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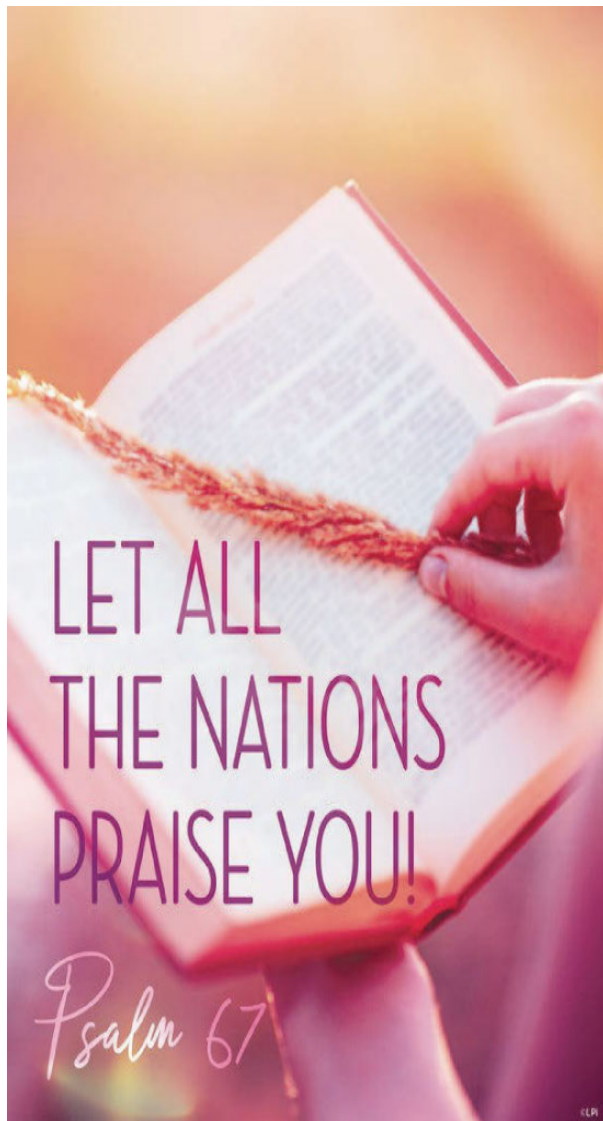
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Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 22, 2022



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

God unites us to himself in a bond of love and peace

Saint Augustine says *the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love.*

God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us in love for love - to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and to love him in return.

How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love.

The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
Interior Transformation
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My child, as you learn to share My daily life through meditation and prayer you will become more like Me in your own daily life. Your thinking will slowly be transformed into My way of thinking. My outlook on life will replace yours. So too with your manner of talking and acting. Your old self will gradually vanish and a new self will take its place. All this will you do, with the help of My grace, in order to become a loyal friend of Mine, living in union with Me.

One of the most wonderful effects of this transformation will be that you will also share My desires, My intentions, My dignity and power. In a true sense your earthly life will be a continuation of Mine. You will have power to petition My heavenly Father in My name, and He will grant your petitions for My sake.

Both for yourself and for others you will be able to obtain many extra favors and graces, which might otherwise have not been granted. Thus your daily life will release to the world a large share of the help and mercy which I merited by My earthly life and sufferings.

This is the biggest reason for Satan's opposition to you. He will never tire of tempting you. If he cannot gain your soul, at least he may prevent you from helping others over whom he has more influence. Your life of friendship with Me will weaken many of his temptations against others, for whom you can obtain extra actual graces.

Remember this when you feel no desire to do more for Me through prayer, good works and self control. I have given you the privilege of helping Me in the work of saving the world. Though you are not necessary in this divine task, I have given you the privilege of being useful in it.

In this daily battle for the souls of men, you can be a very effective soldier of Mine. Satan never abandons his attempts to make men fall into mortal sin. So too, you must never allow yourself to grow weary of interceding for souls in danger of sin. Do it by prayer, self control, self-sacrifice and by your general intention in whatever you are doing at the moment.

Readings for the Week of May 22, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a and 9b/
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/ Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/
Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Ted Favro
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Domenico & Domenica Pontoriero
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	William Ralston
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Michael Hatala
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Keith Goodman
	6:00 p.m.	Louis & Mary Famulari
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Victor Commune
	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family
	10:30 a.m.	William Hayes
	5:00 p.m.	Elfriede Verdon

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. 05/23 7PM Confirmation
 Tues. 05/24 9AM Rosary Makers;
 6:45PM Boy Scouts
 Wed. 05/25 9:15AM Legion of Mary;
 4PM Traditional Choir
 Thur. 05/26 3PM Benediction/Adoration;
 6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;
 7PM Contemporary Choir;
 7PM Bible Study
 Fri. 05/27 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests
 Apostolate
 Sat. 05/28
 Sun. 05/29

Bible Study Ministry

Please note that the last meeting of the season for Bible Study will be Thursday, May 26th. Meetings will resume Thursday, September 1st.

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

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.

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
 Call for information.
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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
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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

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 14 & 15, 2022

Offertory:	\$19,147.22
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 4,082.00</u>
Total:	\$23,229.22

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



THANK-YOU!

I would just like to thank all those who made our parish dinner-dance such an enjoyable evening! We are grateful to Arlisa's Events for the great meal and service they provided, and we want to say a special thank-you to Grand Knight Larry Alaimo and our wonderful Knights of Columbus Council for all of the man-hours they put in (plus the fact they donated all their proceeds to our parish youth groups!) Thank you, gentlemen, it's greatly appreciated!

I also want to thank the band, Dan O'Hara, David Graniero, Benny Andrews and Brian Luker, for the many rehearsal hours they put in and for putting on a good dance party (with special thanks also to our two sound-men for the evening, Jim Konrad and Frank Cropanese!) Finally, I want to thank all of our patrons who came and we hope you enjoyed it! In His love, Father Eric

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.

5/22 Rev. Vivaja Polamarasetty

5/23 Rev. James Ruhlin

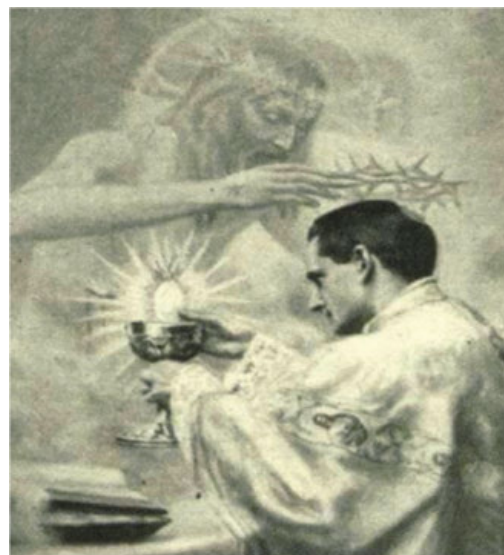
5/24 Deacon Christian Galvan, Seminarian

5/25 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

5/26 Rev. Kyle D. Smith

5/27 Bishop Emeritus Robert N. Lynch

5/28 Rev. John G. Tapp



*"You are a Priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek."*

-Pslm 110:4



St. Thomas Aquinas Confirmation ~ 2022
Monday, May 23rd at 7:00pm

All are welcome to attend!



Please keep our confirmands in prayer.

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” - Matthew 17:20

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CONFIRMANDI FOR 2022 MAY 23RD 7PM

FRANCESCA BALORIO

MICHAEL CANIZIO

AMALIA CHICO

ETHAN COVERT

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ABIGAIL LaGRUA

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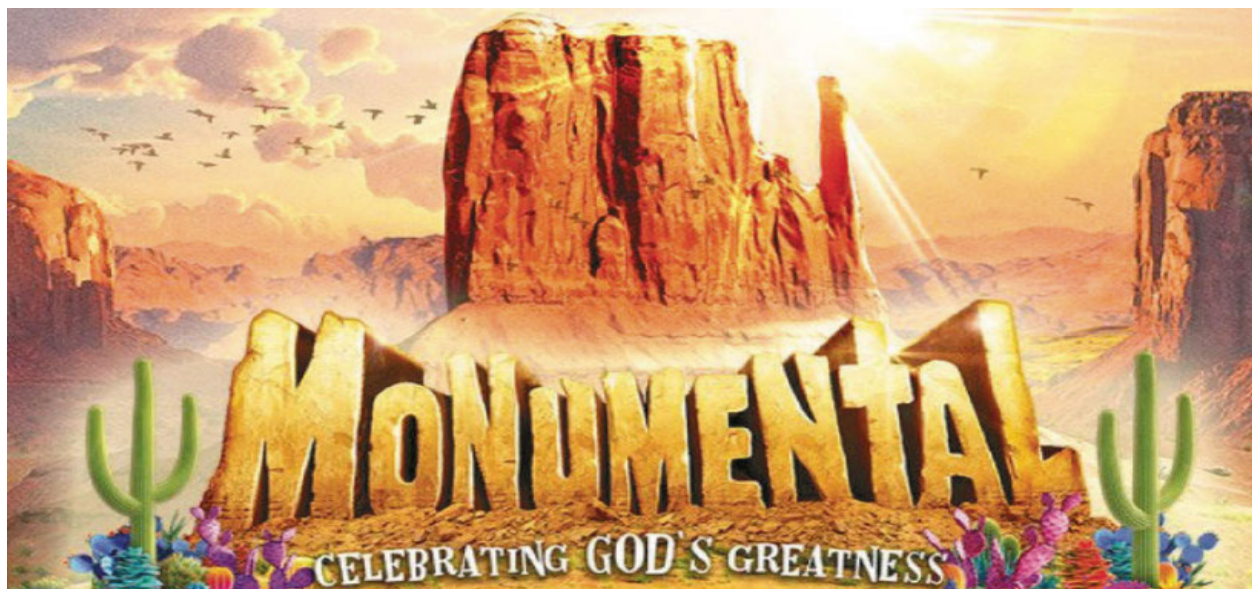
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DOMINIQUE RUCONICH

VINCENT SALZANO

GABRIEL WILLIS





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

Registration is open!

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A WALK AROUND OUR CHURCH ~ THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

PART I: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PATRON OF SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS



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Lover of the Eucharist**



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good.”

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What’s around our church? We’re here every week, we see it every week, but have we really *seen* it? Over the next several months, let’s take a walk around our church and discover it anew. As we do, think about—and pray for--all the souls who’ve been a part of our St. Thomas Aquinas family, worshipping with us. We’ll start with the stained glass windows.



Pange Lingua Glorioso ~ Hymn written by Aquinas

STA Adult Faith Formation ~ x133

St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

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Memorial Day Mass

Join us on May 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., for the Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 11801 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater.



Reverend Hugh Chikawe, Chaplain for Catholic Cemeteries, will be the main celebrant. Please join us for this special Mass, as we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country and all the souls of the faithful departed. All are welcome!

Did You Know? Summertime, Safe Time

All teachers, staff, and volunteers in the Diocese of St. Petersburg who work with children must undergo fingerprinting and criminal background checks. (Arch)diocesan guidelines and abuse prevention training programs currently in use emphasize the importance of parents' knowing who has access to their children at school and other Church-sponsored activities.

Summertime is here, and parents should remain vigilant regarding who is granted access to their children. Make sure camp counselors have undergone criminal background checks. And make sure you know the camp's daily routine. In particular, make sure that no camp activity results in a child being left alone with one adult.



All activities should be supervised by more than one adult, and the camp should be open to unannounced drop-in visits from parents.

For particular help you may call: **Michael Craig, Safe Environment Program Manager at (727) 344-1611, ext. 5377.**

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