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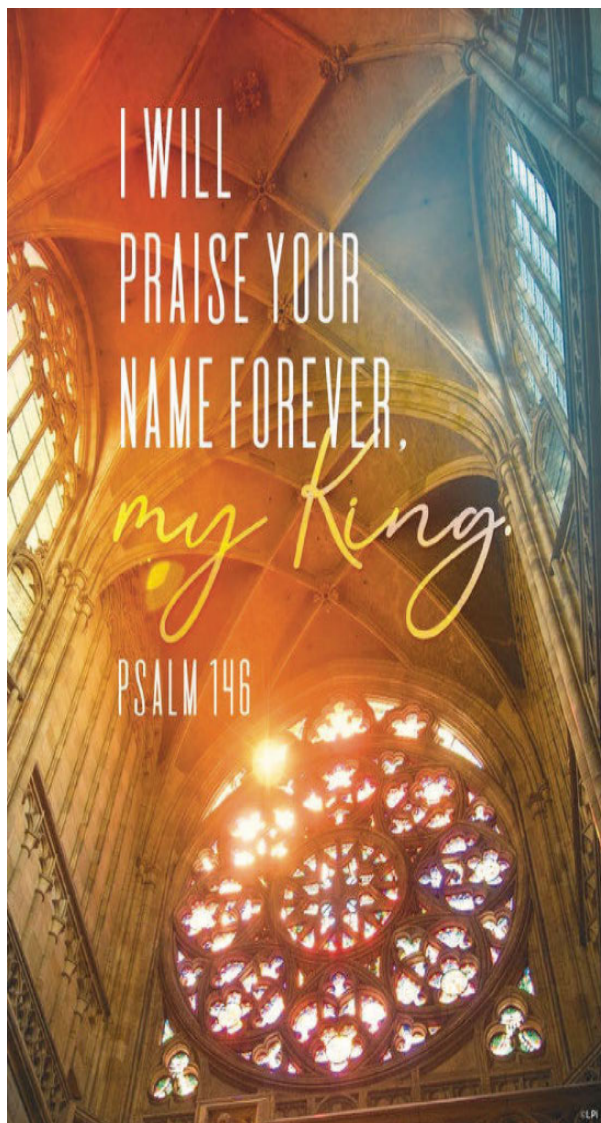
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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Melvin Dunphy

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Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School: 857-2600

***Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 15, 2022***



### ***SCRIPTURE REFLECTION***

We were made for glory - the glory which comes from God and which lasts forever. That glory can only be obtained in the cross of Jesus Christ. And the price for that glory is the total offering of our lives for the One who loved us first and who died on the cross to save us from everlasting death and destruction. God offers us the free gift of faith which enables us to believe in his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who frees us from slavery to sin so we can live as sons and daughters of God. The distinctive mark of the followers of Jesus is love - a love not bound by fear, greed, or selfishness - but a love full of compassion, mercy, kindness, and goodness.

*Lord Jesus, your love knows no bounds and surpasses everything I could desire and long for. Fill me with the fire of your love and with the joy of your Holy Spirit that I may freely serve my neighbor with loving-kindness, tenderhearted mercy, and generous care for their well-being.*

*Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations*

***Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News***

***Meditation***

***Becoming a Companion of Jesus***  
(from "My Daily Bread")

**Christ:**

My child, turn to Me as often throughout the day as your duties will permit. Learn to turn to Me as others turn to their loved ones and friends. I will give your mind great thoughts which will raise you above your narrow earthly view. My thoughts will refresh you, console you, make you wise, strengthen you and give you joy.

Prepare your soul for My loving companionship and I shall draw closer to you with greater graces. I shall raise you up from your natural human level to My heavenly heights. There you will have a broader view of life, a deeper understanding and a greater strength for life's daily activities and burdens.

Strive to meditate upon My earthly life. Learn to enter into all that I experienced on earth. Every thought, every word, every act of Mine was lived for love of you. You have a place in My earthly life, and My life belongs to you. Therefore, learn to share it now through meditation and reflection.

Learn to pierce the barriers of time and space by the use of prayer. The more you strive to step into My earthly life and become a companion of Mine in it, the more actively will I share your earthly life by granting you greater graces.

**Think:**

What a wonderful privilege -- to be able to step into the earthly life of Jesus and become a closer companion of His! I can share His every thought, word and action. Ah! But isn't that just a bit of imagination on my part? No. He lived every second of His earthly life for me. Being God, He thought of me personally from all eternity. Surely He did not stop thinking of me while He was working out my salvation. Because of His infinite love for me, His earthly life belongs to me. For my sake He lived each moment of it. I have every right to step into it and share it with Him through mental prayer. I can do this by contemplating what He did, meditating on what He said and considering what He thought and felt in each event.

**Readings for the Week of May 15, 2022**

**Sundays:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/  
Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13b, 21/  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10 and 12/  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

**Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600**

**Mass Intentions (for the week ahead)**

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Joan Benson
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Fred Meiser
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Guillermo Caceres, Romulo Perez and Jimmy Gilas
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Jack Seibert
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Lokey Family
	6:00 p.m.	Parish Family
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Nicholas Andriuzzo
	8:30 a.m.	Domenico & Domenica Pontoriero
	10:30 a.m.	Martin Connaughton
	5:00 p.m.	The Balum Family

**Mass and Devotions Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm and 6 pm

**Sunday:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*), and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

**Daily Mass:** 8:00 am Monday-Friday

**Prayer Group:** The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 16th.

**Holy Rosary** after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri, in Church

**Marian Novena** after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

**Benediction & Adoration:** Thursdays at 3:00 pm until 6:45 pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

## Parish Calendar

Mon. 05/16 6:30PM Prayer Group Meeting  
 Tues. 05/17 9AM Rosary Makers  
 Wed. 05/18 9:15AM Legion of Mary;  
 10AM SVDP Meeting;  
 4PM Traditional Choir  
 Thur. 05/19 10AM Prayer Shawl Ministry;  
 3PM Benediction/Adoration;  
 6PM Girl Scouts;  
 6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;  
 7PM Contemporary Choir;  
 7PM Bible Study  
 7PM K of C Social  
 Fri. 05/20 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests  
 Apostolate  
 Sat. 05/21 9AM Catholic Men's Fellowship Mtg.  
 Sun. 05/22 6:15PM Life Nite

### **Prayer Group Ministry**

Please note that the Prayer Group meetings will conclude Monday, May 16th for the season. Meetings will resume in September.

St. Thomas Aquinas Early Childhood Center is currently looking to fill a few vacancies for the fall. If you are interested, please email Alicia at [staecc@aol.com](mailto:staecc@aol.com).

### **Altar Server Training Session for Aspiring Youth Servers!**

**Sunday, May 15 at noon in the church**



If you are a young person who has received First Holy Communion, you are eligible! Come and join us! For details, contact Liz Sheridan at x129 or [elizabeth@stanpr.org](mailto:elizabeth@stanpr.org)

### **Parish Information**

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.  
 Call for information.  
 Phone: (727) 372-8600  
 Website: **www.stanpr.org**  
**Prayer Line:** (727) 372-8600  
**Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:**  
 Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

### **Administration**

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204  
 Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:  
 Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111  
 Adm. Asst./Reception: Meghan Snyder - Ext. 110  
 Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115  
 Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

### **Parish Ministry**

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132  
 Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):  
 Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131  
 Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133  
 Music: Dan O'Hara - Ext. 128  
 Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:  
 Betty West - Ext. 116  
 Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142  
 Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor  
 Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina

### **STA Early Childhood Center**

Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330  
[www.staecc.org](http://www.staecc.org)

**Food Pantry:** Monday *and* Thursday  
 9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

**Gift Store:** *Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

**Parish Library:** Open during office hours.

### **Offertory: May 7 & 8, 2022**

Offertory: \$11,277.57  
 Online Giving: \$ 4,731.00  
**Total: \$16,008.57**

*Thank you to our Parishioners and Visitors for your generous support!*



## Rights and Responsibilities

One of seven themes at the heart of **Catholic Social Teaching** is “**Rights and Responsibilities.**” Human dignity can be protected, and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected, and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to live and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities – to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Through a housing project in Nepal following the 2015 earthquakes, **Catholic Relief Services** provided Tara Devi Darzi with a house. “This home is my life . . . I now feel more secure with my family,” she said.

Thanks to your contributions, our **St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference** has been able to help local people pay their rent and avoid eviction.

**The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invite you to pray for the Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. Please remember to pray for all of our Priests. Below are the names for the week.**

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

5/15 Rev. Alexander Padilla

5/16 Rev. Richard Jankowski

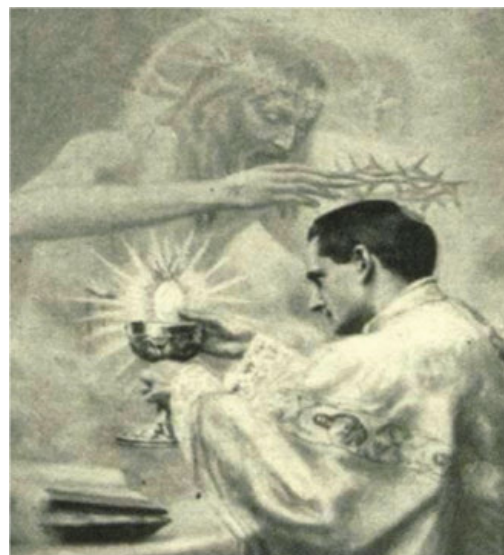
5/17 Austin Smith, Seminarian

5/18 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

5/19 Rev. Eric Peters

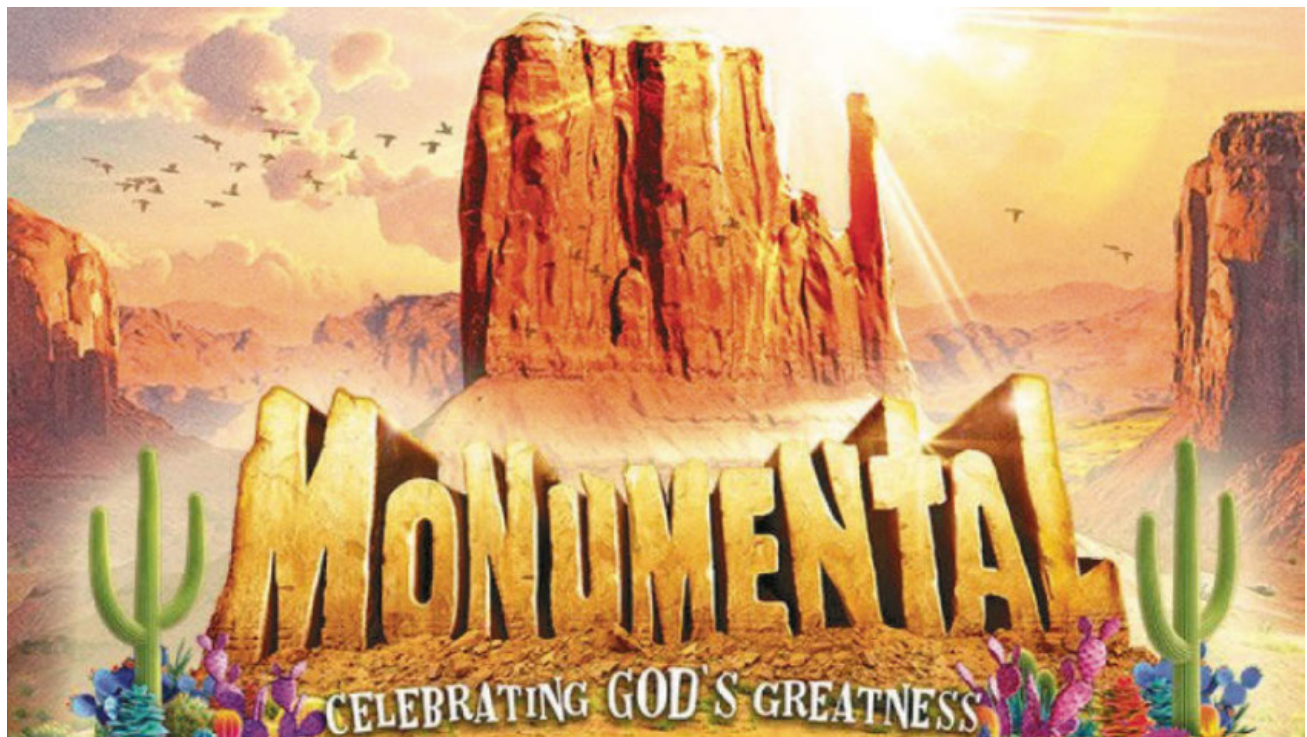
5/20 Rev. Leonard Plazewski

5/21 Ordination to Priesthood of Donald Amodeo & Zachary Brasseur



“You are a Priest forever,  
in the line of Melchizedek.”

-Pslm 110:4



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11-15 | 9:00a-12:00p

Registration is open!

[jessica@stanpr.org](mailto:jessica@stanpr.org) | 727-372-8600 ext. 132

## ALL MEN INVITED TO

Catholic Men's Fellowship  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

**NEXT GATHERING @ 9:30  
ON SATURDAY May 21st  
In the PARISH COMMUNITY ROOM**

**NOTE: ROSARY PRAYED @ 9AM  
BEFORE 9:30 MEETING.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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## Bible Study Starts May 18<sup>th</sup> for College Students and Young Adults 18-22

A new Summer Bible Study is starting Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the University of South Florida's Catholic Student Center (13005 N. 50th Street, Tampa). This Bible Study is for you if you attend USF, are home from another college for the summer, or are between 18-22. Join this relevant and engaging discussion on God's Word and see what God might be speaking to you through Scripture. Bible Study continues each Wednesday through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. RSVPs are helpful but not required. Just stop in whenever you like.

Email Carly with questions at [cbosse@catholicusf.org](mailto:cbosse@catholicusf.org).

**ALTAR CANDLES**  
*for the Month of May*  
 In Memory of:  
**Alfonso & Angelo Gallo**  
 From: Grace Narcisi



In Memory of:  
**Frank Puleo**  
 From: Joan Puleo

In Memory of:  
**Dorothy Kaufer**  
 From: Jerold Kaufer  
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**BREAD AND WINE**  
*for the Month of May*  
 In Memory of:  
**Dorothy P. Kaufer**  
 From: Jerold Kaufer  
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**TABERNACLE LIGHT**  
*for the Month of May*  
 In Memory of:  
**Dorothy P. Kaufer**  
 From: Jerold Kaufer

In Memory of:  
**Harriet Kasper**  
 From: Katherine Logue and  
 Andrew Christophersen



**The Rosary: A Prayer of Miracles**



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On **FORMED.ORG** at the address below



STA Adult Faith Formation  
 Michaela Meyers, x133

☞ "I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death."

<https://watch.formed.org/the-rosary-a-prayer-of-miracles>

Our teens broke into groups and did different service projects during lent. One of the groups organized a clothing drive for the closets at some of our local schools in need. This is a picture of some of the teens in the LifeTeen youth ministry who sorted all the clothes and who will deliver them.



***The 2023 book for  
Mass Intentions  
is now open.***

Please come in during office hours,  
9am to 4pm to reserve mass  
intentions for your loved ones.

**Limit 2 mass intentions  
per person please.**

**Come & See!**

Do you seek the face of God? We warmly invite you to visit a Lay Carmelite Community meeting to learn about Carmelite Spirituality. Our Lady Queen of Carmel LCC meets in room 4 of the parish center of St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church at 715 E. Orange St. in Tarpon Springs on the first Saturday of each month following the 9 am mass.

For more information, contact Pat at 727-534-5729.

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