

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

The Month of Our Lady



of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order—by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding—even if only mentally—some pious invocation.

Excerpted from Enchiridion of Indulgences.

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every

part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of

prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI: *Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1*). This Christian custom

Women’s Faith Sharing Group

The third annual Women's Day of Reflection at Mount St. Joseph is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Besides taking in the beautiful hills and peaceful surroundings of the Mount our day will include prayer, group discussions, reflective time, liturgy, lunch and fellowship with the sisters.

Fee for the day will be \$9.00 for lunch. Call Diane (304-233-8574) if you have any questions or need a ride. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 13.

In addition, the group is taking part in a tour and history of St. Alphonsus Church April 28 at 10:30 a.m. The tour is being led by Father Doug Ondeck.

Call Diane for more information.

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are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name,” (John 20:30-31).

Now that the air is becoming warm, and the days longer, I can to stare at the sky from my front porch without my winter coat, hat and gloves. The coffee made from my easy to use coffeemaker will stay warm longer as I ponder the questions that plague my thoughts. I will admire the birth of life God created for us to enjoy. I will question why we have complicated our lives with bells and whistles in technology that we use, as my cell phone rest on the table beside me and my computer on my lap, as I listen to music streamed by Pandora on my Wi-Fi radio. But with each passing second, I will critique my day hoping my behavior was reverent and having dignity in the eyes of Our Lord.

You are remembered in my continued prayers as I hope I am remembered in yours.

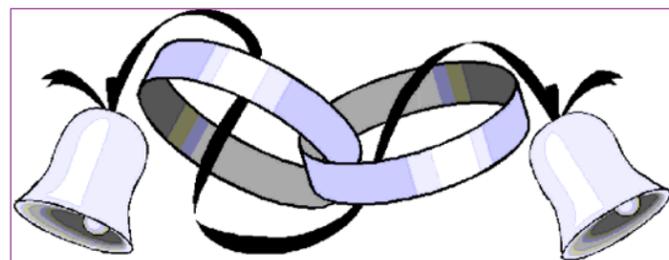
“Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit”
Alex J. Nagem

Attention Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound:

We are in need of additional Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. If you are interested in participating in this important and meaningful ministry to our Cathedral parishioners, please contact me at (304) 242-4048.

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$3,311.50 Loose: \$636.56
Online: \$263



Banns of Marriage

Judge John Bailey and Cynthia Nixon

May 7, 2016

If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

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Christian Awareness

By Alex Nagem

There are days when everything seems to fall apart around us. The coffee maker gives a couple of gurgles, hisses, and then there is the smell of electrical wire heating up and finally, nothing. The close friend of the morning has given you the last of its gifts, yesterday. This is an unexpected and untimely death of a dear friend. Ah, but this friend is easy to replace, or so you think. You search online for the same brand and model number to find many new and intriguing models. You read the reviews of several of the newer models. There are 5,713 reviews ranging from "love it" to "makes coffee taste like tar" for one coffeemaker alone. Some have a banner reading "Best Seller." Some are programmable. Do you want stainless steel, black plastic or of color? There are commercial grade, Espresso machines, single cup and some that can provide coffee for 50 servings. At this point your head aches from lack of coffee. Your eyes become blurry from reading since you are drinking tea that was made by heated water in the microwave and not enjoying your morning brew. Tea does not give you the same taste as coffee in the morning, the dark nectar from the Coffee plant berry seeds. You are thankful for the mi-

crowave that helped provide something warm to drink, but a strange new sound was coming from the box that hangs on the wall. Maybe it knew an appliance had died and it was in mourning. Anyway, you continue your search for a replacement. You are confused, unsure of which to call your morning friend. Later in morning, you ask co-workers which coffeemaker you should buy. The answers become as numerous and confusing as the reviews you read earlier. Why is it so difficult to find a replacement? Maybe you only need what is simple to operate, one with no built in computer, television or bells and whistles. Maybe you need a time tested coffeemaker. Maybe this is the approach we need to take with our religion and our belief in a Triune God.

One morning, while enjoying my first cup of coffee made from my no frill coffeemaker, I was listening to a program on EWTN. Two priests were discussing how someone should approach the altar to receive the Eucharist. They discussed how some faithful will kneel before the priest, some genuflect and other bow. The added how some faithful will only receive the Eucharist on their tongue and other by hand. These were not minor conversations of, "hey, did you see this guy rubbernecking as he

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walked to the altar?" This was an involved theological discussion on approaching the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. My first thought was critical. How can these two priests spend this much time talking about how someone receives the Eucharist? Then I heard the words, "reverence" and "dignity." They discussed how we should have a deep respect for the Eucharist and appreciation for the formality of the Mass. Reverence is defined as "a feeling or attitude of deep respect tinged with awe; veneration," (Dictionary.com). Dignity is defined as "conduct, or speech indicative of self-respect or appreciation of the formality or gravity of an occasion or situation," (Dictionary.com). For me, Christian belief is based on writings in the Bible and faith in what has been written. I believe we need to add love of truth, tradition, faithfulness and integrity in our search for those who emulate Jesus Christ in their behavior and thought.

Just as a good cup of coffee will give us the boost we need in the morning or through the day, I believe the reverence and dignity we give to our Triune God will give us the boost we need for our spirituality. The coffee does not need to be made with a "best seller" model with a built in tel-

evision or phone to taste good. It can be made from the no frill model, as long as the coffee maker is clean and the water is hot. We give reverence and dignity to God with a cleansed soul and a passion for all that has been written in the Bible. We listen to Homilies and Christian music, read Bible verses and Christian faith books as we search for meaning to our Christian life. Our minds can wander and be filled with many thoughts. We search for a truth that brings comfort to our questioning mind. We ask what is happening to our world with war, poverty and hunger. We ask why a young child dies from cancer and the elderly suffer from constant pain. Some days comfort may be found easily for our questions. Other days all we can do is give a hug to those in need, and we are all in need of the arms of someone wrapped around us with a loving hold. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us," Romans 8:18. Life is the central purpose in the Gospel. Not our present life which has an end, but our eternal life. "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—May 1st—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a Mass for MARIA LEE-Thi-VEN, MICAEL DOAN Quang-TRON, ANNA HANH-Thi-KIEU-DOAN

10:30a Mass for the Parishioners

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

Monday—May 2nd—Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12:05p Mass for Lillian & Martin Lane

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

Athanasius, died 373; forty-five years the bishop of Alexandria; champion of Nicea; prolific polemicist against the Arians who exiled him five times; one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church; wrote *On the Incarnation*, the *Discourse Against the Arians* and the *Life of Antony*; known as "Doctor of the Incarnation."

Tuesday—May 3rd—SAINTS PHILLIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

12:05p Mass for Roy & Catherine Bauer

RDGS: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

Philip, died 1st c.; from Bethsaida; among the first disciples called by Jesus; tradition holds he preached in Phrygia, dying on a cross at Hierapolis; two apocryphal works attributed to him; with James, venerated as patron saints of Uruguay.

James, son of Alphaeus and cousin or "brother of the Lord"; surnamed "the Less" or "the just" for his piety; leader of the Jerusalem Church; an epistle is ascribed to him; believed to have been beaten or stoned to death; patron of the dying; both saints mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday—May 4th—Easter Weekday

12:05p Mass for Mary Catherine Blanc

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

Thursday—May 5th—Easter Weekday

12:05p Mass for Donald Craig

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

Friday—May 6th—Easter Weekday

First Friday

11:15a Confessions

12:05p Mass for John Belot Jr.

12:40P Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

4:00p Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday—May 7th—Easter Weekday

9:00a Mass for Dorothy Littlehale Rosary

2:00p Bailey Wedding

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Mass for the Parishioners

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

Sunday—May 8th—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Mother's Day

8:00a Mass for Wib Breiding

10:30a Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie

RDGS: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53

Stewardship Thought

There is a great joy in experiencing the reawakening of nature after winter. Spring is like the returning of a friend who has been away for some time. We anticipate their return and look forward with great joy to see them once again, and so it is with spring. You can count on spring showing up every year at the same time and you can count on robins in the yard. You can also count on the Catholic Sharing Appeal showing up every spring, both provide us with the opportunity to experience God's goodness. Just as spring time gives so much too so many so does the CSA. Fr. Kevin has and will continue to share with us the many doors that CSA opens and the positive and some time life changing effects it has on individual lives. By giving to the CSA both the giver and the receiver are blest. Let's focus on the giver and why give. Here are just a few good reasons to give.

1. It is pleasing to God

Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

2. You will be blessed

Proverbs 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

3. We can receive by giving

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

It's a little scary and it takes a lot of faith to give away our hard earned money, but God has promised us we will receive if we do so. Just like the horse goes before the cart the giving goes before the receiving, so take a leap of faith and give, for Jesus said "Give, and it will be given to you."

The Stewardship Committee