

St. Benedict Catholic Church

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Fr. Ryszard Stradomski (Fr. Richard)

May 9th, 2021 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Every mother is like Moses.
She does not enter the
promised land. She prepares
a world she will never see.
— Pope Paul VI*



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APPOINTED

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." - Jn 15:16A

Mass Schedule

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
Closed Fridays

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Mass Intentions

For The Sixth Week of Easter

May 8 — 16, 2021

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 Parishioners of St. Benedict

Monday, May 10 St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00am ♥Michael Bernabe
by Loving Mom and Dad

Tuesday, May 11 Easter Weekday

8:00am †Nora Pagano by Noreen

Wednesday, May 12

St. Nereus of Achilleus, Martyr

8:00am †Buguslaw Stradomski by Noreen

Thursday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:00am †Visamin and Joaquin Ledesma
by The Torralba Family

Friday, May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00am †Brigitte Androski by Loving Husband

Saturday, May 15 St. Isidore

5:00pm †Mary McConahy by Loving Sister

Sunday, May 16 The Ascension of The Lord

8:30am Parishioners of St. Benedict
10:30am †Had Xin Yu by Grace and David Chen

A Novena for Life
honoring the Feast of the Visitation

May 22-30 | Sign up: respectlife.org/visitation



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, Christy Galmish, Joan Zimmerman
*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...

Into your hands, O Lord we commend the souls of our dearly departed. Grant unto them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Send your prayer request to our prayer warriors through Anne at aschukne@tampabay.rr.com

Stewardship

May 2nd, 2021

Attendance — 315

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.

Offertory	\$8,072.00
SJP II School	\$270.00
Maintenance	\$435.00
Daystar	\$150.00
Total	\$8,927.00

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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

READING 2 — [1 JN 4:7-10](#)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

ALLELUIA — R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL — [JN 15:9-17](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

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.

Thank you MEN.....

The hard working men and one priest (our very own, Fr. Ryszard) all came out a few weeks ago and made our pond beautiful again! It took an entire day and a lot of muscle! Thank you to the guys from our Men's Club and Knights of Columbus — Job Well Done!



During

After

Financial Assistance Needed?

United Way of Citrus County has money from the county to assist families that have been financially impacted by COVID-19. We can assist those with rent, mortgage, electric, water, and Internet.

To apply for assistance, please visit our website at citrusunitedway.org.

If you don't have access to the internet call our office at (352)795-5483.

Blessing Prayer for Mother's Day

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.



Love
one
another

- JOHN 15:17 -

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 all 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.

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.

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



A Tribute Honoring the Experience of Mothers

Adapted from "A Litany for Mother's Day" by Amy Young.

This tribute can help remind those celebrating and suffering that the Church is the place where we are to truly feel comforted, supported, encouraged, and cared for in our joys and sufferings.

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." On this day, when we acknowledge the importance of motherhood, we are grateful for all who have shown us a Mother's love, and grieve with those who are experiencing pain and loss.

To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you.

To those who lost a child this year—we mourn with you.

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions or running away—we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make things harder.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms and spiritual moms – we need you.

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heartache and distance with your children – we sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you.

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience.

To those who have aborted children – we remember them and you on this day.

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we await the fulfillment of God's plan in your life with you.

To those who stepparent – we walk with you on these complex paths.

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.

To those who placed children for adoption – we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart. To those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising – we anticipate with you.

And to our Blessed Mother, we thank you for your example and motherly love, which leads us always to the divine love of your Son. Amen.

The Month of Mary

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction. Other months have more important feasts dedicated to Our Lady, such as August (Feast of the Assumption) and December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). What is it about this month that makes it a fitting time to reflect on the Virgin Mary's role in salvation and to honor her as the Mother of God?

Liturgical Context:

May is normally part of the Easter season, the period of fifty days which lasts from Easter to Pentecost. During this time we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, a celebration which culminates with his Ascension to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church on Pentecost. It is a fitting time to dedicate to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to recall her intense joy over her Son's Resurrection and the comfort and guidance she gave to the Apostles during this difficult period. During the Easter season, Mary's presence in the beginnings of the Church is emphasized. She was present in the first community of disciples. In Acts 1:14, she was present with the Apostles in the upper room as they prayerfully waited for the descent of the Holy Spirit with hopeful expectation. As Pope St. John Paul II stated in *Redemptoris Mater*, "Mary was in the Upper Room, where the Apostles were preparing to take up this mission with the coming of the Spirit of Truth: she was present with them. In their midst Mary was "devoted to prayer" as the "mother of Jesus" (cf. Acts 1:13-14), of the Crucified and Risen Christ." Her maternal presence was humble and discreet but fundamental. Among them, she acted as a guide, an exceptional witness of the mystery of Christ, a role she had since His conception and birth, as well as a model of true faith.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI vividly described Mary's maternal presence among the disciples after Jesus' Resurrection. He stated:

In the days that followed the Lord's resurrection, the Apostles stayed together, comforted by Mary's presence, and after the ascension, they persevered with her in prayerful expectation of Pentecost. Our Lady was a mother and teacher to them, a role that she continues to play for Christians of all times...

The Easter season is a fitting time to recall Mary's immense joy over her Son's Resurrection and to rediscover her role as mother and teacher in our lives. Mary has a unique role in the God's plan of salvation and in the Church. She consented to the coming of the Savior and cooperated in developing His mission. She brought Him into the world, raised Him and lovingly stood by His side during the years of His hidden life. She supported Him during His public ministry in a quiet way, beginning at Cana, where by her intercession Jesus performed His first miracle (John 2:1-12). She cooperated in His work, even uniting her own suffering with that of her Son, standing at the foot of His cross. Mary was Jesus' first disciple, humbly following Him during every step of His journey and mission. She trusted in God completely and lived by His grace. She is our model of true discipleship and of complete faith.

During the Easter season we are more aware of Mary's motherly presence and love. It is perhaps for this reason that popular tradition has dedicated the month of May, which falls during this liturgical season, to Our Blessed Mother.



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