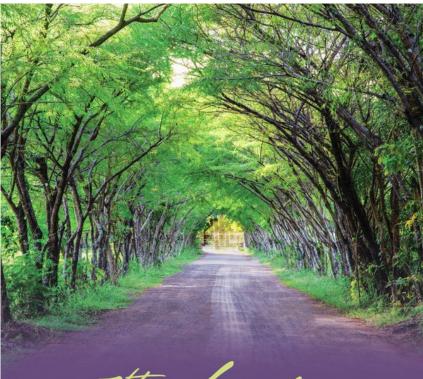


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# MAY 10, 2020 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon

## DAILY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 7:30 am Thursday: 7:00 pm First Saturday Only: 8:00 am Civil Holidays: 9:00 am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon Thursday: After the 7:00 pm Mass until 8:30 pm (No Confessions on Holy Days of Obligation)

## DEVOTIONS

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena: Friday: After the 7:30 am Mass First Saturday: 7:30 am Rosary and Litany of Loreto 8:00 am Mass Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass **Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Thursday 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day!

God's blessings and protection to all our mother's. I especially think of those mothers who are trying to balance work, educating children, home, etc. I know it is hard for them. We are praying for you. May the Holy Spirit give you all the strength you need.

I often get asked about my mother. She is well and lives in the split-level house I grew up in Wickliffe. I get out to see her on Thursdays and Sundays around 4:00 p.m. There is always yard work to be done and other projects and then we have dinner and visit. She is doing her own shopping, going to adoration at her church and watching Mass on the IPad; which does not make her happy, but what else can she do.

Fr. John Retar

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After 392 years of wandering in the desert, Mrs. Moses secretly asks for directions.

## MAY 3, 2020

A Mother's Hands...

reach out to bless her children and reach up to praise the Lord. They're always loving, often praying, and ever giving more than she keeps for herself. A mother's hands may tire, but they never expire in their efforts to do good for those she loves. A mother's hands may age, but her influence lasts forever.

> Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD. Psalm 134:2 (SIV1984)

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH



# Join Mark Hart and Emily Wilson LIVE for a Fun Exploration of the Mass

We all love the Mass.

But there are times when mass can seem boring for our kids (never for us, right?).

If you've been there, we invite you to a special event.

Wednesdays at 8PM ET, Mark Hart and Emily Wilson will be going live on the Ascension Facebook page to discuss that source and summit of our Faith, the Mass.

It's the first part of a four-part series that will be running **every Wednesday in May** where we'll be rediscovering the beauty and richness of the Mass.

To watch the video, simply click the button below or go to <u>facebook.com/</u> ascensionpress

If you do not see the video **after 8 p.m. ET** please refresh your browser and the video should be visible! Sometimes it takes a moment to become visible.

# Mass Intentions

<u>Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>,</u> Easter Weekday 7:30 am Irene Noster (Niece)

<u>Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>,</u> Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

7:30 am Theodore and Micheal Linn (Sandy & Gerry Gross)

<u>Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>,</u> Our Lady of Fatima 7:30 am **Poor Souls** 

<u>Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>,</u> Saint Matthias, Apostle 7:00 pm Lucille Leifer (Daughter)

<u>Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>,</u> Easter Weekday 7:30 am **Poor Souls** 

<u>Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>,</u> Easter Weekday 4:00 pm **Tim Schoen** (Debi)

<u>Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>,</u> Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Ann Holomuzki (Friends & Family) 10:00 am Thomas Ivancic (Wife, Alexandria) 12:00 pm For the Living and Deceased of St. Vincent de Paul Parish

**Please Note:** Fr. John Retar will still be saying Mass Intentions privately. However, if you wish to move the date of your Mass Intention, you are more than welcome to. Please call into the Parish Office or email the Parish

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY & PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY MAY 13, 2020 - 1PM

Celebrate the anniversary of the Visitation of of our Blessed Mother to the three children in Fatima in 1917. The video will be live streamed on our Facebook group and available in our saved videos.

Please note, we will NOT be gathering together on church property, this is a video recording only. Join us to pray!

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

## DURING THIS TIME, BULLETINS WILL ONLY BE PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE SVDPELYRIA.COM NO PAPER COPIES WILL BE PRINTED



## FIRST READING

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7a)

## **PSALM**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33) or Alleluia

#### SECOND READING

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)



## GOSPEL

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# **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 | 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER