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May 10, 2020

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

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"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Witness to Hope-** Some of the funds raised through the parish's Witness to Hope Campaign were designated for creating a cry room. The initial proposal was to create it in the old baptistry in the back left hand side of the Church. After taking a close look at things, it seems that a better option is to set up the monitors in the gathering space with a live feed of the Mass, giving mothers and fathers ample space to move around, along with the ease of seeing and hearing what's taking place on the other side of the doors. The added bonus is that the equipment (camera and cabling) used would also provide a permanent solution to live-streaming Mass. If you have any thoughts on this project, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**Parish Registration-** We have been wanting for several months to update our parish registration database. We want to make sure the e-mail addresses and phone numbers we have for our registered parishioners are correct to ensure that communications from us are received. If you have updated your contact information or other family information has changed, please take a moment to fill out the form on our website. Thank you!

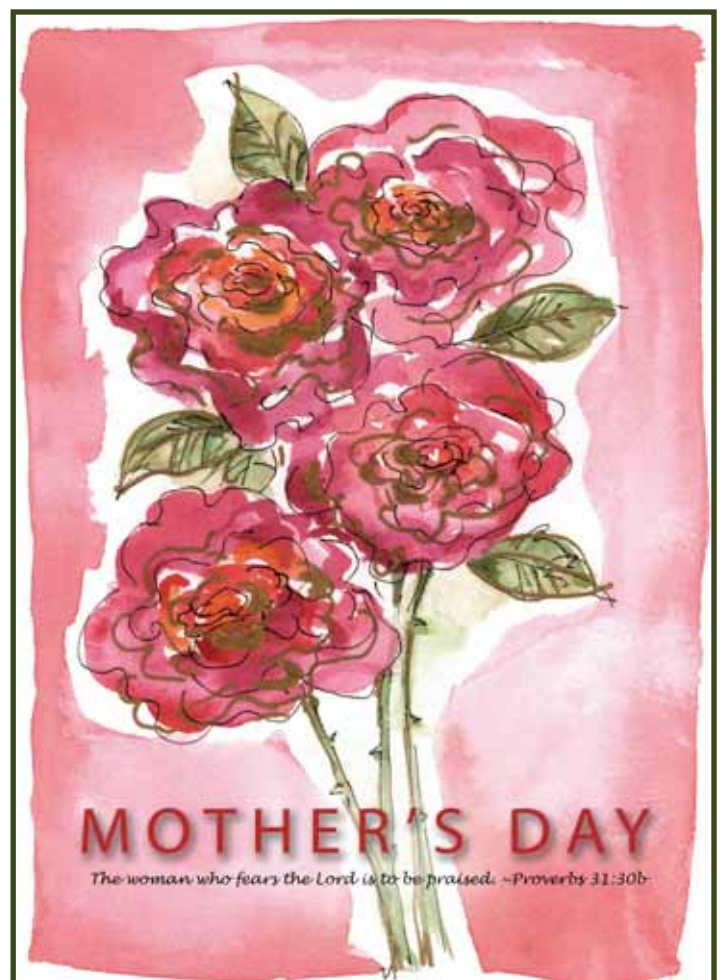
In Christ,

Fr. Dan

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# MASS Intentions

\*Please note, Fr. Dan will be offering up these names at a private daily Mass :

**MONDAY, May 11th**  
Intentions of all Mothers in the Parish

**TUESDAY, May 12th**  
† Mass for Evelyn Rose Matysiak  
Req. by Joe Butchart

**WEDNESDAY, May 13th**  
People of the Parish

**THURSDAY, May 14th**  
Mass for Living and Deceased Members of  
The Ramirez & Hildebrant Families  
Req. by Roman & Judy Ramirez

**FRIDAY, May 15th**

**SATURDAY, May 16th**  
Intentions of Sarah Davignon  
Req. by Paul & Patrice Davignon

**SUNDAY, May 17th**  
People of the Parish

## FROM HOPE CLINIC:

Grocery delivery now available for people unable to leave their homes:

One of the most difficult challenges we face is getting food into the hands of people who cannot leave their homes. It is heartbreaking to think that there are people in our community who are faced with the choice between eating or putting themselves or others at risk.

This week we are thrilled to be launching a new program that will allow those in need to get access to food without leaving their house. Thanks to a collaboration with "M Response Corp" through the Ginsburg Center, University of Michigan medical students will now deliver groceries from Hope to home-bound clients.

Those in need of this service will be able to sign-up for a delivery slot by calling 734-484-2989 on Tuesdays between 10am and noon.



# Religious Formation News

**"DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED."**

Jesus came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for others. He has called each of us to be a part of His mission to lead others back to the Father's house and so we share in the priestly ministry of Jesus. We should actively work on our vocation to be of loving service to others as well as pray for each other so that all of us can fulfill our role in sharing in the priesthood of Jesus the Christ.

## FROM OUR GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM Connecting Gospel & Doctrine

What troubles Jesus' friends? Where is Jesus going? How can his followers get there? According to Jesus, how do we know God? What do Jesus' life and teachings show us about God and about what is important to God? What works of Jesus and God do you continue to do? Who do you know who is most like God? In what ways do you find yourself changed by this person? Make a list of words to describe what God is like. Build a temple made of metaphors with your family. For example, how are you a door for others? A window? The ceiling? In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus describes his Father's house as having room for everyone. Imagine that you have been asked to design and construct a house for the Church. What would you include in your plans?

## Catholic Faith Word/Phrase

**Ministry** - A way we can serve others in the Church and the world.

**Second Vatican Council**- A meeting of the world's Catholic bishops that took place in Rome from 1962 to 1965 to talk about important topics about the Church in the modern world. These bishops send out sixteen documents, whose topics included the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture and how Catholics should coexist with people from other religions. This meeting transformed the Catholic Church.

**Confirmation**- is a sacrament that seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and gives us strength to do Christ's work.

## With My Family

**Pray**- Jesus, I want to trust you in all things. Give me the courage to ask you for what I need. Amen.

**Think**- When is it difficult for me to trust Jesus?

**Act**- With your family, talk about times you were worried about something (a test, illness, job, etc). Share how those things worked out and make note of how many times God has brought you safely through what you were worried about.

## First Communion Congratulations!

Katelyn Dougoveto

Lillian Fox

Jude Lussier

Myles and Aaron Cook

Angel Lobo Barrios



*Becky Diachun*

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### Job Opening

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### Do you need Assistance during this Time?

**Emmaus Health Partners**, in cooperation with **Be Love Revolution**, are responding to the call to be Christ's light in this time of crisis with the **Emmaus Help Line!**

Our volunteers can help you locate the resources you need: groceries, academic tutors, creative ideas for children, or just a friendly voice to offer prayer, support, and combat loneliness.

Email requests at

<https://emmaushealthpartners.org/>

or call toll free at **734- 348-5237**

and leave a voice message.

A volunteer will get back to you within 24 hours.



### How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

*(Repeat 3 times)* O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

**Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed**

For each of the five decades *(On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray)*

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

*(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)*  
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Concluding prayer** *(Repeat 3 times)*  
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### **Optional Closing Prayer**

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*



Joe McCadden  
Cara Wegrzyn  
Rebecca MacKenzie  
Claudia Dumas  
Marty Wideman  
Bruce Ridley  
Theresa Nestorak  
Gladys Cervetto

Mike Rudisill  
Sally Lattuca  
Craig Ramirez  
Andrea Oetjens  
Brad Thomsen  
Jane Turpen  
Katie O'Toole

Please Pray for our Armed Forces Personnel:

*Staff Sgt. James Eberts, Jr.  
Capt. Robert Eberts, IV  
MKC Ian Gable, USCG  
CMO Mary Gable, USCG  
Capt. Kristin Mixon  
Capt. Russ Mixon  
Staff Sgt. Stacey Moore  
MAJ William Muraski  
Cayce Whitcomb, USMC 3rd Battalion 5  
Cpl. Hailey Ann Roof  
S. Sgt. Ashley Rager  
Tech. Sgt. Jay Russell  
Chief Petty Officer, Jacob Meyer*

**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT OUR PRAYER LIST**

*The names of the sick, homebound, and military personnel will run in this column for 3 months, at which time they will be removed. To add a name, re-list a name, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 734.483.3360.*

## Readings of the Week

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

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  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day  
Monday: No observance  
Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima  
Thursday: St. Matthias, Apostle  
Friday: St. Isidore  
Saturday: Armed Forces Day

**Recent Death in our St. John the Baptist Community**

† Margaret Smith

Mom of parishioner, Debbie Brown

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 10th

**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)

**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:**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

**Ordo 2020—Book 14**

We are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood" called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.



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## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND A THEOLOGICAL READING OF HISTORY**

*By Bishop Robert Barron, originally published on May 16, 2017*

*\*Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day is this Wednesday, May 13th, 2020\**

The series of Fatima appearances—lasting from May until October of 1917—is one of the most extraordinary in the history of the Church. It has also beguiled political and cultural commentators outside the ambit of the Church, and it is this wider implication that I would like to explore.

This particular visitation of Mary took place at the height of the First World War, which signaled the end of Enlightenment confidence in the perfectibility of the human being, and in the year of the Bolshevik Revolution, which would exert, for most of the twentieth-century, a massively deleterious influence. To the simple children, who barely understood what she was saying, Our Lady announced that the Great War would soon end, and she also called for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. Furthermore, she urged the children to pray for the conversion of Russia, which was a mysterious exhortation, given that, at the time of this communication, the Communist revolution in that country had not yet taken place.

And the confirmation of the veracity of the Fatima appearances is one of the most stunning and widely-attested miracles in the history of Christianity. In the afternoon of October 13, 1917, approximately 70,000 people had gathered at the apparition site in order to witness what the Lady had promised would be a marvelous sign. Among this throng were many secularists and skeptics who had come only to scoff. But before the eyes of seventy-thousand people, the sun commenced to “dance,” turning and dashing from place to place in the sky and finally appearing to plummet toward the earth. Some of the most astounding accounts of this incident were composed by journalists of an agnostic or atheist persuasion.

So what does the message of Our Lady of Fatima, considered in the widest sense, imply? It implies that the God of the Bible is a living God, by which I mean, a God who involves himself as an actor in human history. From the seventeenth century on, in the West at any rate, a casual Deism has held sway in the minds of many who profess faith in God. By this I mean the belief that God is a distant power, who established the laws of nature and set things in motion, but who remains aloof from the ordinary affairs of the world. But this view is repugnant to the Biblical conception of God. According to the Scriptures, God indeed created the universe and established its laws, but he also exercises a personal and providential care for all that he has made. Jesus expressed this idea both precisely and poetically: “Not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your heavenly Father knowing it.” Throughout the historical books of the Old Testament, we find events unfolding according to recognizable dynamics economic, political, and psychological, but through it all, under it all, God is also acting, mysteriously accomplishing his will.

This way of reading history was bequeathed from the Biblical authors to the great tradition, and thus we find theological masters from Augustine to Robert Bellarmine to John Henry Newman interpreting world affairs through the prism of God’s providence. Augustine’s *City of God*, written in the wake of the sack of Rome, is particularly instructive in this regard. The great saint certainly understood the political, military, and cultural dynamics that contributed to the disaster, but he was especially sensitive to the sacred dimension of the event. The fall of Rome was ingredient, he argued across more than a thousand pages, in a divine providential plan that stretches from beginning to end of history. Kings, emperors, generals, soldiers, and writers made their moves, but underneath them all, God was making his moves and accomplishing his purpose. I will readily grant that the sifting of this providential design can be a dicey business, subject to various types of distortion and wishful thinking, but I will insist that abandoning the effort altogether is to surrender to a reading of history and a theology of God that are at odds with the Bible.

In our own time, no one played the Augustinian role of theological interpreter of history more effectively than St. John Paul II. Having personally experienced the tyranny of two of the worst and most abusive dictatorships in human history, Karol Wojtyla could nevertheless, upon assuming the papal office, tell the world “to be not afraid.” If we were reading things through purely economic or political lenses, such a recommendation would appear foolish at best, delusional at worst. But because John Paul read things theologically, he knew that mercy and love finally triumph, and he understood that any proposal for human flourishing that did not include God would necessarily fall victim to its own internal contradictions. This latter conviction sustained his non-violent but massively effective assault upon Communism from 1979 to 1989.

And his theological reading of history enabled him to grasp that Our Lady of Fatima’s summons to pray for the conversion of Russia was far from a pious fantasy, that in point of fact, it provides the interpretive key for understanding perhaps the pivotal event in the history of the late twentieth century.

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