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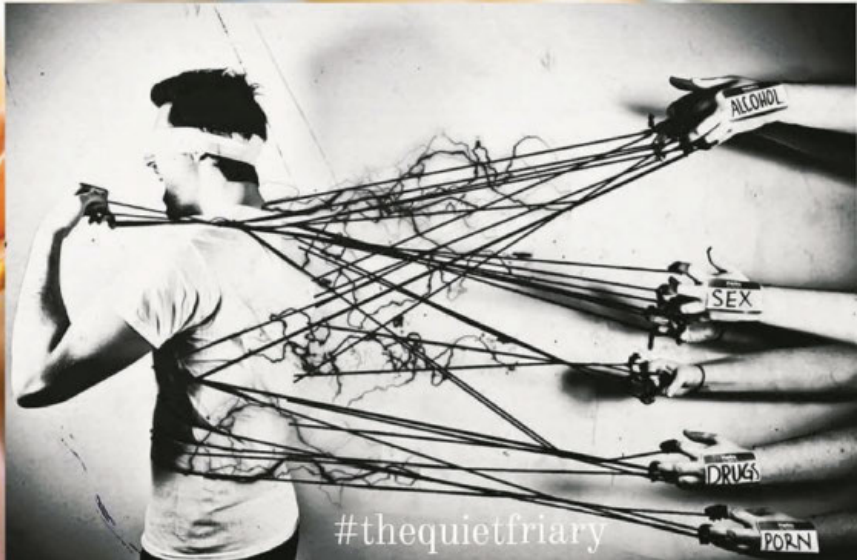
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HIMSELF TO HER
SHALL EVER
BECOME THE
PREY OF HELL.
-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: T, W, TH, F - 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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MAY 22, 2022



Tuesday

8:30am

Req. By:

2nd Int.

Req. By:

MAY 24

+MARY K. GULLO

Richard & Carol Valvo

+ALL SOULS

Ann Nguyen

Wednesday

8:30am

2nd. Int.

Req. By:

MAY 25

+POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

ETHEL GO BIRTHDAY

Joe & Ginney

Thursday

8:30am

Req. By:

2nd Int.

Req. By:

MAY 26

+DANIEL PALM

Eleanor Kelly & Carol Euker

+NED MANGINI

Antoinette Mangini

Friday

8:30am

Req. By:

2nd. Int:

Req. By:

MAY 27

+TOM DIREENO

Wife

+NANCY COLELLA

Tim & Pat Wheeler

Saturday

4:00 pm

Req. By:

2nd Int:

MAY 28

+DOLORES LAMERE

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9:00 am

Req. By:

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MAY 29

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 57:Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalms: 67:2-3,5-6,8

Second Reading: Rv 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel Reading: Jn 14:23-29

SACRAMENTS:

Contact the Office

Baptism: For registered & active parishioners: **Baptism instruction is required for Parents.**

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM

In the main Church Or by Appointment

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the Week

MONDAY

291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY STS. BEDE the VENERABLE, GREGORY VII & MARY MAGDALENE de'PAZZI

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

THURSDAY ST. PHILIP NERI

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

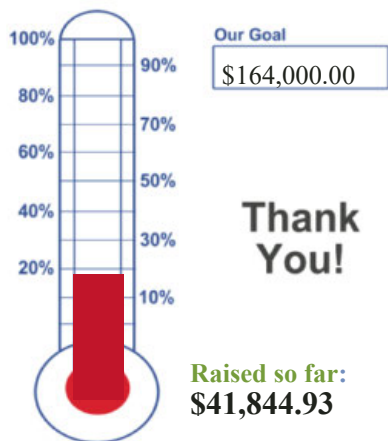
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294: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47: 2-7 Jn 16:20-23



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For it is in giving that we receive.
St. Francis of Assisi



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Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 10am



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MAY 22, 2022

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for a **VERY IMPORTANT**
DATE

June 2
Doors Open at 5:30pm
Dinner Starts at 6:00 pm

In the Parish Hall

Please Call the Office
To RSVP
And let us know what you
are bringing!
Entrée, Side-dish or dessert.
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**“You're entirely bonkers. But I'll tell you a secret
all the best people are.”**
— Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

What is a Novena? What is Its Origin? FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

Succinctly, a novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer to obtain special graces, to implore special favors, or make special petitions. (Novena is derived from the Latin *novem*, meaning nine.) As the definition suggests, the novena has always had more of a sense of urgency and neediness. In our liturgical usage, the novena differs from an octave which has a more festive character, and either precedes or follows an important feast. For example, in our Church calendar we celebrate the Octave before Christmas, where the recitation of the “O” Antiphons helps us prepare for the birth of our Savior. We also celebrate the Octaves of Christmas and Easter, which include the feast days themselves and the seven days that follow, to highlight the joy of these mysteries.

The origin of the novena in our Church’s spiritual treasury is hard to pinpoint. The Old Testament does not indicate any nine-day celebration among the Jewish people. On the other hand, in the New Testament at the Ascension our Lord gives the Apostles the Great Commission and then tells them to return to Jerusalem and to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Acts of the Apostles recounts, “After that they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet near Jerusalem — a mere Sabbath’s journey away. Together they devoted themselves to constant prayer” (Acts 1:12, 14). Nine days later, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost. Perhaps this “nine-day period of prayer” of the Apostles is the basis for the novena.

Long before Christianity, the ancient Romans also celebrated nine days of prayers for various reasons. The author Livy recorded how nine days of prayers were celebrated at Mount Alban to avert some evil or wrath of the gods as predicted by the soothsayers. Similarly, nine days of prayers were offered when some “wonder” had been predicted. Families also held a nine-day mourning period upon the death of a loved one with a special feast after the burial on the ninth day. The Romans also celebrated the *parentalia novendialia*, a yearly novena (February 13-22) remembering all departed family members. Since novenas were already part of Roman culture, it is possible that Christianity “baptized” this pagan practice. Whatever the exact origins may be, the early Christians did have a nine-day mourning period upon the death of a loved one. Eventually, a novena of Masses for the repose of the soul was offered. To this day, there is the *novendialia* or Pope’s Novena, observed upon the death of the Holy Father.

In the Middle Ages, particularly in Spain and France, novenas of prayers were offered nine days before Christmas, signifying the nine months our Lord spent in the womb of our blessed Mother. These special novenas helped the faithful prepare for the festive, yet solemn, celebration of the birth of our Lord. Eventually, various novenas were composed to help the faithful prepare for a special feast or to invoke the aid of a saint for a particular reason. Some of the popular novenas still widely used in our Church include those of the Miraculous Medal, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph and St. Jude.

It is difficult to say why we do not find novenas as much a part of public worship now as before Vatican II. I remember asking this question to an elderly priest, who basically said that he remembered people who would skip Mass yet attend the weekly novena. As Catholics, the primary focus of our spirituality and public worship should be the Holy Eucharist and the Mass. With the advent of the liturgical renewal and the increased participation of the congregation at Mass, perhaps this is why novenas fell by the wayside.

Also, some people think superstition has hurt the reputation of novenas. In every parish I have been assigned, I have found copies of a St. Jude novena which basically states that if a person goes to Church for nine days and leaves a copy of the novena to St. Jude, then the prayer will be granted — sort of like a spiritual chain letter. This is dispensing-machine Catholicism: just as a person puts the coin in the vending machine and presses the button to get the desired soda, here a person says the prayers, goes to church and is supposedly guaranteed that the request will be granted. So much for God’s will. What is really sad these days is that the person simply photocopies the letter; one would think they could at least hand-write it. On occasion, I have had to pick up these letters that are left all over the Church.

Nevertheless, novenas still hold a legitimate place in our Catholic spirituality. The *Enchiridion of Indulgences* notes, “A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who devoutly take part in the pious exercise of a public novena before the feast of Christmas or Pentecost or the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.” Here the Church is again emphasizing that the novena is a pious spiritual exercise to bolster the faith of the individual, and that the individual should be truly devout, always remembering the goodness of the Lord who answers all of our prayers according to His divine will.

Short Novena to the Holy Spirit (Begins May 27th - June3)

O Holy Spirit, O my God, I adore Thee, and acknowledge, here in Thy divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without Thee. Come, great Paraclete, Thou father of the poor, Thou comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our blessed Savior, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of Thy poor, unworthy creature, as Thou didst descend on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which Thou didst communicate to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my heart whatever is not pleasing to Thee, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for Thyself. Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. Inflame my heart with pure love of Thee, that I may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments, and that my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that I may be made conformable to Thy divine will, and be guided by Thy holy inspirations. Aid me by Thy grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience, and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life.

Oh, rend the heavens, and come down, consoling Spirit! that inspired and encouraged by Thee, I may faithfully comply with the duties of my state, carry my daily cross most patiently, and endeavor to accomplish the divine will with the utmost perfection. Spirit of love! Spirit of purity! Spirit of peace! Sanctify my soul more and more, and give me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give. Bless our Holy Father the Pope, bless the Church, bless our bishops, our priests, all Religious Orders, and all the faithful, that they may be filled with the spirit of Christ and labor earnestly for the spread of His kingdom. O Holy Spirit, Thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant me, I beseech Thee, the intentions of this novena. May Thy will be done in me and through me. Mayest Thou be praised and glorified forevermore! (Catholicexchange.com)

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The Ascension: The Wisdom of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. by FR. ANDREW APOSTOLI

The Words of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Had Christ remained on earth, sight would have taken the place of faith. In heaven, there will be no faith because His followers will see; there will be no hope, because they will possess; but there will be love for love endureth forever! His leave-taking of the earth combined the Cross and the Crown that governed the smallest detail of His life. The Ascension took place on Mount Olivet at the base of which is Bethany. He led His Apostles out through Bethany, which meant passing through Gethsemane and the very spot where He wept over Jerusalem! Not as from a throne, but from a mountain elevated above the garden with the twisted olive trees crimsoned with His Blood, did He give the final manifestation of His Divine power. His heart was not embittered by His Cross, for the Ascension was the fruit of His Crucifixion. As He said, it was fitting that He suffer in order to enter into His glory.

In the Ascension, the Savior did not lay aside the garment of flesh with which He had been clothed; for His human nature would be the pattern of the future glory of other human natures, which would become incorporated to Him through a sharing of His life. Intrinsic and deep was the relation between His Incarnation and His Ascension. The Incarnation or the assuming of a human nature made it possible for Him to suffer and redeem. The Ascension exulted into glory that same human nature that was humbled to the death.

A Coronation upon the earth, instead of an Ascension into heaven, would have confined men's thoughts of Him to the earth. But the Ascension would cause men's minds and hearts to ascend above the earth. In relation to Himself, it was fitting that the human nature which He took as the instrument for teaching, and governing, and sanctifying, should partake of glory as it shared in shame. It was very hard to believe that He, Who was the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, was the beloved Son in Whom the Father was well pleased. It was difficult to believe that He, Who did not come down from a Cross, could ascend into heaven, or that the momentary glory that shone about Him on the Mount of the Transfiguration was a permanent possession. The Ascension put all such doubts away by introducing His human nature into intimate and eternal communion with God.

The human nature which He took was mocked as a Prophet when they blindfolded Him and asked Him to tell who struck Him; He was mocked as a King when they put upon Him a mock-robe of royalty and gave Him a reed of straw for a scepter; finally He was mocked as a Priest when they challenged Him, Who as offering Himself as a Victim, to come down from the Cross. By the Ascension His triple office of Teacher, King, and Priest was vindicated.

Reflection on the Archbishop's Words from Father Andrew Apostoli

As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension, the archbishop's meditation gives us insights into the meaning of this great event. It was part of the paschal mystery of Christ since it involved His glorification in heaven along with His sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The archbishop tells us that if Jesus had remained on earth after rising from the dead, the faith of His disciples would have still been focused on life in this world rather than on the next. Only a few moments before He ascended into heaven, His disciples were still asking Him, "Lord, are you going to restore the rule to Israel now?" (Acts 1:6). Jesus needed to draw His disciples beyond the focus of this world, and He would do so precisely by leaving this world and ascending into the next. It would now be part of the disciples' spiritual growth to desire to be with Christ Whom they could no longer see with bodily eyes, just as we, too, must long to be with Christ Whom we can only see with the eyes of faith. Then, as the archbishop writes, "In heaven there will be no faith because His followers will see; there will be no hope, because they will possess; but there will be love, for love endureth forever!"

The archbishop's words are in keeping with the point of St. Paul who tells us that we must set our hearts on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand. "Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth. After all, you have died! Your life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with Him in glory" (Col 3:2-4). The archbishop tells us that Jesus did not lay aside the garment of flesh with which He had been clothed when He went to heaven. There was a heresy in the early Church called Monophysitism. (This name came from two Greek words: *mono* = "one" and *physis* = "nature.") This heresy held that once Jesus had accomplished the work of our salvation and returned to heaven, He cast off the human nature He took from the Virgin Mary, and retained only the divine nature He had from all eternity. If our Lord had done this, then He would not have had a glorified humanity which would be the pattern for our glorified humanity in heaven. Furthermore, Jesus, keeping His human nature in heaven as the Son of Man along with His divine nature as the Son of God, retained the greatest sign of His incomparable love for us because He remains one of us, one of our human family, for all eternity.




**"Men of Galilee," They Said, "Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."
- Acts 1, 11**



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