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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + MAY 9, 2021 + ORDER of WORSHIP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Recited after the bell during the procession to the altar.)

PEOPLE:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done // and in what I have failed to do,
(we strike our breasts three times during the next line:)
thru my fault, thru my fault, thru my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PRIEST: May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.
PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.
PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LEADER: Alleluia, alleluia.

ALL: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

LEADER: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

ALL: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
(*ALL BOW...*)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
(*ALL STAND ERECT...*)

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God

the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE PETITIONS: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

AFTER CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THE PRESIDER: **Amen.**

PRAYERS DURING the OFFERTORY

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for thru your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. ALL: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for thru your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink. ALL: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRIEST: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

ALL: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.**

SANCTUS

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy / Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

PRIEST: The mystery of faith:

ALL: (*The people pray aloud one of the following options*)

- A We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again. or ...**
- B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again. or ...**
- C Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.**

GREAT AMEN

PRIEST: Through him, with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(*Recited when the Priest receives the Body of Christ.*)

PEOPLE: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Rob Cole, Peter & Mary Ellen Eppolito, Gordon Fenton, Alisha H., Joe, Barbara Kulig, Phyllis Laurito, Helen Merrill, Jim Rawcliffe Dave Scholand, Carole Schiller & residents of the WCA Home, Pat Schwertfager, Mario Serio, Wallie and Connie Sobillo, Jane Katie Yates, George Watson, Fr. Charles Zadora, missionaries and military personnel who serve away from home, and all who suffer or are in special need.

Names remain on the list for a period of three months. If one desires to renew that request for subsequent three-month periods, please phone or email the office staff. Requests for sacraments for persons who are sick or home-bound may also be referred to the office staff.

COLLECTION TOTAL

May 2

St. Joseph: \$1,762 + St. Anthony: \$3,367

ANOTHER MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Moms. You're great. They're great.

So, I'm forestalling continuing my article on scripture translations for another week for what I believe to be some very good reasons, most of which have to do with the month of May in one way or another.

It's probably as safe bet to think that many of us are being mindful of our moms this weekend, moms who are living and those who have completed the time God gave them on this earth, moms who are still raising families, moms who are beyond child-bearing years (but who are always their children's mother, many of whom are still fulfilling their maternal role by storming heaven with prayers on their offsprings' behalf) and moms who are pregnant, waiting to give birth to their babies in the womb. Congratulations to and, more important, BLESSINGS upon all our mothers! The love you pour into us helps us to know how God loves, and that's a way of preaching the Gospel that I, as a pastor, can never experience as you do, but can only hope to emulate in some small way.

During May, there's another mom who may be on our minds, for in the month of May, it's customary for us Catholics to pay special attention to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary—a mom, *par excellence*. When I was a little boy in Catholic school, we used to have a "May crowning" in my parish. Four girls from the eighth grade in dresses, white gloves and "chapel caps" or mantillas (and shoes that always went with either the dress or the purse or both) carried a white platform strewn with flowers on their shoulders in procession thru the city streets where our church was located. In the middle of that platform was a big statue of the Blessed Virgin—ours was a statue of "Our Lady of Grace" where Mary stood treading on a snake who represented Satan. We all liked to see her walking all over him. "Go, Mom! You trample that guy and keep him away from us!" Anyhow, I think they tried to choose four eighth-grade girls who were more or less the same height so that the platform would stay relatively flat. Even when the bearers got a little out-of-step and the statue wavered a little, Mom's image never fell off. I don't think it occurred to us little ones at the time that maybe she was bolted to the platform.

There was also an eighth-grade girl who was dressed up as the Blessed Virgin. I don't know how they chose her, but that was considered quite the honor. There was also one of the girls who just made her First Holy Communion who was selected. I think that was based on which girl was the teacher's pet. The procession would wind its way through the streets on a Sunday afternoon—which I remember as always, always being sunny—and would finally end up in church, where we'd sing just about our whole repertoire of hymns to Our Lady. Then, that little "First Holy Communion" girl and the one who was dressed up like Mary together put a crown of flowers on the head of the statue of Our Lady. The eighth-grade girl was probably there to help steady the First Communicant in case she was too little to reach way up to the top of the statue, but the First Communicant brought the "cute" factor that the "old" eighth grader could not hope to supply. But, it seemed also to be a way in which the parish magnified the significance of receiving the Eucharist and extended the celebration of the reception of that sacrament well beyond the first reception of it.

In our churches and homes, we might still celebrate May as a "Marian month." In addition to May processions and May crownings, there are other popular devotions in honor of the Mother of God. For example, we had a "May altar" in our home, home and as flowers in the garden started to bloom, we'd bring them in and place them by the statue of Our Lady that was on that altar. Pope Francis has asked us to storm heaven with praying the rosary for an end to the pandemic during this month of May, begging the Blessed Virgin to intercede powerfully not only for deliverance from the disease, but also for comfort for those who suffer from it, who have lost loved ones because of it, and for a reallocation of funding and resources away from abortion, weaponry, and violence that destroy

life, toward those efforts which help to safeguard and upbuild life.

We might also note that this "Marian month" also falls during the liturgical season of Easter. This may also direct our hearts and minds toward the Blessed Mother's participation in the Paschal Mystery. WE may also think of her presence with the Church when we moved toward Pentecost, mindful of how she prayed with Christ's disciples in the upper room, awaiting with them the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Church has numerous other devotions that honor Our Lady that we can tap into especially during this month. We may wish to pray the *Regina Coeli* in which celebrate with Mary the Resurrection of her Son. Here's the text for that prayer:

*Rejoice, O Mary, Heavenly Queen, alleluia,
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,
Is risen as He promised, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,
For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia!*

Of course, the rosary is excellent; if you haven't prayed on in a while, wouldn't now be a good time to pick it up again? There are many Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary under various titles. I think the most well known is the Litany of Loretto, but there are lots of them, each seeing Our Lady's intercession under her many beautiful titles.

It's fortuitous that May includes Mother's Day within "Mary's month," for our "Blessed Mother" truly does manifest a motherly presence in our lives. Recall how from the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother, thereby entrusting us to her as her children. Jesus also spoke to us when he said to the beloved disciple, John, "*Behold your mother!*" St. John Paul II explained that when Christ said those words, he expressed his intention "to inspire in his disciples an attitude of love for and trust in Mary, leading them to recognize her as their mother, the mother of every believer. At the school of the Virgin, the disciples learn to know the Lord deeply, as John did, and to have an intimate and lasting relationship of love with him. They also discover the joy of entrusting themselves to the Mother's maternal love, living like affectionate and docile children."

Mary always leads us to Jesus, her Son. Always. She helps us follow Him more whole-heartedly, with greater fidelity. The Scriptures tell us that St. John took Mary into his home. We need to take Mary into our homes as well, to make room for her in our daily lives. What mother sees her children in need and doesn't do whatever she can to help them? Do we think that our Blessed Mother is less interested or less capable in caring for us? Anything but! With that, I would add that she is especially close to us when we suffer or when we have particular concerns that burden us—she's "that way" just like any mom, only more so.

Mary is a real model for all mothers as well. Pope Benedict XVI said that "Mary is the image and model of all mothers, of their great mission to be guardians of life, of their mission to be teachers of the art of living and of the art of loving."

Mary is our model of faith who embraced God's word her life long. She's our model of hope who witnessed the death of her son, and did not flee even in the midst of unspeakable pain, untold injustice, and apparent calamity. And, Mary is our model of charity—think of how, as soon as she became pregnant, she didn't focus on herself, but "went in haste" to help her cousin Elizabeth who, though advanced in years, was pregnant with St. John the Baptist. What's more, the "mother's love" that Mary has for her Son also extends to us, who are likewise her children.

On Mother's Day, we do well to pray for all our mothers. At the same time, let's not forget that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Continue to rejoice with her during this Easter season. Share your Easter Joy with her, and walk through your days with this most gracious and caring of mother's at your side. You don't have to go it alone. You've got a mom and she's no less than the same one that God chose for Himself. That's no small potatoes, dear Christian!

*Devotedly in the Lord,
Fr. Joe*

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MASS SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Weekends:

St Anthony: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:30 am
St. Joseph: Sun. 8 am, 11:15 am

Weekdays:

St Anthony: 8:15 am, Monday thru Friday

Holy Days:

Please check bulletin for schedule

CONFESSIONS

By appointment (*until further notice*)

FREQUENTLY-REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS

St. Anthony Cemetery: 672-6657
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CLOTHING DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a clothing drive at St. Anthony Parish. The drive will be on Saturday, May 15 before and after the 4 pm Mass and on Sunday, May 16 before and after the 9:30am Mass. ALL CLEAN CLOTHING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 8

4:00PM *SA* - Mother's Day Intentions

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER– May 9

8:00AM *SJ* - Living & Deceased Members of the Serio
Family - *Marianne & Family*
**** 8:00 AM Mass is Livestreamed****

9:30AM *SA* - Lynn Kusneske - *Tom & Joan Castellana*

11:15AM *SJ* - Gerald Seybold -*Family*

MONDAY, May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:15AM *SA* - St. Vincent de Paul Society

TUESDAY, May 11

8:15AM *SA* - Rita Eileen Ball Joy -*Patricia Ball*

WEDNESDAY, May 12 - Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

8:15AM *SA* - Deceased Pastors of Immaculate Conception

5:00 PM *SJ* - People of St. Anthony & St. Joseph Parishes

THURSDAY, May 13 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:15AM *SA* - NO MASS

12:10 PM *SA* - Orazio & Carrie Barone Joy Family -
Estate

FRIDAY, May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle

8:15AM *SA* - Felix & Dorothy Pauszek - *Family*

SATURDAY, May 15 - St. Isidore

4:00 PM *SA* - Bernard & Frances Liebler (Birthday
Remembrance) - *Paula & Dennis White*

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 16

8:00AM *SJ* - Tom Lynch (BD Remembrance) -
Rita & Family
**** 8:00 AM Mass is Livestreamed****

9:30AM *SA* - George Giambrone - *The Granata Family*

11:15AM *SJ* - Linda Seybold by The Planetary
Pilgrims Prayer Group

SA = at St. Anthony Church / *SJ* = at St. Joseph Church

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