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— UTG Marker 3.1

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Tuesday | May 11 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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BLESSINGS on this MOTHER'S DAY

Our nation celebrates Mother's Day and if there is one thing everyone agrees upon, it is right and just that we celebrate these special women. Throughout Scripture mother's have been proclaimed and blessed. For example, take Proverbs 6:2-22: "My son (daughter), keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart, fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you." Here we find the essence of God's love and guidance for us, with a human touch. Remember the life and love of your mother. Her touch and touching words. Use them to guide your life and let them lead you into a new day of grace. From the Book of Blessings comes this prayer:

"Loving god, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Father Ron



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Saturday | 4:00pm
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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

SUNDAY 5/9

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/1 JN 4:7-10/JN 15:9-17

MONDAY 5/10

ACTS 16:11-15/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B/JN 15:26—16:4A

TUESDAY 5/11

ACTS 16:22-34/PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8/JN 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY 5/12

ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1/PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/JN 16:12-15

THURSDAY 5/13

ACTS 18:1-8/PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4/JN 16:16-20

FRIDAY 5/14

ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26/PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/JN 15:9-17

SATURDAY 5/15

ACTS 18:23-28/PS 47:2-3, 8-10, 10/JN 16:23B-28

NEXT SUNDAY 5/16

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ACTS 1:1-11/PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/EPH 1:17-23/MK 16:15-20

6th Sunday of Easter

The faith of Peter is truly a marvelous thing to behold and model. Here is Peter who is a fisherman, who jumps in the water with his clothes on, who denies the Lord and, now, after the Resurrection is both fearless preacher and a man open to the workings of the Spirit. He constantly leads, learns, adapts and accept the changes that God places in front of him.

In our passage from ACTS, we see how Peter changes from provincialism to the universality of God's call to all. He reveals that God's love is for everyone and that God enters into and changes everyone who "fears (the Lord) and acts uprightly". Peter is revealing the truth of God's endless love and accepts it into his own life and worldview. And then God calls him to another change: as he preaches the Holy Spirit comes upon the non-Jewish people, the Gentiles, and he is "astounded" by all the wonder of God. Instead of living in the past, following the rules, saying this must not happen until they are baptized first, Peter let's God have his way and responds in like manner with words of trust and love for the Lord and these new people.

Can we be more like Peter and accept the way of the Lord and its resultant changes in us all through our life. Here is Peter, a man changed by faith who lives

the faith completely and openly. He has learned to let God lead him and led he is. He opens himself more and more to the workings of faith and the Spirit, and without fear embraces the new communal love God has for all his people through the Resurrection of his friend and guide, Jesus. He truly walks with the Lord, talks to the Lord and knows he was chosen by Jesus to carry his word out to the world. No wonder Peter was given the role he was given. No one would have expected him to become a fearless leader and preacher, but that is what belief in the Resurrection of the Lord does.

As God's holy people it is good to reflect on the growing and maturing faith of Peter and Paul and the other disciples. They show us that we cannot ever contain the Word of God. The power of the Word will influence and instill God's gifts in others as long as we communicate the Word to others and live out the commands of God's Word in our daily lives.

So often we complain about making changes in our lives and get frustrated when another change is coming but just remember Peter, at every step of his journey God asks something more of him and not only does his love for the Lord grow ever stronger, his ability to let God lead him and his people brings newness and wholeness to life. Without a doubt, our God

changes us. Our God transforms our hearts and opens our minds. See today and in the days to come how God's life-giving Spirit brings newness to life and changes our stony hearts into hearts that work for the common good of all.

CSA 2021 UPDATE

As we continue to entrust ourselves to the mission to go into the world to make disciples, CSA becomes another way to bring the Good News into the life of others and lead them into being new disciples of grace. Through the many programs, ministries and services we, along with the entire Archdiocese of Detroit, extend our hands, hearts and resources to touch those with the greatest need with the greatest love. We help and nurture. We guide and teach. We use words along with loving actions. No matter what, CSA makes us into a people whose hands become Christ's; who's hearts become Christ's and who's lives are centered on Christ.

Please give generously to this important work of the Church. We need your help to reach our goal.

REV. RON JOZWIAK
Pastor

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 8

4:00 pm Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 9

8:00 am Mother's Day

10:00 am Mother's Day

TUESDAY, MAY 11

8:30 am Mike Wilde

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

8:30 am Michael Moeller

8:30 am Don Fichter

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lisa Caplin Anderson

Genevieve Davey

Ronn Wolf



LOVING MEMORY

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We will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension next weekend, May 15 -16

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ASCENSION
of the Lord

WE INVITE 8TH GRADERS TO JOIN
THE YOUTH GROUP
END OF THE YEAR PARTY!

DATE MAY 18, 2021
TIME 7 PM – 8:30PM
LOCATION YOUTH GROUP ROOM
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The youth group of Prince of Peace would like to invite all the 8th graders to join us for our last meeting of the calendar year. We would like to meet you and share our experiences from this year.

Please honor us with your presence, we will have some food and drinks to share with you. (Don't forget your mask)

Please let us know if you will be able to attend. If you have any questions, contact me. Veronica Welsenberger, Youth Minister.

e-mail: youthminister@princeofpeacecatholic.church

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"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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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.

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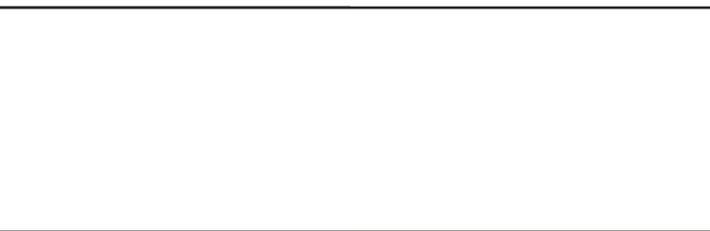
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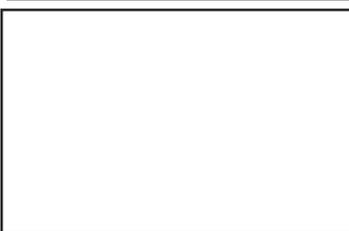
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