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SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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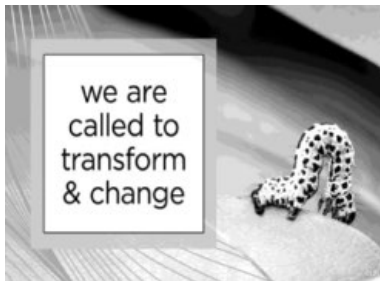
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Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us. Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero). Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?



**Readings for the Week of May 1, 2022**

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| Sunday:      | Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/<br>Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14 |
| Monday:      | Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29   |
| Tuesday:     | 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  |
| Wednesday:   | Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  |
| Thursday:    | Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  |
| Friday:      | Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  |
| Saturday:    | Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30                        |



**Sunday, May 1**

- 8:00am +Monica Fernando
- 9:30am +John S. Kenneh, Sr.
- 11:30am +Elizabeth Quinn
- 8:00pm Pro Populo

**Monday, May 2 *St. Athanasius***

- 8:30am +Filomena Caviglia

**Tuesday, May 3 *SS. Philip and James***

- 8:30am +Janice Sims

**Wednesday, May 4**

- 8:30am +All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, May 5**

- 8:30am +Vito Baldini

**Friday, May 6 *St. Peter Nolasco***

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For Vocations

**Saturday, May 7**

- 8:30am +Deceased Mercedarians
- 4:00pm +Felix Goizueta-Diaz

**Sunday, May 8**

- 8:00am +John Levis
- 9:30am Fr. Shaun Mahoney
- 11:30am For All Mothers, Living and Deceased
- 8:00pm Pro Populo

**Our Music Director, Becky Ostermann, will present a doctoral recital at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 4.**

This is a lecture recital based on a portion of Ms. Ostermann's dissertation research. The event begins with a 30-minute presentation on aspects of the oratorio *Der Durchzug durchs Rote Meer (The Passing through the Red Sea)* by Classical composer Johann Nepomuk Hummel. The event concludes with a performance of half of the oratorio with a collaborative chorus of musician friends from area churches (including Lourdes), soloists, and keyboard. Three guest singers are featured in the roles of Moses, Aaron, the Angel of Death, An Israelite Man (Narrator), and An Israelite Woman. The work is a colorful musical telling of the biblical story of Moses, the ten plagues on Egypt, and parting of the Red Sea, and a delight to experience. Everyone is welcome to attend!





As many of you know, I arrived in Rome on April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be here until May 17<sup>th</sup> as I attend the General Chapter of the Order of Mercy. This is no vacation, but a time that, in my role as the Vicar Provincial of the United States

Vicariate of the Roman Province, I am called to report the state of the Order in the United States of America in regards to our religious and pastoral life, our economy, and our vocational promotion and formation. As the capitular fathers discuss the current state of the Order worldwide and discern our paths for at least the next six years, we ask for your prayers.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Listening Session for Synod**  
**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

*Before the session, please do your part by completing the Disciple Maker Index Survey (specifically for our parish) linked at the parish website.*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Gifts in Disguise**

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking? I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture. Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace. What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit? If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become. Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM**

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

**REMEMBER OUR SICK**

*Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Lafty, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marci Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Samantha Johnson, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, David and Gay Cooper, Jack Weber, Miguel Pulido, Matthew Pulido, Alex Julius Wade, Bernadette Sanchez, Kaela Marie Davis, Catherine Joseph*

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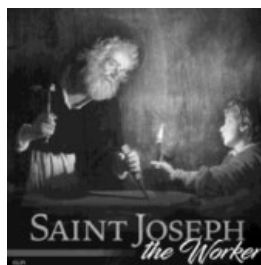
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**Our Lady of Lourdes - A Tithing Community**

Total Collection: \$ 6,781.00  
Offertory: \$ 6,021.00  
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*Thank You for your continued support and generosity.*



**Prayer to St. Joseph for the Unemployed**

*O Saint Joseph, we pray to you for those who are out of work, for those who want to earn their living or support their families.*

*You who are the patron of workers; grant that unemployment may vanish from our ranks; that all those who are ready to work may put their strength and abilities in serving their fellowmen and earn a just salary. You are the patron of families; do not let those who have children to support and raise lack the necessary means. Have pity on our brothers and sisters held down in unemployment and poverty because of sickness or social disorders. Help our political leaders and captains of industry find new and just solutions. May each and every one have the joy of contributing, according to his abilities, to the common prosperity by an honorable livelihood. Grant that we may all share together in the abundant goods God has given us and that we may help underprivileged countries. Amen.*





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