



9 MAY 2021  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park  
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**Sacraments:**

**Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and  
Reconciliation**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

**Marriage—Must be active and registered  
members of the parish (for at least 6 months  
prior to scheduling)**

call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

**First Communion and Confirmation**

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at  
248.374.9045

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**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

**Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Rev. Edward Kokowicz (1970)

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Thanksgiving for Essential Workers

Al Fliger by Carol Fliger

Kent Schoenbach by Barbara Schoenbach

Anita G. Palazzolo

Rev. Paul F. Chateau

**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

Rev. Edmund A. Schwager (1995)

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

Rev. Edward J. Farrell (2006)

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

Rev. James (Seamus) Ryan (1986)

**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

Rev. Kenneth P. Mackinnon (1986)

**Friday, May 14, 2021**

Rev. John J. Castelot (1999)

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

**Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord**

Msgr. Herman W. Kucyk (2009)

**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Rev. James L. Hayes (2010)

Sue Thornby

Frances “Frankie” Huey by Bob and Shirley Peters

**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Ben Evola by Nancy Evola and Family

Msgr. Dennis Harrity (2014)

Living and Deceased members of the Kemling  
and Baracka Families by Dorothy Kemling

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,  
and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners**

David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes

**Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military**

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

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**OUR VISION**—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out  
our mission and vision?***

**FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES****BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR****SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

Today's gospel from John (Jn 15:9-17) flows from last Sunday's gospel of the vine and the branches. Jesus' discourse with his disciples continues the theme of connection and union between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus tells his disciples of the

Father's love for him and his love for the Father and Jesus' love for his disciples. Jesus states to his disciples it was not you who chose me but that I chose you. Jesus presents the disciples they are not lowly slaves that do not what the Master is about. Jesus calls these disciples friends because they do know what the Master is about.

Twice the word "commandment" is used by Jesus. "You will live in my love if you keep my commandments", and, "This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus uses the word "love" in both sayings." Twice Jesus uses the word "command." "You are my friends if you do what I command you." and "The command I give you is this: That you love another." To command is to order one or direct one and follow or carry out that given command. Commandment sets a standard or a way to live. We think of the Ten Commandments not just as ten laws but as a way to live one's life. Jesus puts forth a command and a commandment to his disciples.

Jesus goes on and emphasizes there is no greater love to lay down one's life for one's friends. It calls for the ultimate act of love. Jesus is demanding this act of love from his disciples. When the disciples follow Jesus' command and commandment then they are bearing fruit and this fruit will endure. Jesus passes on to these disciples that your fruit must endure so ask the Father in his name and he will give you.

To truly love means to give an authentic gift of oneself to another. The Father loves the Son, the son loves the Father, the Son loves his disciples, the disciples love the Son, and the disciples are to love one another even to the extreme of laying down one's life for another. This is the command that Jesus gives his disciples. The ultimate gift of love is when one gives oneself to another. In an earlier passage from the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples, "I give you a new commandment: Love one another, such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other. This is how all will know you are my disciples: By your love for one another." (Jn 13:34-35)

This week pray for the people around us who lay down their lives for another in various ways and means because of their love for one another.

**MOTHER'S DAY—TITLES OF A MOTHER**

On Mother's Day we honor our mothers whether they are our birth mother, stepmother or adopted mother. Being a mother brings many titles along the  
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****TO BEAR FRUIT**

*Father, you tend to the vine, caring for it with incredible gentleness. Each branch is beloved; each branch is protected; each branch is filled with your life. Fill us with your Spirit that we might remain in you and you in us. Grant that we bear fruit, bringing you to others so that your joy might be in us and our joy might be complete. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**MAY 9, 2021 - BEARING FRUIT**

Today's readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4; 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17. Jesus tells his disciples, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit." Today's Gospel continues last week's reading about the vine grower and the true vine. As we reflect on the true vine, we might consider our responsibility to bear fruit in our lives.

Throughout Jesus' earthly life, everything he said and did pointed to the kingdom of God. If we model our lives on him, they also will point to the kingdom. But what does it mean to "go out and bear fruit"? To bear fruit requires turning away from all that is darkness, all that is not God, so that we might participate in the light fully. In the light of God's love, we acknowledge our friendship with Jesus and are empowered to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

What is the sign that we have remained in Christ's love? It is that our joy is complete. Joy is unlike worldly happiness, which can depend on external conditions. Joy endures throughout difficulty, since our hope is in Jesus.

How might we bear fruit and keep Jesus' commandments? What does he command? Love as I love. How do we do it? We lay down our life. Jesus expresses it simply, yet it is not easy. And so he invites us. He invites us to remain in his love so that his life will be within us and we will be able to love as he does. He invites us into the relationship that gives us the ability to bear fruit.

**MONDAY, MAY 10 - ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI**

St. Damien ministered to the people of Hawaii, including people who had leprosy.

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He eventually contracted the disease, realizing he was infected when he did not feel pain when boiling water was poured on his hand. St. Damien is a model of self-sacrifice and service to those at the margins of society. Who is at the margins of our culture? How are you called to step out of your comfort zone to serve them? Today's readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26—16:4a.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 11 - A LIVING VINE**

Placing a living vine in your prayer area may help you reflect on the vine and the branches. Watching the growth, consider how the plant is connected, how the life within it is the same. Imagine all those in heaven and on earth, united through Jesus as part of the true vine. Today's readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 - PAUL AT THE AREOPAGUS**

When Paul preaches at the Areopagus, he is participating in the mission that Jesus gave him. He is preaching the Good News to all nations. He is also giving us a model. He sees the shrine to the Unknown God and realizes that the Athenians, though they did not know it, already were called into relationship with the one God, the God of Israel. We too know that God calls all people into relationship. Sometimes when we are in dialogue with people who hold beliefs different from ours or people who profess no belief at all, it is helpful to remember that God is already in relationship with them and to strive for common ground and respectful engagement. Today's readings: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

The optional memorial of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated today in dioceses that will observe the Ascension on Sunday. Look up instructions or a video online, and make one or more knotted rosaries. Making rosaries is also a way to interest children in this devotion to the Blessed Mother. Today's readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 14 - ST. MATTHIAS**

In selecting a person to replace Judas, the community wanted to choose from among those who had been present from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan through his passion. Do you think that Matthias felt ready or worthy? Do you always feel ready for what God is calling you to do? Can Matthias' example help you to remember that God gives us what we need to respond in love to our call? Today's readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; John 15:9–17.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 15 - PLANT A MARY GARDEN**

Consider planting a Mary garden. This garden can be small enough for an apartment or larger for a yard. If plenty of space is available, rose bushes, hydrangeas, and larger plants can be planted. For those with smaller spaces, a container garden or a terracotta bowl can be just as lovely a way to honor Mary. Marigolds, bachelor's buttons, petunias, and pansies are among the plants people have used to honor Mary. Today's readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.

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**TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY—SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER  
FOR ALL MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS,  
GODMOTHERS, AND ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN LIKE A  
MOTHER TO YOU.**



### **AN INVITATION FROM OMOPH PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Greetings fellow parishioners. It has been a long year!

We on the Peace & Justice Committee want you to know we have continued to **meet monthly virtually**. Our main focus continues to be immigration which also touches on the broader issues of racism and climate change. Currently, we are working on meeting with Ferndale and Oak Park leaders to advocate for actions that show they are Welcoming Cities for all. City leaders in Oak Park have been open to this conversation and we anticipate that Ferndale leaders will also be open to meet.

We would like your input and help. We meet each month the Tues. after the second Saturday and our next meeting is Tues., May 11 at 6:30. There is so much work to be done and we need many hands. Please join us by emailing Rosemary Insley at [rinsley@aol.com](mailto:rinsley@aol.com) and a link will be forwarded to you.



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A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AND 2021 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS**

The 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars are available for pickup at the parish office in Oak Park. You may pick them up between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK  
WHEN YOU COME TO PICK THEM UP.**

**OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:**

	Apr. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$17,097	\$170,865
Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$2,171	<b>(\$38,038)</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	<b>(\$2,903)</b>	<b>(\$44,135)</b>
Week of 04-25-2021 Offertory total:	\$3,850.75	

On-line giving totaled \$3,990.75 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$13,106.00 for a grand total for 4 weeks of April deposits totaled \$17,096.75.

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: 33,695.00  
AS OF 04-26-2021: 176 PLEDGES RECEIVED  
172 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$99,520.00
TOTAL PAID:	\$101,906.69
REFUND DUE PARISH:	\$2,291.67
Refunds Issued:	<b>\$65,920.02</b>

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way in motherhood. We look to the Blessed Virgin Mary who has gained many titles in her role as a mother. She is called: Mother of Jesus, Mother of God, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church, comfort of the afflicted, help of Christians, Mother of good counsel, refuge of sinners, and less we forget. Mother of Perpetual Help. We should also honor St. Anne who is the mother of Mary, the grandmother of Jesus and the patroness of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Here are some of the worthy titles of mothers: Baker of cookies and birthday cakes, giver of hugs and kisses, clothes washer, chief cook, taxi driver, hair dresser, homework tutor, nurse when sick, kisser of boo boos, breadwinner, fixer-upper of broken items and impossible situations, loving arms of comfort, saving grace of school projects, teacher of prayer and faith, shoulder to cry on, supporter and cheerleader, comforter in stormy weather and simply "Mom." And grandmothers also have such worthy titles.

Like the Blessed Mother Mary and St. Anne, our mothers have earned their saintly, holy, and worthy titles and be honored as such by their sons and daughters. Happy Mother's Day!

The following is a Mother's Day blessing:

**Leader:** For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord.

**Resp:** Amen.

**Leader:** For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope and their family and friends support and counsel them, we pray to the Lord.

**Resp:** Amen.

**Leader:** For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

**Resp:** Amen.

**Leader:** 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 their 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.

**Resp:** Amen.

**Leader:** And may God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**Resp:** Amen.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT OUR FERNDALE WORSHIP LOCATION**



Would you, your family or a couple of friends like to care for a section of the Ferndale worship location landscape for the 2021 growing season?

We have divided the outside landscape into nine areas. Some are small, some are mainly flowers, others contain shrubs. You would maintain the area (cultivate, weed, plant annuals, trim etc.) as you like according to your time schedule. The church will mow and water the lawn.

If you have questions or would like to select an area, please contact Dorothy McLaren (248-376-3638), Tom Jaksa (248-546-4179) or send a note to the parish office to Dorothy or Tom's attention.

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