

St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Catholic Church

MASS SCHEDULE

SAT 4:00 PM
SUN 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Mon—Wed, Friday 8:00 AM
CONFESSOR SCHEDULE:
Saturday 3:00 PM

ADORATION SCHEDULE:
Friday 8:30 AM to 1:00 p.m.

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Pastor
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Dc. Charles Ferraro
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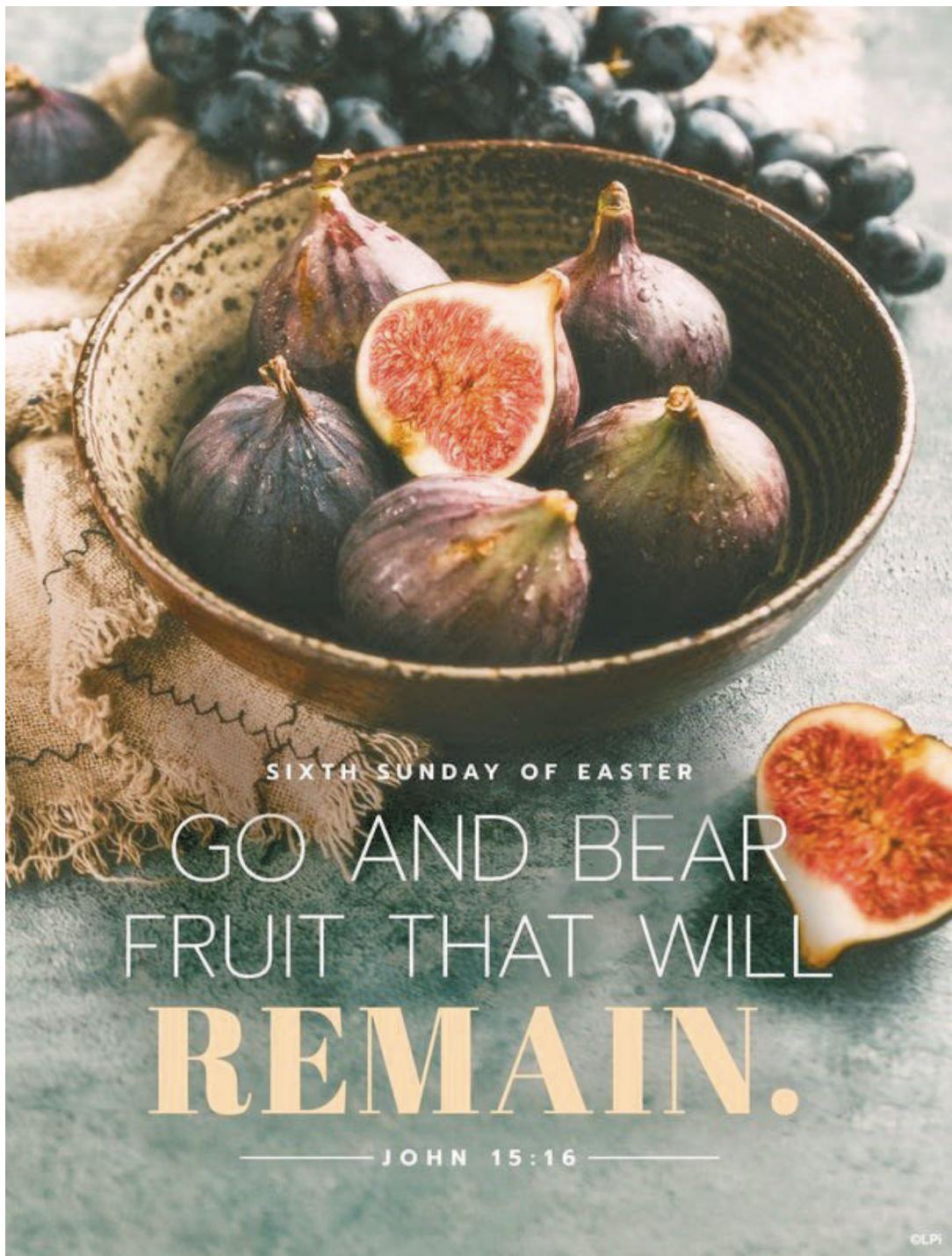
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4:

4:00 p.m.: Josephine Conlon & Erma Patten by Jim & Kathy Patten

Sunday, May 5:

8:30 a.m.: Robert Pratt by Ann & Jack Pratt

10:30 a.m.: Nancy & Vincent Cardillo, Jr. by Nick & Gwen Salatino

Monday, May 6:

8:00 a.m.: Sanctification of Anne, Timothy, Zara, Mike, Peter & Autumn by Slawek Gawlik

Tuesday, May 7: Communion Service

Wednesday, May 8: Communion Service

Thursday, May 9: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m.: Linda Shaughnessy by Libby

Noon at Huggins Hospital Chapel

5:30 p.m.: Kim Kroeger by Knights of Columbus

Friday, May 10:

8:00 a.m.: Bonnie Gilmartin by Louise & Charlie Horsken

Saturday, May 11:

4:00 p.m.: Paula Garvey, 1st anniv by Finance Committee

Sunday, May 12:

8:30 a.m.: Mosca & Vellante Families by Marie & Joe Mazzeo

10:30 a.m.: Nancy & Joseph Scassera by Nick & Gwen Salatino

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

April 28, 2024.....\$ 4,658

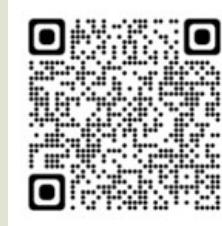
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Week ending 4/28/24.....\$ 3,861

Second collection: May 12, Catholic Communications

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May 4 through May 10



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1-800-894-5533 or 603-271-6556

If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, contact the Diocesan Office for Healing and Pastoral Care in Manchester: 603-669-3100.

Parish Ministries

HEROES OF THE FAITH

Altar Guild:

Gloria & Paul St. Martin

Altar Servers:

Deacon Charlie

Bereavement:

Barbara Richards,
Vicki Zimmerschied

Book Group:

Sharon Norby, Mary Ann Murray

Coat Rack:

Lise Patrick

Communion Calls:

Deacon Chris

Discovery Group:

Bill Klemme

First Things Group:

Mike Hodder, Jim O'Rourke

Friendly Visitors:

Sharon Norby, Coleen Southern

Ladies of St. Katharine Drexel:

Martha Horton

Lectio Divina:

Pat Allen

Men's Group:

Jeff Barrett, Roger Champagne

Prayer Chain:

Laura Lovett, Carol O'Rourke

Prayer Shawl:

Rachel Boudrow

Respect Life:

Deacon Charlie, Barbara Richards

St. Katharine's Gift Shop:

Cindie & Don Levesque

Spirit Bundles:

June Connors

Prayer Group:

Jeanne Mankus, John Perrow

Youth Ministry/Faith Formation:

Gertrude Hammond

Saint Clare of Assisi (1194-1253). Foundress Abbess of The Poor Clares.



Saint Clare, ca. 1320

Born into great wealth and privilege she rejected it all for a life of extreme poverty among her Sisters. Expected by her social class to accept a marriage arranged to increase her family's fortune she refused her father's command to obey. Ordered by Cardinal Ugolino, her Order's protector and the man who would become Pope Gregory IX, to abandon strict poverty she argued against that decision and when he became the Pope convinced him to change his mind. Her convent attacked by undisciplined soldiers she saved her Sisters by her trust in the Blessed Sacrament. There are few in history who have shown similar personal courage and determination to stay the course their Faith had shown them.

Chiara Offreduccio, our Clare of Assisi, was born into the family of the Counts of Sasso-Rosso. The family was rich and powerful, controlling the towns of Assisi and Spello on Mount Subiaso. Her father, Favorino Sceffi, planned to betroth her when she was 12 to a wealthy man of the town but she persuaded him to postpone his plan until she was 18. Her mother, Ortolana Fiumi, was a devout daughter of the Church who is said to have made several pilgrimages including one to Jerusalem. She later joined Clare in the first convent of the Clares.

Saint Francis of Assisi had been preaching in the towns around Subiaso and Clare had been inspired by his practice of strict poverty and total reliance upon God to provide his needs. It seemed to her that the way to true devotion, the practice of the Faith in all its facets, required complete renunciation of every worldly attachment. Marriage, family life and children, possessions all must be surrendered by a soul whose focus was to be God's will in all things as shown by Holy Mother Church and the example of Her saints.

After Mass on Palm Sunday, 1212 the officiant singled her out by bringing her palm to her hands instead of requiring her to approach the altar rail to receive it like everyone else. That night, in secret but accompanied by an aunt, Clare sought out Saint Francis in his chapel Porziuncula and asked to be received as one of Il Poverello's follower's. Francis clothed her in gray and cut her hair as she asked and sent her for refuge to the Benedictine convent near Bastia. Her father tracked her down and forcibly began dragging her away from the altar where she had fled for safety but when he saw her shaven head he realized she was following the orders of one greater than he and left the convent. A little more than a fortnight later Clare's sister, Agnes, joined her and the two overcame their father's anger and were thereafter left untroubled by family claims. Some time later the third sister, Beatrice, joined them and when the father died her mother also entered the convent.

Clare's group of young women dedicated to extreme poverty and mortification grew as more candidates requested entry and guidance. Saint Francis recognized Clare's vocation to the cloistered life and found for her a place to begin their work in the chapel of San Damiano that he had largely built, himself. Clare's convent grew under Saint Francis' guidance and the brief rule he drew up for her, which included strict poverty and the prohibition of owning any communal property. Her nuns were to live on whatever Francis' monks could bring to them from their rounds. Clare met her second great challenge during Saint Francis' absence on crusade.

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LADIES OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

The **Ladies of St Katharine Drexel** will have their May Meeting on Wednesday, May 8. The meeting will **NOT** be in the Parish Hall as we will be on a field trip. We have planned a guided, historical tour of St Marie's Church in Manchester, NH. St Marie's is a beautiful church and what a marvelous way to honor Mary during the month of May.

Please call Martha @ (603) 545-8323 if you have not signed up yet to carpool and each driver will contact the ladies in her car just to verify everything. Lunch will be at the Puritan Backroom.

Honor Mary this month of May ... our life, our sweetness, and our hope.



*"Jesus loves offerings made to Him with gladness."
~ St Katharine Drexel*

St. Clare (continued from page 3)

Troubled by a women's order so dependent upon charity for its survival the Franciscan Protector, Cardinal Ugolino, argued that such strict poverty was unbecoming a women's order and with Pope Honorius III's approval drew up a new Rule for the Poor Ladies that allowed communally owned property.

Following Honorius's death Ugolino was chosen his successor and as Gregory IX he visited Clare in San Damiano. He urged her to relax the Order's strict poverty but she replied "Holy Father, I crave absolution from my sins but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ." Her spiritual father, the Pope, recognizing Clare was following the orders of a Higher Power just as earlier her earthly father, Favorino had done, granted her Order an unprecedented Privilege of Poverty in 1228.

Saint Clare of Assisi is often portrayed holding a monstrance. The reason for that attribute lies in the troubled disturbances of her time, when Pope and Holy Roman Emperor engaged in political and spiritual warfare for hegemony in Italy. Each side mustered armies against the other, towns were burned and cities besieged until each was exhausted. Among the battles and skirmishes of great armies little towns and even smaller places like Clare's convent of San Damiano stood little chance of survival. On one occasion in these interminable wars an Imperial army prepared to assault Assisi and in preparation sent a force to attack San Damiano to secure its flank. The story is told that the Imperial troops scaled the walls and entered the convent while the Sisters were sleeping. Clare was awakened by the alarm and although she was not well she had the monstrance brought up from the church and given into her hands. Holding the Blessed Sacrament high above her head she showed herself to the attackers. Awestruck by the sight the invaders fled back over the walls leaving the convent unmolested. Later in the wars, when Assisi was threatened by an even greater Imperial army, Saint Clare led her Sisters in prayer for God's protection whereupon a great storm arose which scattered the army. Assisi declared Saint Clare their Seraphic Mother. She had met a third challenge and seen off two armies just by prayer.

Clare died in 1253 surrounded by people who knew she was a saint. Pope Innocent IV began the canonization process during her funeral Mass. She was canonized just two years later. She is entombed in the Basilica di Santa Chiara in Assisi.

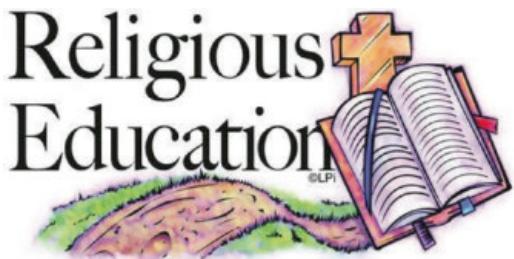
~Mike Hodder

FATIMA ROSARY



Come join us at 7:00 pm on the 13th of each month starting Monday, May 13 for a celebration of the 107th anniversary of the appearance of the Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima. We will pray the rosary on the 13th of each month from May through October, when we will celebrate the Miracle of the Sun. We will meet at 7:00 pm each month except for July 13, which falls on a Saturday. On July 13 we will meet after the 4:00 pm Mass. All are welcome, especially in these times of such evil in the world.





Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Ages 3, 4, 5

Continues to meet Sunday mornings

May 5 & 21st

Beginning at 9:30am in the parish hall

Atrium

Faith formation and youth ministry in our parish is made possible by the many parishioners who volunteer to share the gifts of their time and their faith.

**IF YOU would like to join our volunteers sharing your gifts of faith and time
please email gertrude.hammond@stkdrexel.org**

THANK YOU to all the our Sunday morning faith formation catechists and volunteers this year!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3, 4, 5

Marybeth Wadlinger & Kimberlee Casey

Grade 1 Shaylyn Maran

Grade 2 Pauline Archambault & Alex Duclos

Grade 3/4 Susan Duclos and Carrie Kinzlamaier

Grade 5/6 Kathryn Devoe

Grade 7 thru HS Dawn Rota & Randy Archambault

Substitute Mal Speidel



THANK YOU for volunteering and making Junior High Lock Ins possible!

Brodie Deshaies

Max DeRoche

Tim and Lisa Fallon

THANK YOU to our RCIA team!

Barbara and Wayne Richards

Katy Peternel

Scott Carpenter

Nanci Sabino



The Sacraments

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Baptisms and Marriages

Please call the office to make arrangements.

Communion

If you know of someone who is homebound and would like Holy Communion, please notify the office.

Anointing of the Sick

If you have a family member in a nursing home or hospital who needs anointing, please call the office.

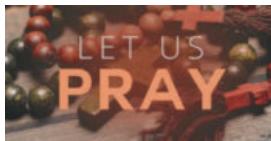
Is there someone you'd like us to pray for?

Contact the Intercessory Prayer Chain:

Laura Lovett: 603-948-6311;
gmallovett@gmail.com

OR

Carol O'Rourke, 603-569-8224;
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SAVE THE DATE! Blessed Carlo Acutis Exhibit

Memorial Day week-end, May 25-27, our parish will present in the parish hall an amazing 156 poster display of Eucharistic Miracles through the ages researched by the teenager Bl. Carlo Acutis before his death from leukemia. Books and other items will be available for purchase and two first class relics, one of Bl. Carlo and the other of St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia will be available for veneration as well. A short talk on Bl. Carlo will begin the event and one following Monday morning Mass on St. Manuel will also be presented. This traveling exhibit is not to be missed and will be both uplifting and inspiring! There is no cost to view the exhibit.

~ Sharon Norby

Pearls of Divine Mercy: Mary, Our Mother of Mercy

I was given the gift of life through my earthly mother. God understands my human need for motherly love and gave me Mary as my Spiritual Mother to love me, pray for me and to lead me to Jesus. St. Faustina heard Mary say, *I am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy and your Mother (*330)*... Oh, how pleasing to God is the soul that follows faithfully the inspirations of His Grace! I gave the Savior to the world; as for you, you have to speak to the world about His great mercy (*635)... I am Mother to you all, thanks to the unfathomable mercy of God. (*449). St. Faustina personally wrote about the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Mary is my Instructress, who is ever teaching me how to live for God. My spirit brightens up in Your gentleness and Your humility, O Mary (*620). *Diary of Saint Faustina.*

Prayer: Mother Mary, help me to do God's Will, pray for me and lead me to Jesus.

Sunday, May 5

Masses - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Faith Formation 8:30 Mass, 9:30 Hall-Preschool

Journey Luncheon 11:30 am—2:00 pm

Monday, May 6

Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Unborn
after morning Mass

Breakfast Group after morning Mass

Coat Rack Open 10:00 am to noon

Discovery 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 7

First Things 9:00 am

Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Unborn
after Morning Communion Service

Ladies Group meeting off site 1:230 pm

Thursday, May 9-ASCENSION THURSDAY OFFICE CLOSED

Prayer Group 9:15 am online stkdrexel.org

MASSES 8:30 am & 5:30 pm & noon at Huggins

Lectio Divina 7:00 pm online stkdrexel.org

Friday, May 10

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am—1:00 pm

Adult Bible/Faith Study 9:00 am—10:30 am

Saturday, May 11

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 12

Masses - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

NO Faith Formation:
8:30 Mass Crowning of Mary

Happy Mother's Day

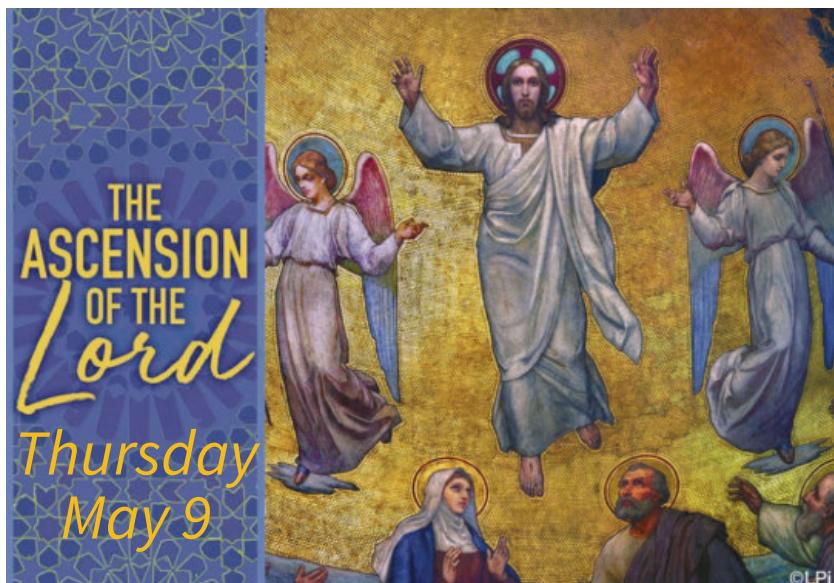
The Respect Life Committee at St. Katharine Drexel would like to honor Mothers, Godmothers, Grandmothers and Spiritually Adopted Mothers by presenting them with a carnation at each Mass on May 11th and 12th.

A Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.
And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!

Author Unknown

(fromJesuitresource.org)



Ascension Thursday Masses

8:30 am and 5:30 pm at
St. Katharine Drexel

Noon at Huggins
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