



# ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

455 S. Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429

*Fr. Ryszard Stradomski (Fr. Richard)*

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

### Mass Times

**Mon—Fri:** 8:00am  
**Saturday:** 5:00pm  
**Sunday:** 8:30am & 10:30am

### Confessions

**Saturday:** 3:30pm-4:30pm

### Office Hours

**Mon—Thurs:** 9:00am-2:30pm

### Parish Information

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## Mass Intentions

For The Fifth Week in Easter

May 1 — 9, 2021

### Saturday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

5:00pm

†Maria Zukas by Noreen

### Sunday, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am

†Harold Meister

by Karen and Jim Meister

10:30am

†Steven Michael Baker by Loving Friend

### Monday, May 3 St. Phillip and James, Apostle

8:00am

†Dotty Hahn by Loving Daughter

### Tuesday, May 4 Easter Weekday

8:00am

Parishioners of St. Benedict

### Wednesday, May 5 Easter Weekday

8:00am

†Anthony DiLeo by Loving Wife Judy

### Thursday, May 6 Easter Weekday

8:00am

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### Friday, May 7 Easter Weekday

8:00am

♥Special Intentions for people with  
Mental Disabilities

### Saturday, May 8 Easter Weekday

5:00pm

Mothers Day Spritual Bouquet

### Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30am

Mothers Day Spritual Bouquet

10:30am

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## Pray for our People...

### Our Sick...

Clarence Redd, Michael Bottichio, Gordon Gould, Irene Cmar, Michael Grivois, Julia Covert, Al Plante, Maria Canale, Steven Doyle, Don Miller, Ann Darling, Dan Clymer, Marvin Long, Juanita Downum, Kevin Terrell, Linda Fusco, Annetta Wieczorek, Ralph Esposito, Sarah King, Agnes and Michael Ross, Doug Sheppard, George Williams, Barbara and Fred Born, Chris Grivois, Ron and Mary Guadagnini, Eugene Janusz, Una Lewis, Joan Turcotte, Randy Sailor, Dayden Floyd, Lisa Mott, Tiffany Nickel, Diane Clemmer, Michael Celentano, Bill Obermeier, Roman Jakubowski, JoAnn Dunton, Cole Eskay, Vincent Smith, Frank Polash, Smirna Velez, Doug Raney, Luella Eggenberger, Barbara Brackin, Sigmund Sobiesiak, Elliana Deane, Angelina Jesselli, Michael Hembree, Alma Stephens, George McCurdy, Matthew McCown, Mary Jane Eggleston, Lindsay Longo, Mary Jo Gallagher, John Kilduff, Elizabeth Trepanier, Jimmy Smith, Ann Boakes, Arlene Cowin, Isaac Black, Josh Rodgers, Christie Galmish, \*Brian Tambasco, and Pat Corkery

### Active Duty...

#### Those protecting us at home and afar..

Anna Bily, Chandra Walton, Steve Sunstrom, Sean Ross, Ian Ross, Christopher Dergosits, Kevin Knudsen, Billy Keating, Cody Albritton, Lucas Zobel, Michael Turcotte, Matthew Zarek, Dadrian Ruiz, John Kelley, Ron Casasanta Jr., Butch Tonnessen, Boyer Kornfeind, Matthew Baker, Chris Grillo, Dakota Giles, Tim Dottillis, Todd Vanderbogart, Garrett Gibson, Gage Gibson, Richard J. Surowiec, Robert J. Milan Jr., and Blake Leibach,

### Our Deceased...

The Lord has chosen to call **Michael Paul Gahley** to come back home with him. May he rest in the arms of God. As we pray for him, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends.

Send your prayer request to our prayer warriors through  
Anne at [aschukne@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:aschukne@tampabay.rr.com)

QUIET DOWN & REFLECT

**NATIONAL DAY  
OF PRAYER**

**MAY 6, 2021**

LORD POUR OUT YOUR  
LOVE, LIFE, AND LIBERTY

## Stewardship

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Attendance — 316

St. Benedict is totally dependent upon the generous stewardship of our parishioners. The use of envelopes, regardless of the amount of the contribution, makes possible our many parish activities and services.

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$8,028.00</b>
SJP II School	\$40.00
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$659.00</b>
Miscellaneous	\$137.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,864.00</b>

Amount needed Weekly for Operating Expenses: **\$9,765.00**

## 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

### Reading 1 — [ACTS 9:26-31](#)

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

### READING 2 — [1 JN 3:18-24](#)

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

**ALLELUIA** — R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### GOSPEL — [JN 15:1-8](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Receiving Communion

During communion you are asked to sit, sanitize your hands, and remain in your seat as a minister will be coming to you with the Eucharist. As the minister approaches you, pull your mask under your chin and extend your arms as far as you can.

## **EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**

### **Exposition**

- 1. O salutaris Hostia Quae caeli pandis hostium; Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxillium.**
- 2. Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in  
patria. Amen.**

### **Adoration**

- 1. Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui, Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat  
ritui; Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.**
- 2. Genitori Gentioque Laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio;  
Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.**

### **Benediction Song**

V. You have given them Bread from heaven.

**All - Having within it all Sweetness**

### **Eucharistic Blessing**

V. Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won

for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All - Amen**

### **Divine praises**

**Blessed be God.**

**Blessed be his holy Name.**

**Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.**

**Blessed be the Name of Jesus.**

**Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.**

**Blessed be his most Precious Blood.**

**Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

**Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.**

**Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.**

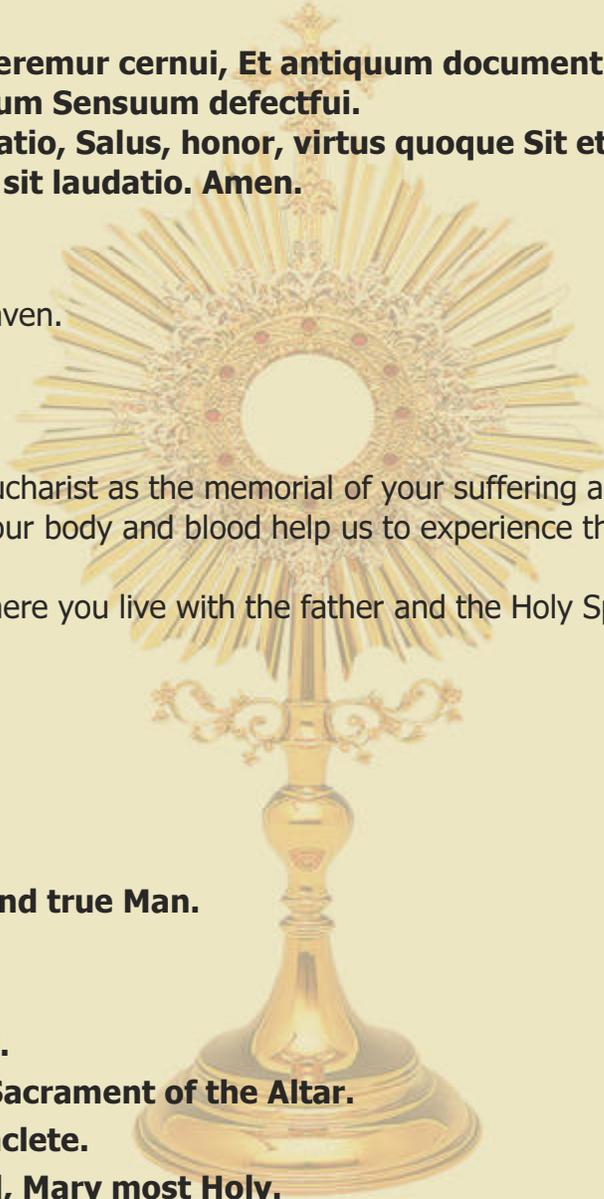
**Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.**

**Blessed be her glorious Assumption.**

**Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.**

**Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.**

**Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.**



## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes

The Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are located at the front. Spiritual Bouquets are Mass Intentions that are offered as a spiritual gift for someone and will be remembered in the Masses on Mother's Day. This is a beautiful gift to any mom!

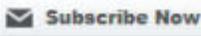


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# Congratulations!



Your Catholic family would like to honor your achievement by inviting you and your family to attend a special Baccalaureate Mass. All graduating Catholic Seniors in Citrus County are invited.

May 22, 2021 at 10 am

at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Beverly Hills

Please RSVP to Mylene Taylor at (352) 422-3491 or email at [youthgroup@ourladyofgracefl.org](mailto:youthgroup@ourladyofgracefl.org).

Include your name, contact information and how many people will be attending the ceremony with you (may be subject to physical distancing limitations, COVID-safety measures will be observed).

Hope to see you there!

## CLASS OF 2021

# Welcoming you! Dispensation Expiration

An excerpt of dispensation expiration letter by Bishop Parkes

**I hereby announce that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days for Catholics in the Diocese of St. Petersburg will expire on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22, 2021.**

Many have been or will be vaccinated; and since June 2020, Floridians have safely gone about other activities such as shopping, eating out at restaurants, and reconnecting with family and friends in social gatherings. Therefore, it seems reasonable to strive for the faithful's full and active participation once again in the Sacred Liturgy. Parishes will have to make individual decisions about safely accommodating an increased number of attendees at Mass. The use of face coverings should be continued until public health guidance suggests otherwise.

**We are joyful to welcome back to Mass most people, including**

- ⊕ Adults, families and children who are not vulnerable for severe illness from COVID-19.
- ⊕ Those who have been vaccinated
- ⊕ Those who are comfortable with less restrictive distancing between persons
- ⊕ Those who are regularly eating at restaurants and attending social events
- ⊕ Those who are seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ and a community of faith.

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Ryszard on  
the sea!**

**January 2022**

**January 9, 2022 – January 15, 2022**

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Sun. Jan. 9	Port Canaveral	4:00pm departure
Mon. Jan. 10	Fun Day at Sea with Mass & Group Activities	
Tues. Jan. 11	Amber Cove, Dominican Republic	10:30am – 6:30pm
Wed. Jan. 12	Grand Turk	7:00am – 3:00pm
Thurs. Jan. 13	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	9:30am – 5:30pm
Fri. Jan. 14	Fun Day at Sea with Mass & Group Activities	
Sat. Jan. 15	Port Canaveral	8:00am arrival

**Group Amenities and Activities:**

Daily Mass on Sea Days, \$100 On board Credit per cabin, Exclusive St. Benedict Cocktail Party, Reserved Group Dining, Private Slot Pulls, and Private Left, Center, Right games.

**Payment Details:** — \$250 per person deposit (refundable before October 5); Final Payment due October 8, 2021

**Bus Transportation to Port Canaveral to be arranged at an additional fee.**

**For further information or to register, contact Bill & Terri Obermeier**

St. Benedict Parishioners

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# God's Wife

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once Talked about a contest he was asked to judge.  
The purpose of the Contest was to find the most caring child.

1. A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old Gentleman's' yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just Helped him cry.'

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2. Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, 'I know all about Adoption, I was adopted..'

'What does it mean to be adopted?', asked another child.

'It means', said the girl, 'that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!'

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3. On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was 'We're behind 14 to nothing,' he answered With a smile.

'Really,' I said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.'  
'Discouraged?', the boy asked with a Puzzled look on his face...  
'Why should we be discouraged? We haven't Been up to bat yet.'

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4. Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen..

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.. 'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me....'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

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5. An eye witness account from New York City , on a cold day in December, some years ago:

A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering With cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!'

'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes, 'was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks..  
Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes..

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him..  
She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.'

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her. 'Are you God's wife?'

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