

May 9, 2021

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Holy Spirit Catholic Community enkindles the fire of God's love in our lives through worship, discipleship and service.

Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m. Mass • Saturday 3-4 p.m. Penance & 4:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday 9 a.m. Mass

Fr. Daniel Haugan, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

May 9, 6th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

9 a.m. Margaret Hughes†
Carol Dittel†

May 10, St. Damien de Veuster

May 11

7:30 a.m. Country & U.S. Leadership

May 12, Sts. Nereus and Achilleus & St. Pancras

7:30 a.m. Conversion of sinners

May 13, The Ascension of the Lord & Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 a.m. For holy priests

May 14, St. Matthias

7:30 a.m. Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

May 15, St. Isidore

4:30 p.m. Holy Spirit parish



Happy Mother's Day, Mom!
Birthright of St. Paul is offering beautiful long-stemmed roses for Mother's Day after Saturday and Sunday Masses this weekend.

To allow for safe and "contact-less" distribution, a collection container will be available for an optional \$5 donation to St. Paul Birthright! The collection basket will be near the roses.



From the initial wonder to the morning sickness,
From the sleepless nights to the giggles of delight,
From the first steps to the temper tantrums,
Thank you, Mom.

From school day pride to detention day disappointment,
From the big game to the big show to the big "uh-oh,"
With secret shared moments and home-cooked meals,
Thank you, Mom.

Through tears and laughter,
Through sorrow and joy,
For all the ups and downs,
and for the journey yet to come,
Thank you, Mom!

A NOTE FROM ARCHBISHOP HEBDA

Archbishop Hebda reminds us that in all Masses and other gatherings, we are still required to remain 6 feet from those of different households, and continue to wear facial masks covering the nose and mouth while indoors.

This is the Governor's Executive Order which we are not free to disregard. While Minnesota's COVID-19 vaccinations are ahead of the national rate and MDH officials expect the recent surge in positivity to subside, the Feb. 22 Mass protocols remain in force.

The Archbishop is receiving complaints from those attending churches where persons of different households are sitting closer than 6 feet and not wearing masks. Please remember to continue practicing social distancing while at Mass and other parish-related activities.



Beginning May 23, we will return to our regular Sunday Mass schedule of 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Please remember that seating will continue to be limited to allow for social distancing. Masks are still required. Please continue to use hand sanitizer.

PLANT SALE PICK UP



Thanks to all who ordered plants and gift cards from the Women of Holy Spirit. Your support is much appreciated!

Pick up is this Wednesday, May 12, in the east church parking lot. Those with last names A–J, please pick up your orders from 4-5 p.m.; K–P from 5-6 p.m.; and Q–Z from 6-7 p.m. Email Sue at csmlyons@gmail.com with questions.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer: The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."



Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of a certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

- Mother's Day Remembrance -

Thanks to all who donated to the Mother's Day Remembrance fund. Today, we remember all mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers, living and deceased.

Donation From

Jim Ellinghuysen

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In Remembrance Of

Shirley Ellinghuysen, mother and great-grandmother

Lorraine Rollins & Millie Kimlinger

Frances Paul; Hyanth Paul; Tom Modl and all the fathers, living & deceased, of the Paul, Mascarenhas, DSouza, Pinto, DCosta, Dcruz, Dinello, Rapose, Figueiredo families; Ezekiel DCosta & Joe Mascarenhas

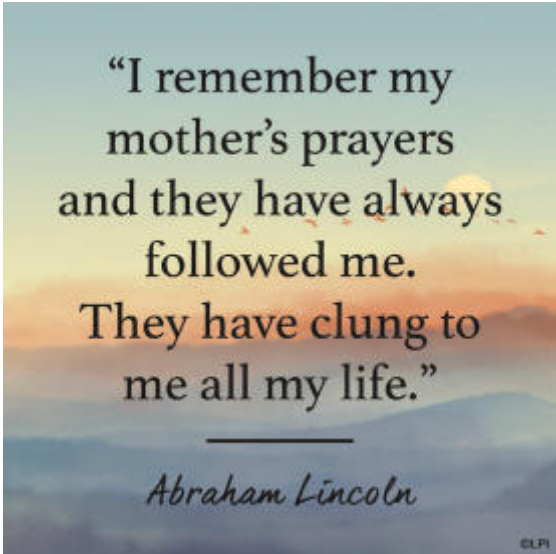
Rene Paul; Marie DCosta; Donesa Pinto; Maureen Modl; Aricia Paul; Candy Paul; Christine Masten; Elsa Rapose & all mothers, living & deceased, of the Paul & Mascarenhas families & their extended family members; Shaista Malike; Mothers of OP House of St. Lawrence Parish - Karachi

Other Donations

Kenneth Markwardt

LIVE THE LITURGY

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.



“I remember my
mother’s prayers
and they have always
followed me.
They have clung to
me all my life.”

Abraham Lincoln

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church

May 12 | 7-10 p.m. | Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids

May 15 | 6 p.m. | Church of St. Dominic, Northfield

Each church will each present a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Father Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be there with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries. Visit epiphanymn.org and churchofstdominic.org for details.

The Roaring Twenties: Lessons in Love from Leading Ladies

May 20 | 7-9 p.m. | St. Pius X, White Bear Lake

Join the women of WINE for a fabulous evening with award-winning Catholic author and Jazz singer Liz Kelly, as she brings us back in time for a deeper look at love. The 1920s ushered in drastic social, cultural, and artistic changes. Though a hundred years have passed, the action of a leading lady of that era echoes a powerful message for women of the 2020s. The evening includes light appetizers, sweets and treats, a little shopping, and a few surprises! Register at catholicvineyard.com.

Fratelli Tutti

May 25 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Virtual event

Join the Center for Mission for the final presentation and discussion of this five-part series that dives into this important encyclical from Pope Francis. Lynette Graham, Chair of Pastoral Council and Education Committee at St. Peter Claver, will lead us in exploring chapters 7 and 8 of *Fratelli Tutti*. Visit centerformission.org/whats-new to sign up! Contact Adam Fitzpatrick for more information at fitzpatricka@archspm.org, or (651) 291-4410.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day

June 5 | 10 a.m. | Cathedral of Saint Paul

The day includes Mass, a renewal of vows, and a short reception. Families and friends of 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.



CHOOSING TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.



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