



Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

May 16, 2021



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may
be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19

Pastor's Letter

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD AND OUR LIFE'S GOAL

One of the things that I learned many years ago about praying the Rosary was to ask a specific intention for each Mystery. For that of the Second Glorious Mystery, the Ascension of our Lord, it was a desire for the life of heaven, basically the grace to want to follow where the Lord Jesus has already preceded me into the possession of that place prepared by Him for me in the Father's House (*see John 14:2*).

It seems that too many Christians, however, have been swept away with the current secular cultural idea that "this life is all there is." While professing to believe in the eternal life offered to us through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the general focus appears all too often to be only on this world, on this brief life and what occupies us here and now. That outlook seems all the more prevalent during the current Covid-19 pandemic. Yes, we should prudently safeguard God's gift of the life we have, as well as safeguarding the lives of those around us, family or neighbors, because *we are our brother's keeper* (*see Genesis 4:9*).

Still, *this life is not all there is*. It's necessary, therefore, actively to seek and intentionally to focus on the greater picture of our existence, and to "seek those things that are above," striving to keep the rest of our life in perspective and to weigh it with the value it has.

St Paul has told us: "If you have been raised with Christ, think about the things that are above where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Seek the things that are above, not the things of the earth." (*Colossians 3:1*). Of course, we need to attend to many necessary tasks and responsibilities daily, but that's all the more reason to focus on "the things that are above" so as not to be absorbed by them, losing focus not only of our end goal, but losing sight of the meaning and beauty even of this life.

Such an absorption, however, will inevitably empty the soul of its meaning and rob life of its immediate value, as well as depriving it of its peace and the abiding joy that comes from knowing we are loved by an infinitely good and providential Father.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, PENTECOST (*Mass on Sunday*):

Acts 2:1-11 The "noise like a strong driving wind" filled with fear and bewilderment those outside, but "filled with the Holy Spirit" those who were awaiting together in prayer his coming.

I Corinthians 12: 3b-7; 12-13 Just as a body has different members all fulfilling different roles, yet all serving the good of the body as a whole and benefiting from each other, so also the body of Christ, the Church, you and I.

or Galatians 5:16-25 The antidote to the tyranny of self and of the lower tendencies of our fallen and weakened human nature are given us as the "fruit of the Spirit": "love, joy peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

John 20:19-23 There is an unmistakable way of knowing the presence of Jesus in one's life: the peace he brings. That peace is conferred once we have sought and accepted forgiveness through him.

or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 The truth that the Spirit will guide the believer into is not a new truth, apart from what the Lord Jesus has taught, but a deeper understanding and fuller appreciation of the truth we already believe in faith.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

HOLY CHILDHOOD ON ZOOM AT 9:15 am **MATERNITY OF MARY ON YOUTUBE AT 10:30 am**
Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. evanoff.jj@gmail.com

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to: www.maternityofmarychurch.org and click on the link: Maternity of Mary YouTube page to watch live Mass. This link is under the Live Stream of Mass information.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE DAILY MASS

The 7:45 am is now being live streamed on Zoom. Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the list.



JOIN US

The Parish Life Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm in Buchanan Hall. Two items to be discussed are the 75th Anniversary of Holy Childhood and the gardens & grounds. Please join us to offer your input.

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION SUNDAYS AT 2:00 PM

Join us as we adore our Eucharistic Lord, and draw down God's abundant grace for our loved ones, our Church, our nation, and our world.

All are welcome to attend and spend some quality time with Our Lord.



DONUT SUNDAY - MAY 16

Today is Donut Sunday. Following the 9:15 am Mass, there will be individually packaged donuts available for everyone. One donut per person please. A table will be outside the front doors (Midway Pkwy.) for you to pick up a donut as you exit church and also in the parking lot for drive by pickup. In both areas please observe physical social distancing. We hope you enjoy!

PARKING RESTRICTION



On May 1, the parking restrictions for this neighborhood went into effect. Parking on the service road east of Convent II (1427 Midway Parkway) is by PERMIT ONLY from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm everyday of the week through September 30.

COME ADORE HIM



Saint Rose of Lima Parish has a gift we would like to share. We are reopening our newly renovated Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Go online to strose-oflima.weadorehim.com to sign up. Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Take an hour or just visit. Anyone is welcome to come and Adore Him. Contact Peggy Bakko at 651-492-9965 or visit www.saintroseoflima.net

FAIR SHARE ENVELOPES



If you are in need of Fair Share Envelopes, please contact Mary in the parish office. Envelopes will be placed on the table in the narthex unless directed otherwise.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| MAY | 15 | Dan Burt Pat Coyne |
| | 16 | Rosella Berthiaume |
| | 19 | Barbara McMahon |

SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

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| MAY | 16, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH) 11:15 am - Mass (CH) |
| | 21, 7:00 pm - Mass |
| | 23, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH) 11:15 am - Mass (CH) |
| | 28, 7:00 pm - Mass |

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Together in Hope: Partnering to Serve the Poor, Support Life, and Strengthen the Faith

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| 2021 GOAL: | \$ 16,060.00 |
| AMOUNT PLEDGED: | \$ 15,100.00 |
| AMOUNT RECEIVED: | \$ 11,562.50 |
| NUMBER OF DONORS: | 42 |

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ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY

Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Paul

This celebration includes Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! In-person registration is required by contacting 651.291.4488. Social Distancing will be observed. Couples married one year or more may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life by May 30 at 651.291.4488 or mfl@archspm.org.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Beginning May 21 through September 3 the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays. If there is a Pastoral Emergency, please call 651-489-8825 (Maternity of Mary parish office) and follow the prompts for a Pastoral emergency.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 15

7:45 am † Michael Nimh

5:00 pm † Jennifer Gaffney

Sunday, May 16

9:15 am Parishioners

Monday, May 17

7:45 am † Maria Nimh Kim Nhung

Tuesday, May 18

7:45 am †† Fabian & Ginny Kullman

Wednesday, May 19

7:45 am † Angie Newsome

3:30 pm † Jane Hanten

Thursday, May 20

7:45 am † Stemig Family

Friday, May 21

7:45 am Paige Nevins - Health & Recovery

Saturday, May 22

7:45 am † Tom Schraad

5:00 pm † Cliff Greene

Sunday, May 23

9:15 am Parishioners

Financial Support 5-9-21

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| FAIR SHARE | \$ 7959.00 |
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| PIPES REPORT | \$ 200.00 |
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| Balance | \$ 967.00 |
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Thank you for your generous support of HC.

Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 am

Conference Room

Saturday Anticipatory Mass.....5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses....Monday - Saturday..7:45 am

3rd Wednesday -Lyngblomsten Chapel..3:30 pm

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness – those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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