary Struckhoff

IHMformation Station

4:00: Karen Wilson
7:30: Mark & Terri Thome
10:00: Angie & Randy Gust

Purificators

Month of May: Cassie Potter
Month of June: June Spiess



Rest in Peace

We offer our prayerful sympathy
to the families of

Tracy Fiacco—wife of John Fiacco
Dale Dudenhoeffer—brother of Janet & Jerry Hespen

May they and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

And Jackson—he was a good boy.



Ministry Schedule

May 28—4pm

EM: Becky Wilson, Jim & Theresa Risch
Lec: Donna Hecht, Joe Willis
Music: Bryan, Mike, Betsy
Serv: Chase Spurgeon
Ush: Mike Rieker, Tim Wilson, Chris Cuddihee, Andy Pope

May 29—7:30am

EM: Mary Keune, Bob Brossette, Peggy Dupree
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Yvonne Brossette
Music: Verdi & Brooke
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Ush: Ron Jacob, Joe Weber, Mark Thome, Ron Neske

May 29—9:30am

EM: Pat Gentry, Maureen Blondin, Janet Hespen
Lec: Bill Winters, Michelle Greiwe
Music: Adult Choir
Serv: Thomas Kokker, Izzy Czuchna
Ush: Bill Riley, Ron Simpson, Alan Raymond, Bob Hutchcraft

IHMformation Station

4:00: Brian & Becky Wilson
7:30: Peggy Dupree
10:00: Maureen Blondin

Heavenly Dusters

Week of May 22: Teresa Berfanger
Week of May 29: Legion of Mary
Week of June 5: Peggy Dupree
Week of June 12: Pat Roche
Week of June 19: Shirley Gassei
Week of June 26: Dot Keune



Join us in the Grand Hall on
Fridays after morning Mass as
we view an episode each week
of season one of The Chosen.
All are welcome!

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, George Stark, Ann Fitzgerald, Pat Foster, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach, Terry Hagan, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Pat Ryan, Pete Schepis, Jeff Bollman, Tom Baker, Jim Hall

Steve Wengerski and Kathy Schuckman (friends of Mandy Daub), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford), Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Jennifer Fitzsimmons (cousin of Karen Fitzsimmons), Mary Ann Blaske (mother of Jeff Blaske), Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche), Sheila Birk (daughter-in-law of Ken & Mary Birk), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche), Michael Gober (son of Ray and Janice Gober), Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen), Jessica Anderson (daughter-in-law of Bill & Terri Anderson)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

Mass Intentions

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| Monday, May 23 | |
| 8:00am | Janie Roth + |
| Tuesday, May 24 | |
| 8:00am | Arno & Freida Fleischer + |
| Wednesday, May 25 | |
| 8:00am | All Souls Bob Cwiklowski + |
| 6:30pm in Chapel | Lorraine Zerrusen + |
| Thursday, May 26 | |
| 8:00am | Richard Wall + |
| Friday, May 27 | |
| 8:00am | Bob Montani + |
| Saturday, May 28 | |
| 8:00am | Joan Huelsmann + |
| 4:00pm | People of IHM |
| Sunday, May 29 | |
| 7:30am | Tracy Fiacco + |
| 10:00am | Ann Seper + Patricia Hспен + |

Activities this Week

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| Sunday, May 22 | Children's Choir Party, Founders Hall, 11:30am—2pm |
| Monday, May 23 | Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm Men for Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm |
| Tuesday, May 24 | Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Adult Choir rehearsal, 7pm |
| Wednesday, May 25 | Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am Evening Mass 6:30pm <u>in St. Joseph Chapel</u> Reconciliation 7pm <u>in St. Joseph Chapel</u> |
| Thursday, May 26 | Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm Youth Ministry, Founders Hall, 6:30pm |
| Friday, May 27 | Quilters, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon <u>The Chosen</u> , episode 4, Grand Hall, 8:45am |
| Saturday, May 28 | Reconciliation, church, 8:45am |



We welcome to our parish family
through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Scarlett Jane Bangert
daughter of Ryan and Kaitlin (Margerum) Bangert

Contributions May 14/15

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| General contributions: | \$8,631.00 |
| Online gifts: | <u>\$3,651.99</u> |
| Total offering: | \$12,282.99 |

*"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
(John 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

We pray: that the next time worry, anxiety or fear enters our life, we make God our first choice and not our last resort.

Needed at the Pantry

oil, sugar, fruit juices, coffee, beef stew, sloppy Joe, pasta sauce (in plastic or cans), plastic bags—please double them



Have you ever considered donating a vehicle to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Car donations help our Neighbors in Need on the path toward stability. Pickup is free and your donation is tax deductible.

To learn more, call or visit online:
800-322-8284
www.svdpusacars.com

Visit a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store for your next bargain

At our stores, families can find a nice table for the kitchen, and books, toys, and clothes for the children. Men and women can select a good suit and shoes for a job interview. Thrifters dig for treasures. College students outfit their apartment. Green shoppers find goods to reuse, recycle, and upcycle. When you're ready to clean out your basement or attic, we'll be ready to pick up your donation. And we're always looking for friendly volunteers who enjoy the retail environment. Whether you're shopping, donating, or volunteering, you're helping! With nine stores in the St. Louis area, including one in St. Charles, there is a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store near you!

SVDP 24-hour Helpline

St. Vincent dePaul has a 24 hour helpline for anyone in crisis, including the homeless, by dialing 2-1-1. Our coordinated entry team will respond to their needs. For our local SVDP Conference, please call 636-398-5270, ext. 225.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

- In the Bible the word for “Anointed One” is _____.
 - Messiah
 - Joshua
 - Moses
 - Zipporah
- Preparation classes for those getting married are called _____.
 - canon law
 - Pre-Cana classes
 - home economics
 - trade school
- The tower in Genesis associated with incomprehensible speech is the Tower of _____.
 - Pisa
 - Babel
 - London
 - Eiffel
- The red color worn by cardinals of the Church _____.
 - symbolizes a willingness to shed one’s blood for the faith
 - has been used since the 1400s
 - includes their skull caps, their waist sashes, and their stockings
 - all of these
- The first American diocese was founded in _____.
 - New York
 - Pennsylvania
 - Maryland
 - Virginia
- Mary’s prayer that begins “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord” is known as _____.
 - the Hail Mary
 - the Magnificat
 - Holy God, we praise thy name
 - the Seven Sorrows
- The patron saint of parish priests is Saint _____.
 - Francis of Assisi
 - Teresa of Avila
 - Kateri Tekakwitha
 - John Vianney
- Jesus’ name of the Father was _____.
 - Abba
 - Cephas
 - Joshua
 - Nathaniel
- The common “priesthood of the faithful” is exercised _____.
 - by the unfolding of baptismal grace
 - by a life of faith, hope and charity
 - by living according to the Spirit
 - all of these
- The name of the Latin translation of the Bible by St. Jerome is the _____.
 - Gutenberg
 - Vulgate
 - Septuagint
 - Apocrypha

St. Paul Library | Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week—normal business hours—and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex

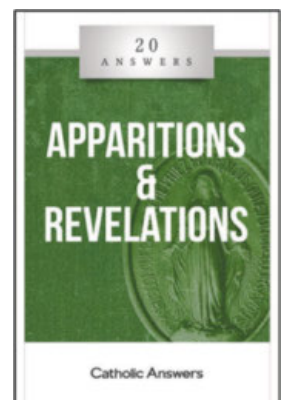


Is faith reasonable? What can we know about God through reason alone? How can we make sense of Christian beliefs that seem to defy logic and science? What can I say to people who claim that the God of the Bible is cruel and irrational?

We believe that God is one, and so is His truth. The mysteries He has revealed to the world, the teachings that His Church professes and safeguards, and the conclusions that we reach by the light of natural reason all harmonize and enrich each other. But in a world skeptical of faith and often too clouded by sentiment and sin to wield reason, it can seem that religious truth and rational truth must be enemies—or at least from different worlds. 20 Answers: Faith and Reason shows you how to restore the unity of truth that is our only basis for living a coherent life of the mind and of the soul, helping you tackle both secular skeptics and your own nagging doubts.

- *Miraculous Works of God? Or Something Else?*
- *What are some examples of private revelation in history?*
- *How should we approach claims of private revelation?*
- *What are characteristics of true private revelations?*
- *Are private revelations happening in the world today?*

In this booklet you’ll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. Miraculous messages from God can be attractive, inspirational, and transformative. Yet, for all the reasons to be excited, when it comes to reports of extraordinary communication from God we have reasons to be cautious. 20 Answers: Apparitions & Revelations looks at the history and common characteristics of private revelation and miraculous apparitions, examine the ways that the Church evaluates these phenomena, and consider how they can deepen our faith and draw us closer to Christ.





Ballerina Princess Camp

Children ages 4-7 are invited to join Miss Kathy for 3 fun-filled mornings of dancing, crafts, and games with a princess theme!

- June 6, 7, 8 from 9:00-11:00
 - \$40 per camper (All proceeds will be donated to IHM)
 - Register early, as there are limited spots available
 - We'll meet downstairs in the Grand Hall at IHM
- To register, email Kathy at dancetimellc@gmail.com

Save the date!



Family Fun Night at IHM
on Saturday, July 23
Fun for All!



Food Trucks—Bounce House—Music

Here's who will be here:
Daddy O's Cheesesteaks and Waffle Nerds

PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, the month of May is the month of Mary. Have you seen all the resources on FORMED.ORG in regards to our Lady? Recall that you have a free subscription.

Go to www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org



Let us Pray the Rosary for Ukraine

Please join us in praying the Rosary in church Monday thru Saturday at 7:30am, just prior to daily Mass.



We will pray in the chapel on Tuesday May 31 and Wednesday June 1 at 6pm, ending in time for 6:30 Mass.

Please pray for our troops

- Ian Bagby—U.S. Army
- Ted Baskett—U.S. Marine Corps
- Gregory Conners—U.S. Army
- Joseph Gardner—U.S. Navy
- Austin Gilliam—U.S. Marine Corps
- Nicholas Hitt—U.S. Army
- Jacob Holstein—U.S. Marine Corps
- Anna Jaeckle—U.S. Air Force
- Connor Jaeckle—U.S. Navy
- Emily Jaeckle—U.S. Marine Corps
- Courtney Kelley (Swoboda) - U.S. Air Force
- Angela Kettler—U.S. Navy
- Austin Komas—U.S. Marine Corps
- Alexandra McIntosh—U.S. Navy
- Danielle McIntosh—U.S. Marine Corps
- Richard Ostermeyer—U.S. Marine Corps
- Matthew Rison—U.S. Navy
- Molly Rison—U.S. Navy
- Eric Roethler—U.S. Marine Corps
- Andrew Salmo—U.S. Army
- Katelyn Stitzes—U.S. Air Force
- Matthew Stovall—U.S. Marine Corps
- Daniel Vehige—U.S. Marine Corps
- Alexander Vesel—U.S. Navy

and all U.S. military men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserve and protect our country

(if you would like your loved one listed, please contact the church office)

Live the Gospel of Life

“The tragic U.S. Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* has allowed for the destruction of millions of innocent lives through legalized abortion. The Supreme Court is now in the process of deciding a case that has the potential to weaken, or even overturn, *Roe v. Wade*. As the Court prepares to release its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Christians across the country are uniting in prayer for this important case. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. May we commit ourselves to urgent prayer and fasting, that the Court may act to uphold the dignity of unborn human life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
Respect Life Prayer Guide.

Please check out the bulletin board for various activities being offered in our area!



Janet Hespern, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

Come and meet your Parish friends
and let the Holy Spirit guide you in
new directions.

All meetings from 6:30 to 8pm

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| May 26 | Founders Hall |
| June 9 | Weber Hall |
| June 23 | Weber Hall |
| July 21 | Founders Hall |
| August 4 | Founders Hall |
| August 18 | Founders Hall |
| September 1 | Founders Hall |
| September 15 | Founders Hall |

*As always, if you have any questions
or just need to talk, call/email/text
any time.*

Janet Hespern: 314-369-6521

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

NEW MELLE (at the intersection of Hwys. Z & D)

WANTED:

- Clothing items that are clean, wearable and stain free
- Functional household items
- Hardback and paperback books
- ABSOLUTELY NO TV'S or APPLIANCES

DONATIONS ACCEPTED: MAY 28 to JUNE 15

SALE DAYS - 8:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesdays, June 15 and June 22
Fridays, June 17 and June 24
Saturdays, June 18 and June 25

Missouri Inmates Sew Custom Quilts for Foster Children and they need your donations to do it!

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations for the Men's South Central Correctional Center in Licking, MO. As part of their rehabilitation, the men are taught to make quilts and are in need of donations of material, yarn, thread, polyfill and batting. The men design the quilts, with individual children in mind, embroidering their first names on the corner. Once finished, each quilt is packaged with a handmade hat, along with school supplies and toiletries donated by other inmates at South Central. If you would be willing to donate and help these men with their rehabilitation, please bring your donation to a bin in the narthex or contact Mary Leeker at 314-303-9884 or mtleeker@gmail.com

Goings On...

All you can eat breakfast will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Augusta on May 22 from 8am til noon. \$10 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. Menu includes pork sausage, baked ham, "real" scrambled eggs, regular and potato pancakes, baked apples, juice and coffee. Carryouts are available.

The St. Cletus Legion of Mary will be hosting Exhibits and presentations on Saturday, June 4 from 9am to 1pm in the school gym located at 2705 Zumbel Rd., St. Charles. The subjects are the Shroud of Turin and Life after Life. You won't want to miss this amazing event.

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do his work.

St. John Henry Newman

Dear Parishioners,

Our Masses are so beautifully enhanced by your participation in the prayers and singing, and we'd like to make participation simpler and even more accessible for you. The JumboTron™ was used to great success during COVID to supplement our worship when we were not able to have hymnals in pews. Things like the creed really “boomed” when folks didn't have to try to find it in the hymnal - which was great!

We appreciate the viewpoint which sees the potential for distraction or the feeling of a “mega-church” if the JumboTron™ is not used tastefully. This is why the slides have been formatted simply with plain white text on black background. Since the restriction on hymnals in pews was lifted, the use of the JumboTron™ has been scaled back to a static slide with hymn numbers for the Mass. While this has been simpler logistically (requires no advancing of slides), it seems the JumboTron™ could be used to even greater effect aiding participation at Mass.

As we continue to ponder which parts of the Mass would benefit from more use of the JumboTron™, we are again looking to build up a ministry of volunteers willing to advance slides for Mass. We are looking for folks of any age, with no special skills needed! If you are interested in joining a rotation of ministers, please contact Peggy in the office at 636-398-5270 or secretary@ihm-newmelle.org



Thank you for your consideration!

Bryan, Shawn, and Fr. Tom

Answers to Catholic IQ

- a “Messiah” is the Hebrew translation of “Anointed One.” “Cristos,” the Greek translation, means the same thing.
- b These classes are named after Cana, the place where Jesus changed water into wine at a wedding feast.
- b The story is told in Genesis 11:1-9. The word “babel” comes from the Hebrew word for confusion.
- d On occasions, cardinals also wear red cassocks, and on special occasions, red cloaks.
- c Maryland was the only one of the 13 original colonies hospitable to Catholics. The first bishop was John Carroll whose cousin was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Carroll was a strong believer in Catholic education and the Mass being celebrated in English.
- b This canticle of Mary is found in Luke 1:46-55 as a response to her cousin Elizabeth's greeting at the Visitation.
- d St. John Vianney (1786-1859) was the priest of a church in a rural French village. He was especially known for his gift of “reading hearts” in the confessional. His feast day is August 4.
- a “Abba” is the Aramaic word for father.
- d We each participate in our own way in the one priesthood of Christ. (See Catechism of the Catholic Church nos. 784, 1546-1547.
- b The word comes from the Latin word for “common,” since Jerome's fourth-century translation was the “common” language of the day: Latin.

Marriage Banns

Marriage in Christ has been promised between
Jodi Glosemeyer and Justin Molitor
(at St. Ignatius Loyola)

Pope's Intentions for May: For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service,



Novena to the Holy Spirit in Preparation for Pentecost

The Novena begins on the day after the Solemnity of the Ascension, Friday of the 6th Week of Easter, even if the Solemnity of the Ascension is transferred to the 7th Sunday.

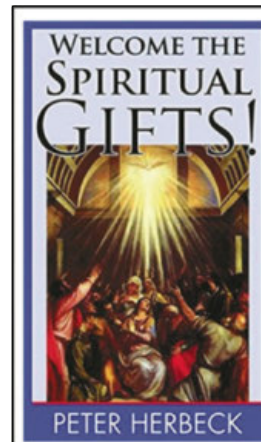


Acts 1:12-14 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet... and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary.

Their “nine days of prayer” for an outpouring of God’s Grace form the origins of the devotion called the “Novena.”

There are many various types of novenas that can be prayed devotionally. Here are two that could be recited each day for the nine days in preparation for the feast of Pentecost.

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.



Lord Jesus, I ask you to baptize me in your Holy Spirit. I want to receive all that you have for me. Holy Spirit, I ask you to take the reins of my life, to lead me, to guide me, and empower me to live a new way of life. I welcome whatever gifts you desire me to have for the building up of the Church and for the mission to which you have called me. Come Holy Spirit!

Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jesus tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence.

St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: “*May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a*

child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.”

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God’s presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to

what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God’s presence and promise. The elegance of God’s Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God’s life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

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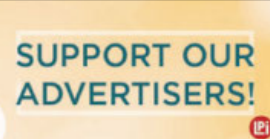
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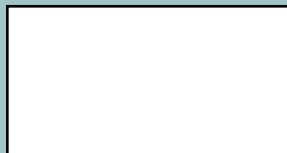
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