MOTHER'S DAY

The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ~Proverbs 31:30b

MASS
On-Line Every Day

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MASS INTENTIONS

ALL Mass Intentions are being fulfilled each day in a private mass service which can be seen online.

Sat. 5/9
- Fely Ancheta †
- Pattie Brinkofski †

Sun. 5/10
- For ALL Mothers, Living and Deceased in Celebration of Mother’s Day

Mon. 5/11
For the Souls in our St. Patrick Memorial Garden †

Tue. 5/12
Robert Fett †

Wed. 5/13
Mass for the People of St. Patrick

Thur. 5/14
Walter & Laura Bertrand ††

Fri. 5/15
Patricia Haylett †

Sat. 5/16
- Jonathan Sinclair †
- Charles Davies † (Celebrating his 83rd Birthday in Eternal Life)

Sun. 5/17
- Orpah Banfelder †
- Kathleen Trotter †
- Richard Klein †
- Tom C. Smith †
Dear Beloved Parishioners of St. Patrick,

We have good news! Our beloved Bishop has decided to allow the Faithful to access to our Parish for individual visitation. After much planning, we are scheduling our Church of Saint Patrick beginning Monday, May 4th, 2020 for individual visitation.

Know that this is only for individual visitation. Public Mass is still being suspended. Also, you must keep social distancing during your visitation, bring a mask and hand sanitizer. A mask must be worn during your visitation as well.

The hours of visitation are from 9:00am to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during these hours.

Every year we have May Crowning for the Blessed Mother. You will see the statue of the Blessed Mother in the sanctuary area. You are welcome to offer her roses, by placing them in the vase in front of her. If you would like to make a flower offertory to the church you may place the envelope in the basket next to the Blessed Mother.

Know that I pray for all of you daily. Please keep praying for one another.

In Christ,

Father Paul Nguyen
Our Lady of Fatima

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917.

The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when, against the backdrop of the First World War which had introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare yet seen, and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into six decades of oppression under militant atheistic governments, a resplendent figure appeared to the three children who were in the field tending the family sheep. “I am the Angel of Peace,” said the figure, who appeared to them two more times that year exhorting them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.

Then, on the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of ‘a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun’ presented itself to the three children saying “Please don’t be afraid of me, I’m not going to harm you.” Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, “I come from Heaven.” The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to “say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.”

She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families, and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon but Lucia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

In the last apparition the woman revealed her name in response to Lucia’s question: “I am the Lady of the Rosary.” That same day, 70,000 people had turned out to witness the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions. By 1930 the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have been approved by the Church as authentic.

The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world, and that the trials may be averted.

Our Lady of Fatima revealed three prophetic “secrets,” the first two of which were revealed earlier and refer to the vision of hell and the souls languishing there, the request for an ardent devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prediction of the Second World War, and finally the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communist totalitarianism. The third “secret” was not revealed until the year 2000, and referred to the persecutions that humanity would undergo in the last century: “The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated”. The suffering of the popes of the 20th century has been interpreted to include the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in 1981, which took place on May 13, the 64th anniversary of the apparitions. The Holy Father attributed his escape from certain death to the intervention of Our Lady: “… it was a mother’s hand that guided the bullet’s path and in his throes the Pope halted at the threshold of death.”

What is the central meaning of the message of Fatima? Nothing different from what the Church has always taught: it is, as Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict the XVI, has put it, “the exhortation to prayer as the path of “salvation for souls” and, likewise, the summons to penance and conversion.”

Perhaps the most well known utterance of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima was her confident declaration that “My Immaculate Heart will triumph”. Cardinal Ratzinger has interpreted this utterance as follows: “The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Savior into the world—because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: “In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33). The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.
**Join Us for**
**Private Prayer in Our Church**
**Monday - Friday**
**9AM - 1PM**
**Mask & Social Distancing Required**

**Join Us for**
**Holy Communion at The Church of Saint Patrick**

**Wednesday**
**9 AM to 10 AM**

&

**Sunday**
**9 AM to 10:30 AM**

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**Observances for the week of May 10, 2020**

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day

Monday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Friday: St. Isidore

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**Join Us for**
**Confession**
**Saturday**
**3:30 to 4:30 PM**
**(Weather Permitting at the Church of St. Patrick)**

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**Readings for the Week**

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
**Diocese of Venice**  
**TV & On-Line Mass Guide**

*Televised Mass* - The Diocese of Venice in Florida airs the televised Sunday Mass each week on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on the CW Network in Sarasota & Manatee counties. Please refer to the channel guide below, based upon your cable provider.

- Brighthouse – Channel 4
- Comcast Cable—Sarasota & Venice - Channel 9
- Direct TV – Channel 44
- Dish Network – Channel 44
- Frontier Gulf Coast – Channel 4
- Spectrum Network (Bradenton) – Channel 4
- Universal Cablevision (Bradenton) – Channel 11
- Verizon – Channel 4

The Mass is also available on the Diocese of Venice website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass. While Masses in churches are suspended access to daily Mass online can be found on the Diocesan website as well as prayers and other resources at www.dioceseofvenice.org.

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted" **Matthew 5:4**

For many this is a time of loss and grief. Loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of being with family and friends, loss of a life we once knew. While you physically distance, you do NOT have to hurt alone.

If you or someone you know could be comforted by a Stephen Minister at this time call the Church of St. Patrick office at (941) 378-1703 and ask to speak with a Stephen Leader.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ’s love. A Stephen Minister is available to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

**Are you or someone you know, thinking of becoming a Catholic?**

**Do you have Questions?**

If you want some first-hand experience about how to...
- Focus on what’s important right now in your faith life
- Be serious about converting to Christ
- Learn what “next steps” to take,
- Get helpful guidance that addresses your real needs…

**We are here for YOU!**

Maybe you are Catholic but would like to learn more about your Faith, Prayers and the Bible?

Pray some more and listen to God tugging at your heart. We meet year round so it is easy to pick and choose the lessons that interest you.
Church of St. Patrick Financial Stewardship
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