



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

Congratulations *First Holy Communicants!*

*Lord Jesus Christ,
bless the children
coming forward to
receive Holy
Communion for
the first time.*

*May this day be the
step toward a life-long
love of the Eucharist.*

*Give them a hunger
for this sacred food so
that they turn to you
for comfort, guidance,
and wisdom as they
grow into full
discipleship.*

*Thank you for their
innocence and
goodness.*

*May their hands,
extended in
anticipation of your
body and blood,
inspire all of us to
cherish this sacred
Sacrament.*

Amen.



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"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

Schedule

MASS

Monday through Friday 6:25 am
8:30 am
Saturday (weekday Mass) 8:30 am
Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm

All Masses are in the Upper Church. Masses also held on second Sunday of month in HFC at 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

(confessionals located in church vestibule)

Monday through Friday 8-8:15 am
Saturday 3-4:00 pm

FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

BAPTISMS

Saturday and Sunday

Pray for our Sick

names remain for two months



Delaney Bartz
Sunny Greinke
Norma Mailand
Carole Zachary



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the souls
of the faithful departed
in our SPC community.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.



Dr. Eric Labouvie
Francine Macchitelli
Joan Roer
George Wallies



Baptisms

MARY CATHERINE BRETT
daughter of Gerald Brett
and Maria Jauch

MICHAEL VINCENT MANIATIS
son of Michael Maniatis
and Lauren Berwanger

RYLAN JOHN CIRILLO
son of Daniel Cirillo
and Amanda Lawrence

GIANNA MARIE SWIDERSKI
daughter of Mark Swiderski
and Stephanie Strzelecki

JACOB NICHOLAS LIEBICH
son of Daniel Liebich and Genna Parise

MARIA NICOLE PARISE
daughter of Joseph Parise
and Jacqueline Treichler

Wedding Banns

II **CONOR COONEY &
MOLLY CATHERINE GAUGHAN**

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY OFFERING (April 23rd - 29th)

Envelopes	\$11,622.72
Loose	\$6,030.93
Electronic Giving	\$10,685.50
Total Weekly Offering	\$28,339.15

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS (through April 29th)

Lenten Almsgiving	\$38,140.00
Easter	\$95,857.78

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (through April 20th)(goal: \$142,718)	\$104,457 paid (73%) \$121,054 pledged (85%)
Sunday Giving Fiscal YTD Total (July 1st through April 29th)	\$1,521,089.32
Sunday Giving Fiscal YTD vs. Budget (July 1st through March 31st)	+\$164,204.20

Readings for the Week

SUN, 5/7: Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22) /
1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

MON, 5/8: Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 /
Jn 14:21-26

TUE, 5/9: Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 /
Jn 14:27-31a

WED, 5/10: Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 /
Jn 15:1-8

THU, 5/11: Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 /
Jn 15:9-11

FRI, 5/12: Acts 15:22-31 / Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 /
Jn 15:12-17

SAT, 5/13: Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 /
Jn 15:18-21



Letter from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

Our Gospel today is often read at funerals. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places..." I wonder if people find comfort in this saying from Jesus because they think their deceased loved one was unique and didn't fit the standard mold. Jesus' words indicate that people of all different flavors will find a place in heaven. Your loved one had some rough spots and difficult qualities? Well, don't worry, Christ has just the room for him or her. Other translations of the Gospel text say, "In my father's mansion there are many rooms."

I'm one of four children in my family. My brother, two sisters and I were blessed with our own room in our house, which my parents still live in. I think how each of us decorated our rooms differently. Sports posters and pennants and trophies in my brother's room and mine, pink comforters and what not in my sisters'. We'll each have our own room in heaven to decorate as we see fit.

But we'll also be part of a house and there will be common rooms in the house.

I remember when I came home from my college one summer and brought a stuffed deer head with me. I hung it in the family room. I'm not a hunter, but I thought it was cool. Well, my mom and sisters didn't quite agree. That deer head is now in the rectory here at Saint Paul.

We can't impose our own styles on others. We might think our way is the best, it might not be so. God really is the one who knows what is best, and "his ways are far above our ways." I think we might be surprised when we arrive in heaven about some of the styles and tastes that are accepted in some of the rooms.

Having said all that, what's most important, I think, is that

in Heaven we won't be spending much time in our own individual rooms. We'll be together in the common room, and we won't be looking at deer heads or TVs or paintings. We'll all be looking at the same thing. Or, rather, the same person: Jesus Christ.



This Sunday after all morning Masses is **Donut Sunday and New Parishioner sign up** in the gym. Please drop in to grab a tasty treat and say hello.

As I mentioned last week, I've put together **Daily Reflections on Mary** for the month of May. You'll find them inside the bulletin, as well as online. Thank you for reading and staying close to the Blessed Mother.

Next Saturday, May 13th is our second round of **First Communion** at 10am and 1pm. Congratulations second graders, and thank you to Anna Mae Parkhill and the teachers who have worked hard to prepare for this beautiful occasion.

*Please note, due to First Communions on Saturday, there will be **no Confessions** at 3pm on Saturday, May 13th. We will resume Saturday confessions the following week.*

Also next Saturday, May 13th is Seminarian Martin Nyberg's **Ordination to the Diaconate** at Holy Name Cathedral. Martin will be ordained a transitional deacon with two other classmates and several other men for the permanent diaconate. Congratulations, Martin, and we look forward to seeing you serving around the altar, preaching, and baptizing.

Next Sunday, May 14th, will be our first **Family Mass in the Holy Family Chapel** at 10:30am (the 10:30am UC Mass will still be occurring). For now this will occur *every second Sunday of the month* (June 11, July 9th, etc.) at 10:30am. Children will assist with the readings and ushering at this Mass. Everyone of all ages, of course, is welcome to attend that HFC Mass. Thank you to the group of individuals who have helped plan this. If you are interested in being involved for future Masses, please reach out to Jennifer Waters (jenwaters13@gmail.com).

Your Servant in Christ,

Reflections from our Community



We are in the midst of the Easter season. A time of joy in the truth of our Lord's resurrection from the dead preceded by his victory over death through the Cross. We rejoice because we are truly a people of the resurrection, for without it, our faith would collapse like a house of cards. Because of Christ's triumph and his victory over sin and the kingdom of darkness, the gates of heaven closed by Adam's fault have been smashed open; truly good news to bring joy to the heart and a reason for why we give thanksgiving every Sunday during the Holy Mass.

In Romans 15:13 Paul gives this blessing: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit." Joy is both a response to our salvation won by Christ and also a gift from the Holy Spirit. Paul exhorts his readers again in Philippians 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." The Lord has sent his promised Holy Spirit to accompany us and promised in Matthew 28:20: "behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." But do we leave this joy at the door of the church?

It is news to no one at all that anxiety and anger pervade our culture and community. It is also a sport to diagnose the reasons for why this has developed. Our faith as disciples calls us to bring the good news into a world that sorely needs hope. How can we use our gifts, talents, and the grace brought by the Holy Spirit into our daily encounters with our neighbors?

It is possible. Maybe some strategies on how to do this... We must act through the fruits of prayer and closeness to the word of God. Talk about how our faith helps us through the ups and downs of life. Notice the beauty God built in creation and point to it. Listen to peoples' struggles begging God for the empathy to hear them and deliver his message of consolation. Tell jokes that brighten peoples' day, give compliments liberally, deftly steer conversations towards great books, movies, and timeless music. Carve out time for direct service because active charity is the field work of the disciple. If we are to evangelize and foster the spread of God's kingdom then joy will be more effective at attracting people than the negativity expressed in abundance around us.

Fr. Nicholas Cavallari, Associate Pastor

Mass Schedule

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY, 5/8 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James	Louise Fanchi
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Linda Babin, Amelia Bernacki, Albert Schick, Tom Horner, Charlene Stage
TUESDAY, 5/9 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James	Sam Hyde, Tony Zach
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Lorraine A. Kieser, Daniel and Connie Maness, George and Joe Knappstein
WEDNESDAY, 5/10 Saints John of Avila and Damien de Veuster	6:25 am UC	Fr. James	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James	Michael Duda, Victor Gust, Louise Sottile, Rosa DiFranco
THURSDAY, 5/11 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick	Paula Kobel
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Hugh, Catherine and Jack O'Keefe, Francis Cooke, Michael Connelly
FRIDAY, 5/12 Saints Nereus, Achilles, and Pancras	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick	John Leoci
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James	Nicholas LaCorcia, Healing and Blessings for John Ahern
SATURDAY, 5/13 Our Lady of Fatima	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	John Newell, People of the Parish
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. James	Rosemarie and Marie Cannella, Angeline Albinski, Donald and Shirley McCormick, Bill Egger, Fred Gross, Deceased Members of the Strzyz and Peplow Families, Blessings for Celinda Figueroa, Josh Infantes and Julio Infantes, Ted Moskal
SUNDAY, 5/14 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	7:30 am UC	Fr. Nick/MN*	
	9:00 am UC	Fr. James	
	10:30 am HFC	Fr. James	
	10:30 am UC	Fr. Nick/KG*	
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. Nick	

*LEGEND: /MN = Deacon Martin Nyberg preaching /KG = Deacon Kevin Gregus preaching

Liturgical Ministers Schedule (please email schedule@spc-church.org with any questions)

MASS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
SATURDAY, 5/13 4:30 pm UC	Marjorie Ochsner, Patricia Izban	Christopher Buti, Charles Karcz, Patti Nowak, Karl Ochsner	Julian Bush, Gabby Irwin, James Irwin
SUNDAY, 5/14 7:30 am UC	Eugene Cooney, Frances Johnson	Reggie Higgins Reither, Coventri Lorenz, Mike Marrese, Gerda Weitzel	Gabriella Wegrzynowicz, Emmett Yonka, Lukas Stachowicz
SUNDAY, 5/14 9:00 am UC	Debby Usher, John Tallman	Will Alicea, Cheryl Kaufman, Elly Lamacchia, Kalyn Mahoney	Noah Howski, Kayla Savedia, Grayson Covello
SUNDAY, 5/14 10:30 am HFC	Isa Moressi, Ellie Hanlon	Vincent Santucci, Margaret Teich, Paula Vallejo, OPEN	Tommy Fuller, Danny Leen
SUNDAY, 5/14 10:30 am UC	Brianna Santucci, Ursula M Wegrzynowicz	David Dempsey, Iryna Olyva, Chris Poindexter, Lisanne Roth	Alex Bordini, Catherine Hartung, Sophia LaBuz
SUNDAY, 5/14 12:00 pm UC	Jim Johnston, Ann Solari-Twadell	Neda Naum, Chris Paoelli, Maria Talarico, Kevin Wiley	Christian Poindexter, Sam Schrementi, Joey DeVinney

Events this Week

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 7th	8:30 am — 12:00 pm	Parish Life Center	New Parishioner Registration and Donut Sunday
Sunday, May 7th	8:30 pm	Parish Life Center Gym	Men's Pick-Up Basketball
Monday, May 8th	7:00 pm	Parish Vegetable Garden	Parish Vegetable Garden Orientation Meeting
Thursday, May 11th	7:30 pm	Kinane Center	Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina)

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION *and* DONUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 7th

8:30 am — 12:00 pm

Parish Life Center

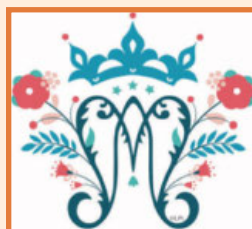


What could be better than greeting new parishioners while enjoying a cup of coffee and donut treat? Our **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MINISTRY** will be available on May 7th from 8:30 until noon to register new parishioners, answer any questions, and distribute welcome packets. Join us after all Sunday Masses to visit with our priests and enjoy a donut!

We hope to see you there!

MAY ALTAR *for* MARY

We would like to invite parishioners **beginning Sunday May 14th** to honor Mary during her month of May by bringing a gift of flowers to her side altar. We will provide vases to hold the flowers. This is a wonderful way for families to participate in the beautification of the Church and foster a devotion to our Blessed Mother.



Thank you!

THE SEARCH

TUESDAY, MAY 16th

7:30 pm

*Have you lost the
plot of your life?*

Explore life's mysteries with The Search, a new video-based program that explores life's big questions.

Please join Fr. Nick as we view and discuss the first episode of The Search.

THE
SEARCH

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Email nicktesta@spc-church.org
with any questions.

Additional Opportunities

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

MONDAY, MAY 22nd

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Upper Church

Current **5th, 6th, and 7th graders** interested in becoming altar servers at SPC should attend this training. Should you have any questions, please contact Mike Marrese at mjmarrese@gmail.com

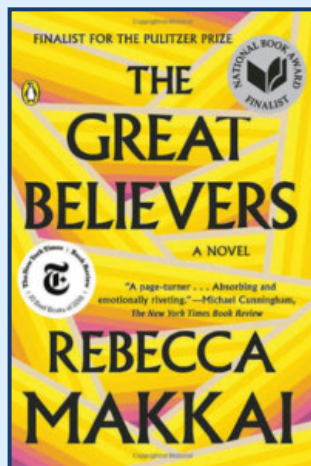


BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, JUNE 5th

7:30 pm

Parish Life Center AB Room



Join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss **THE GREAT BELIEVERS** by Rebecca Makkai.

All are welcome!

SPC SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE 2023



Don't miss out!

We have several unique and engaging sessions available for children - preschool age 3 (must be potty trained) through 8th grade.

Camp will be offered for three one-week sessions:

June 12th - 16th

June 19th - 23rd

June 26th - 30th

More information can be found on the front page of our school website: www.spc-school.net



HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL FAMILY MASSES

Are returning!



We are excited to announce that family Masses will be returning to the Holy Family Chapel on the **second Sunday** of the month at **10:30 am** beginning in May. Children will assist with the readings and ushering at this Mass. Everyone of all ages, of course, is welcome to attend the HFC Mass.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Jennifer Waters at jenwaters13@gmail.com.

The present schedule is below:

May 14th - June 11th - July 9th - August 13th

As Mass attendance continues to increase, we will look into adding more Masses down in the Holy Family Chapel. *Stay tuned!*

Adoration Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS!

Due to an insufficient number of overnight adorers, we have temporarily closed our Adoration Chapel from 11:00 pm until 5:00 am daily.

Our current adorer schedule is pictured to the right. Red boxes indicate where there is at most one committed adorer. We need at least two committed adorers for each slot before we can reopen during the night. Yellow slots are times throughout the day when we have only one committed adorer; additional commitments are needed here to fortify the daytime schedule. Green indicates two or more adorers are present. If you would like to sign up for a timeslot, please call the parish office at **847-825-7605** or email adorationchapel@spc-church.org



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Message from Adoration Team

Do you ever wonder if you are “doing” Adoration right? I’ve heard it said that the most important thing is to just show up. Father Josh Johnson offers some simple guidelines to help you improve your relationship with God in the Blessed Sacrament.

- Listen to God’s voice as you read the Bible
- Pray the rosary incorporating lectio divina
- Remember the Pirate’s Prayer: ARRR

For more information, check out the short video and/or text by Father Josh:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/what-do-we-do-in-adoration/>

God bless you!

The SPC Adoration Team

We would love to hear from you regarding your experience in our Adoration Chapel. How might you be blessed through your time with Jesus? Please share your reflection, or perhaps you are inspired to write a poem or prayer, etc. Reflections should be roughly 350 words. Reflection forms can be found on the table in the Adoration Chapel foyer or on our website. Submit reflections to sandylabouvie@spc-church.org or place it in the collection box in the Adoration Chapel. Thank you to all those who’ve already contributed!

Congratulations to our First Communicants!



We wish to congratulate the children of St. Paul of the Cross Parish who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend and next! We are grateful to their parents, catechists, and teachers who together worked hard to prepare them for this very special day on their journey of faith! May these children know that the presence of Jesus is with them now and always will be as they grow in their relationship with him. *God bless our children!*

Erik Abplanalp	Minola Fontanini	John Mahany	James Riley
Gabriel Acevedo	Benjamin Fornal	Calvin Maigler	Henry Rioch
Holden Ahern	Bebe Francis	Michael Manning	Colin Robert
Susanna Alsanousi	Adriana Fuksa	Lucas Marnikovic	Declan Robert
Sophia Analitis	Elizabeth Gansz	Maxwell Marti	Lucas Rodriguez
Adeline Ansay	Kevork George	Jayna Martin	Stella Rogowski
Peter Babbo	Logan Gillespie	Molly Mathisen	Joseph Rottman
Hannah Baker	Adrian Girel	Natalie McCaghy	Matthew Rusiecki
Margaret Balducci	William Guess	Evan McCall	Abby Ryan
Julia Banek	Elysia Guest	Brendan McCarthy	Evan Rygula
Coleman Bartlett	Luca Gustafson	Sionainn McGarry	Caelum Santos
Caden Bemben	Dominic Guttilla	Griffin McGuane	Nicholas Schoenstene
Ewa Bitzaya	Liam Hansen	Tess McGuane	Ryan Seiwert
Kyle Blair	Hunter Haro	Sloane McNally	Cecilia Settle
Maria Bochenek	Yadier Heredia	John McNelis	Bianca Silvio
Zuzanna Bogdanowicz	Mila Herrera	Jett Miles	Elle Simonelli
Julia Brasky	George Hickey III	Vincent Minotti	Lucas Slavin
Madison Braun	Maura Holmes	Logan Mohar	Isaac Spiewak
Finnley Brennan	Matthew Indriolo	Keegan Moran	Juliette Spirczak
Leo Brett	Henry Jakymiw	Grace Natali	Brianna Stach
Eleanor Bryant	Cameron Jarosch	Lauren Neville	Henry Stec
Emma Burkett	Filip Junkovic	Alexander Ng	Bennett Stengle
Caroline Butts	Michael Kelly	Sebastian Nielsen	Samantha Stinar
James Calderon	Lyla Kendall	Mairead Noonan	Emily Sugrue
Michael Campanelli	Claire Kenny	Dominic Novelli	Brendan Szczepaniak
Jordan Caudill	Charles Kersey	Liam O'Connor	Keira Szczepaniak
Vivienne Chagdes	Mia Kierdelewicz	Colin Officer	Connor Thomas
Claire Chandler	Kyle Kirkby	Oliver Palicki	Colette Thornhill
Abigail Chun	Hannah Kirwan	Ray Palicki	Delaney Tone
George Clarke	Margaret Kowal	Declan Pansky	Emma Torp
Cristian Conforti	Allyson Kuehlman	Liliana Parenti	Henry Trainor
Emily Conway	Emmeline Labuz	Lucas Petermann	Siena Trapasso
Evan Corcoran	Grace LaCorcia	Michael Peterson	Everly Underwood
Dinah Covello	Ellie Lane	Nora Pietryla	Anthony Uzemack
Kailey Crassweller	Gino Lazzara	Sophia Pilcher	Timothy Vogt
Charlotte Crawford	August Lazzaro	Noah Plezia	Madeleine Von Ahn
Thomas Cwik	Henry Lee	Kylie Plovanch	Claire Wagoner
Maxwell Davis	Suji Lee	Claire Pomagier	Asher Weber
Milan Dellaringa	Sarah Leppert	Nolan Pomagier	Scarlett Weber
Francesca DiLorenzo	Eliana Letizia	Michael Ponzio	Zachary Weber
Eleanor Donaghy	Santino Letizia	Amelia Poole	Penelope Wiester
Colin Doran	Logan Libot	Madeline Popadowski	Benjamin Wilk
Gabriel Dos Reis	Emma Linnane	Genevieve Porcaro	Jeffrey Wilson
Penelope Dziedzic	Margaret Loeb	Domenico Presta	Nikolas Wodka
Kennedy Early	Charlotte Lu	Charlotte Przekota	Ashley Wolinski
Margaret Ellefson	Alexis Macovei	Paul Ragona	Parker Wsol
Hudson Ellingsen	Grace Madden	Camille Reidy	Maya Zelazo
Holly Finan	Vera Magnano	Leo Reyes	Ella Zodo

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School

SonShine - The Parables of Jesus

2023



For ALL Incoming PK 4 yr - 5th Graders

Come join us here at St. Paul's for SonShine – The Parables of Jesus VBS program! The sunny schedule for this weeklong adventure is to strengthen your child's faith with fun and faith-filled activities. Children will learn parables that will inspire them to grow in their faith and love of Jesus! They will sing songs, play games, make crafts and have fun all while discovering the beauty of Jesus' love filled teachings!

When: June 19 through June 23 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: St. Paul of the Cross Campus

Cost: This adventure is \$55 for one child / \$85 for two children / \$95 for three or more children

Who: Students entering 4 year old Preschool through 5th grade this coming school year 2023-2024

Materials and Snacks ARE INCLUDED in the price!

PLEASE PRINT

CHILD'S NAME: _____ GRADE in FALL: _____

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PARENT NAME: _____

FULL ADDRESS: _____

BEST PHONE: _____ EMERGENCY # _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT: Use our online payment site (accepts both credit cards & electronic checks)
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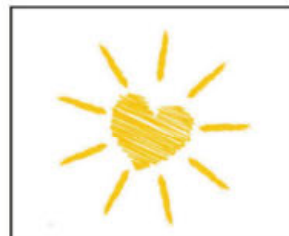
OR

Drop completed form off with check made payable to St. Paul of the Cross

QUESTIONS? 847-692-2758 OR spccatechesis@yahoo.com
 email the form to spccatechesis@yahoo.com

Please Return by May 30

Information on groups & other specifics will be emailed in June



Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Month of May

May 7

"Jesus asked them a question."
Matthew 22:41

Mary Magdalene outside the empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning is asked twice, first by the angels and then by Jesus, "Woman, why are you weeping?" Then Jesus follows up with, "Woman, whom are you looking for?" Earlier in the Gospel of John Jesus asked the disciples of John the Baptist on the Jordan River, "What are you looking for?" To the disciples on the road to Emmaus he asked, "What are you discussing as you walk along?"

The questions of the Lord help us articulate our love. *Why are you weeping?* is an opportunity for us to think about what exactly our relationship to Jesus means for us. We'd be sad if we no longer had Christ in our lives... why? Because we'd be alone and miss out on the greatest love there is. *What/whom are you looking for?* is a means for us to see that God is our ultimate desire. We might think we want health, money, happiness, but, really, we want God, because only in him is our soul at rest. *What are you discussing?* is a reminder to keep Christ in the center of our vision, lest we grow exasperated with the trials around us.

None of the above figures are able to answer Jesus directly. Mary responds, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him..." Andrew and John respond, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Cleopas and the others just vent their anger.

If we allow the Mother of God to ask us those questions, we will respond directly and rest in the beauty of the answers.

Prayer: *Mary, I place myself before you and silence my voice. Please ask me any question — any question of your son. I love Jesus and want to hold on to his feet, like Magdalene, and never let go. I trust in his love for me.*

May 8

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."
Matthew 5:6

As we grow in our devotion to God, we feel a hunger in our heart for more. We want to take more from prayer. We want to understand God more clearly. We want to overcome our sins.

This happens. We become holy. But holiness is not something we put on a shelf and define by "I prayed a rosary today" or "I avoided mortal sin" or "I know Scripture." Holiness is the assimilation into God. Because God is infinite, we stop thinking about obtaining holiness and just live in it.

20th Century theologian and mystic, Dorothee Soelle, once wrote, "Mysticism is not a new vision of God, but a different relationship to the world — one that has borrowed the eyes of God."

The Blessed Mother was a mystic. She loved God intensely, lived an incredible interior life, and loved her neighbor in a way no other human has. Then she went out into the world. She followed her son's ministry in Capernaum at a distance, not remaining in Nazareth. She was present at Calvary and stayed with the apostles after the Resurrection. She sits next to her son in heaven to govern the world. She returns occasionally to the world to help it (see Lourdes, Fatima, Mexico City, etc.). She comes to us, her children, to make us mystics too.

Yes, Mary sees the world with the eyes of her son. She sees the world as a great opportunity for God's glory.

If we remain faithful to prayer, and close to Mary, as the years go by we will stop thinking about ourselves. We will look at the world. We will move into it and, inspired by God, help save it.

Prayer: *Mary, I desire to love your Son and be one with him. But I also desire to do his will and make some difference, however small it may be, in this world. I want to serve my brothers and sisters. I want to love them and help them become mystics. I surrender these desires to you and trust you will bring it about. May I rest in the gaze of Jesus.*

May 9

"And the Father put all things beneath Christ's feet and gave him as head over all things to the Church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who wills all things in every way."
Ephesians 1:22

"He who does not have the Church for a Mother cannot have God for a Father," wrote St. Cyprian. The Church is the means by which Christ chose to be with us and save us. Our Lord could have undertaken his ministry while on this earth by himself. He chose, instead, twelve apostles, seventy-two missionaries, and hundreds of other disciples to be with him and learn from him, and then do his work after he left the earth. Moses had Aaron, Miriam, and Joshua. David had his thirty elite warriors. Elijah had Elisha. Christ has his church.

Everything the Church needs to complete its mission, Christ gives to it. This is why we call the Church the "Bride of Christ." The husband and wife are united. They own everything and provide for each other's well being. Everything that is in the name of Christ and is his by right is in the name of the Church and is hers by right. "Christ put his most precious merits at our disposal," says Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene.

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Mary, the mother of Christ, is the mother of the Church. We need this reminder, for while Christ has no imperfections or faults, his bride does. We've seen the blemishes of the Church. We've seen people leave it because they are bored by it. If we walk away from the Church, we walk away from God. With Mary in our lives, no matter our opinion of our bride, we will remain faithful to the Church.

Prayer: *Mary, I'm so often tempted to do things by myself. I want to be alone, to pray alone, to confess my sins to God alone, to study alone. But I know this is not good for me. I know that if I am alone I will miss out on greater beauty, greater experiences of love, and the opportunity to grow more fully. Keep me in union with the Church. Help me to die to myself and be in love with your son and his bride.*

May 10

"What you did for the least of these, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

"There are things you can't reach," writes poet Mary Oliver, "but you can reach out to them, and all day long."

In the 4th Station of the Cross at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Stowe, Vermont, Mary and Jesus reach out to each other. They do not connect, but there is joy in this encounter.



This unique image (above) was painted by French artist André Girard in 1949. Girard had been commissioned to decorate the newly built parish founded with the help of Maria von Trapp, whose family had relocated to Vermont. Murals depicting the life of Joseph Dutton, the other famed resident of Stowe, decorated the church exterior.

Brother Joseph Dutton was a Civil War veteran who became Catholic and then left the United States to minister to the lepers on Molokai in Hawaii with St. Damien. Dutton took over management of the colony

when Damien died in 1889. Presidents Roosevelt, Wilson, and many other distinguished figures around the world recognized Dutton as a hero. On its triumphant worldwide tour, the US Pacific Fleet sailed by Molokai to salute Brother Dutton.

Dutton and Damien reached out to the suffering lepers. They sought to hold their faces, and for this many looked up to these two men, just as Christ looks up to his mother in the 4th Station.

Mary approaches to hold our face. She locks us into her son, easing our suffering. The ugliness around us becomes beautiful with Mary in our life.

Prayer: *Saint Damien, today is your feast day. May you and Brother Joseph pray for me. Pray that I may look up to Mary and allow her to hold my face. Mary, as you hold my wounded face, I close my eyes and trust in you. I release all of my worries and surrender all my vanities. I remain in union with you and your son.*

May 11

"And to you a sword shall pierce your soul, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."
Luke 2:35

The Greek Orthodox Church has what is called the "Akathist Hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary." It was composed in Constantinople in 536 by Romanos the Melodist and has been in use ever since. Similar to one of our litanies in the Latin Church, the Akathist is a chant consisting of 12 sets of praises to Mary. The titles of the praises are beautiful and each worth meditating upon. Here is a sampling:

*Hail, O you, through whom Joy will shine forth!
Hail, O Redemption of the Tears of Eve!
Hail, O Belief in Silence That Must Be!
Hail, O Tender of mankind's loving Tender!
Hail, O Fold of rational sheep!
Hail, O Food who took the place of Manna!
Hail, Shady Glen where many are sheltered!
Hail, O Crown of Self-mastery!
Hail, O Key to the Kingdom of Christ!
Hail, O Space of the Spaceless God!
Hail, O Harbor for the Sailors of Life!
Hail, O Ark that the Spirit has gilded!
Hail, O Wound, ever-hurting to the demons!*

This last invocation is quite striking. The epithet is a reference to Mary's wounded heart from the passion of her son. As Mary's heart is broken on Calvary on Good Friday, the venom from the serpent is removed. Satan and his minions can still bite, but death need not result. But then there's also the sense of emotional wounds, from trauma and what not. Mary's immaculate

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conception means she has no wounds of her own. But we do have wounds, and because she is our mother, our wounds are her wounds.

Our wounds — events from the past that still cause pain for us today and the weaknesses we have now — are not detractors. They are what allow us to be saved and loved by Jesus, who "came not to call the healthy, but the sick." When we acknowledge our wounds and go to Jesus, the demons are hurt. With Mary, the Wound, present in our consciousness, we shall never rue our vulnerability!

Prayer: Mary, I am a "wounded duck," as they say. Instances from the past, insecurities about who I am now, fears of the future are all sources of pain in my soul. I look upon your wounded heart and receive affirmation that this is not just okay, but this is beautiful. My wound is a dimple in the radiant star and I pray not to have the wound removed, but to be close to your Son.

May 12

"She took off the widow's garb
to raise the afflicted of Israel."
Judith 16:7

In the two Old Testament stories of Judith and Esther we see women who were able to use their exceeding beauty and intelligence to beguile the foes of Israel and glorify God. Stunningly attractive, Judith captures the heart of Holofernes, who was besieging Israel, and executes him at night. He had let her into his confidence and inner chamber. Also mesmerizing to the eyes, Esther gains access to the King of Persia and is able to save her nation from destruction. She is able to speak before the king when no one else was given such permission.

Both women also demonstrate humility. On the eve of their exploit with the enemy, both pray to God and express dismay for the gifts they have. "I abhor the sign of grandeur which rests on my head when I appear in public," says Esther, "abhor it like a polluted rag and do not wear it in private" (Esther C:27). Judith covers herself in ashes and strews her hair wildly.

But after their self-abasement, the women continue on with the mission, using the gifts God had given them. They did God's will and never let the focus of glory remain on themselves.

These women are icons of the Virgin Mary, the self-styled "handmaid of the Lord." The beauty of Mary's body and soul is what has captured the world time and time again. She has only increased devotion to her son.

Vanity is a vice most struggle with. People claim as their own the beauty they have been given. They strive to possess even more of it. They flaunt it before others to tempt them. They seek the glory. And, little do they know,

they actually become ugly.

Mary will help us remain beautiful and have a positive impact on those around us, as Judith and Esther did.

Prayer: Mary, I'm greedy for more beauty. I think the beauty you've given me is for my own satisfaction and, because we can never be satisfied completely until we are with you in eternity, the enemy deceives me into thinking I need more. Vanity is the bait. Help me reject this bait, Mary. I abhor my gifts as Judith and Esther did. I desire only to do God's will for the good of my brothers and sisters.

May 13

"Peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you."
John 14:27

On this day in 1917 our Lady appeared to three young children in Fatima, Portugal. She would go on to appear miraculously on the thirteenth day of each month until October. Mary gave messages to the children and to the world about praying the rosary, resisting evil, loving her son, and respecting life.

Fatima is not just an event from the past we recall and draw lessons from for the present. None of the Marian apparitions are. Nor are the apparitions strictly about the places — Portugal or southern France or Mexico City or wherever. The apparitions are about Mary, who is real and relating to us right now. In Our Lady of Fatima or Guadalupe or Knock or Lourdes we have another insight into who Mary is and what she offers us.

Our Lady of Fatima is about the evil of the world. It was communism in 1917; it is something else today. Mary's appearing and talking specifically about the world assures us that she knows what is going on around us today. She knows our fears and frustrations with society, with politics, with international affairs.

Praying with Our Lady of Fatima isn't meant to rev us up and turn us into culture warriors. It is meant to give us peace. Mary eases our anger and bitterness and hostility. She assures us her son is the one in charge of the world. We can surrender our anxiety to him. She will soften our hearts to make us instruments of change in the world, for it is not anger that conquers, but love.

"Fatima is more important now than in 1917!" said John Paul II. We would echo that sentiment.

Prayer: Mary, I'm upset about the world. I'm upset about the political scene, the violence, the injustice. I feel the temptation to anger and despair; to lashing out at my opponents. Our Lady of Fatima, you know exactly the evil. I don't need to say any more. You and your son will take care of us and the most vulnerable in the world. I bring my foes and my loved ones into my heart, and I rest in your Immaculate Heart.

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Archive Corner *with Mark Miller*

FIRST COMMUNION *(part 1 of 2)*

The month of May is the time when the children of Saint Paul of the Cross receive their First Communion. However, this Sacrament was not always celebrated in May. In the 1960s, it was held in December. Yet even earlier photos show it must have been in the spring. The Archive Corner would like to share with you the many photos it has obtained of this beautiful and sacred service.

First Communion 1915



First communicant, 1977



Polaroid photo taken of an outside ceremony (year unknown)



First Communion 1962 (can you spot our very own Archivist, Mark Miller?)



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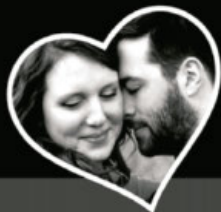
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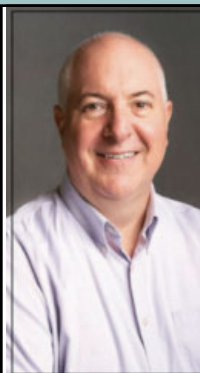
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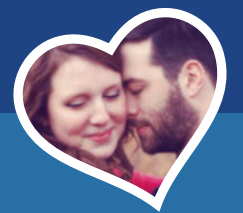


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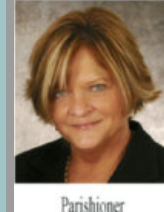


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May 14th issue: Friday, May 5th

May 21st issue: Friday, May 12th

Schedule

MASS

Monday through Friday 6:25 am
8:30 am

Saturday 8:30 am - *daily Mass*
4:30 pm - *vigil*

Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm

All Masses are held in the Upper Church. Masses also held on second Sunday of month in HFC at 10:30 am

ADORATION

Adoration Chapel open 5:00 am until 11:00 pm daily
Email adorationchapel@spc-church.org
to sign up for a timeslot

CONFESSION

Confessions take place in our Upper Church vestibule

Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 8:15 am
Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday
Call the parish office at least 6 months in advance

BAPTISMS

Saturday and Sunday
If this is your first child, baptism prep class is required and provided on the fourth Thursday every month at 7:00 pm. Please contact the parish office at 847-825-7605 to register.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

and

DONUT SUNDAY

First Sunday of Every Month Unless Advertised Otherwise
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please call Rectory Office (847-825-7605)

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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ROSARY

After 8:30 am Daily Mass