

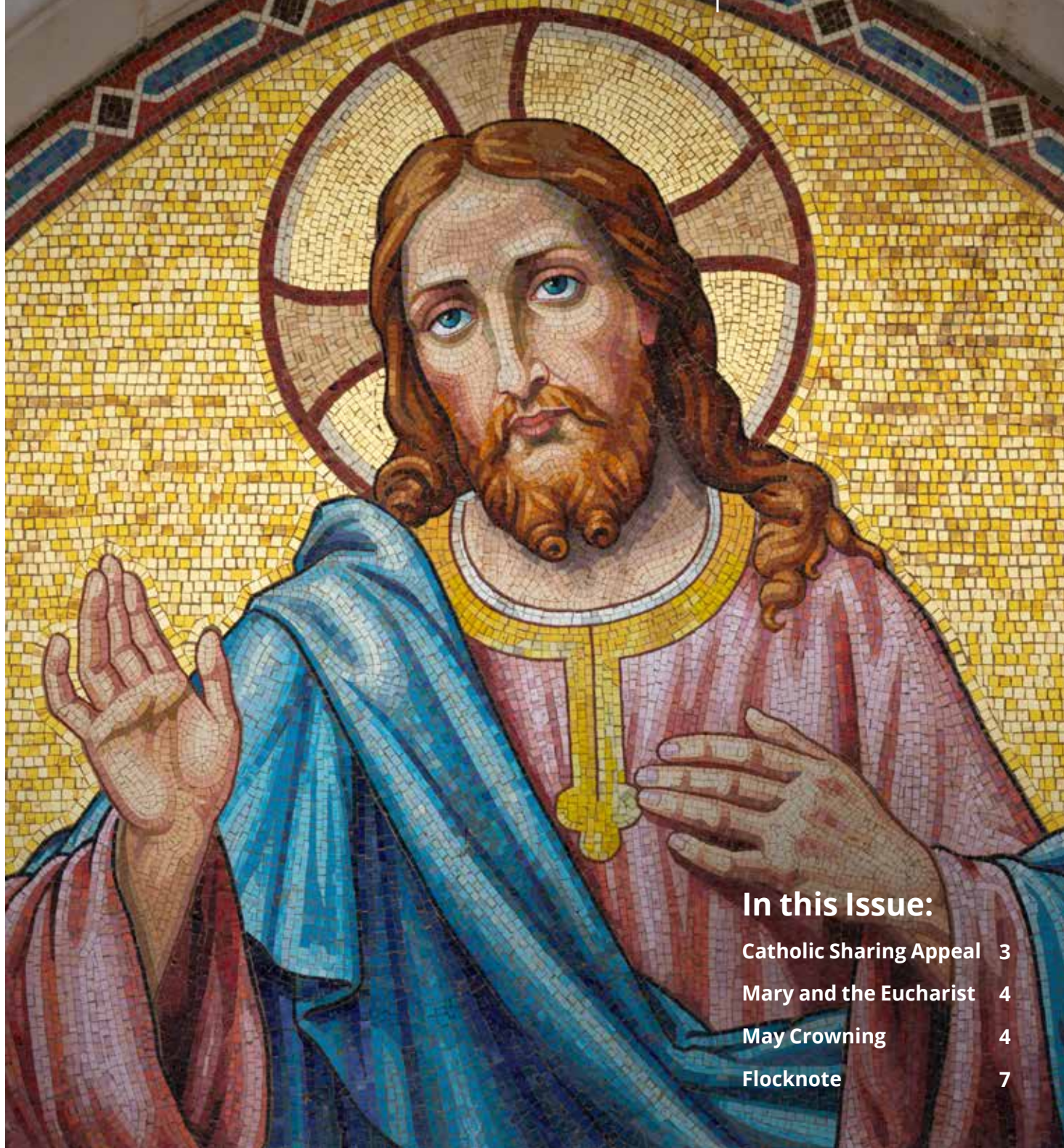
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

May 7 - 14, 2023

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for Living and Deceased Members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and David & Faye Ghaphery Family
10:30 am Mass for Jeannie Ann Quirk

MON
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Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Wib Breiding

TUE
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Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Charles Bartlett
6:00 pm Bible Basics Course (*Cantina*)

WED
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Easter Weekday; Optional Memorials of St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster

12:05 pm Mass for Rita DiCarlo

THU
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Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Lucille Renowicz

FRI
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Easter Weekday Optional Memorial of Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Lloyd Malek

SAT
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Easter Weekday Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 am Mass for Theresa Shutler
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Shirley Sheets

SUN
14

Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario



From Father Sateesh

"Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Let's follow Him!"



All of us have had the experience of being lost or losing our sense of direction some time or another in life. Besides the experience of losing, one's way, we are sometimes at our wit's end when an unforeseen event or tragedy hits us. We are in these times forced to ask ourselves the questions: "Where am I going?", "What do I do?", "Who will show me the way?"

In the first reading we are reminded that the early church was not without its share of domestic problems like the ones we have in our own times. The Hellenistic group complained that their poor widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. Another problem was that some people were so overworked that they were neglecting other more important duties. The solution was the appointment of deacons who would be responsible for the food distribution task. The way the early Church resolved the problem showed the Church as an organization with an atmosphere of love. What is important is that problems have to be faced openly by discussion and adjustment done in a spirit of prayerful discernment always motivated by Christian values.

The Gospel contains the farewell discourse of Jesus and is tinged with sadness as well as advice. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. You know the way to the place where I am going." Jesus is going but he does not want to leave his disciples behind. He desires to take them with him, hence he reminds his disciples: "You know the way to the Father." The "way" is obedience to the teachings Jesus gave and the manner in which he lived his life.

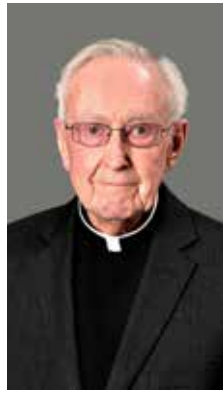
The earlier name the Christian community gave itself was "Followers of The Way"; it was not until later that they were called Christians. But the apostles tended to forget the way. In reply to Thomas' question "How can we know the way?" Jesus does not give a handbook that will answer all their questions. There are no road maps into the future. He does not say "I have a way," nor "I will show you the way." He simply points to himself and declares who he is as a memorable summary of the good news: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me." He alone is the gateway to God, the access to the Father. Jesus is the Face of God, the Heart of God, the Word of God. Philip still does not get it. He asks Jesus to "show us the Father" hoping for some extraordinary vision and Jesus replies that whoever has seen him has seen the Father. Jesus stuns them all by claiming that in seeing Him they have seen the heavenly Father.

The one mission of Jesus was to reveal the Father. He alone reveals the Father in the "way" he lives, in the "truth" of his words and in his "life". He reveals the Father in the ordinary things of life, in routine events and humble people. The Gospel passage ends with Jesus' renewed call to a deepened faith in Him if not in his words, then in his works. He promises that those who believe in him will do the same work that he has done and even more. We know the works of God are to give life and to restore meaning in life or enrich life's meaning. This is our challenge today, to engage in giving life in all that we think, do, and say! Have a blessed weekend, filled with Easter joy!

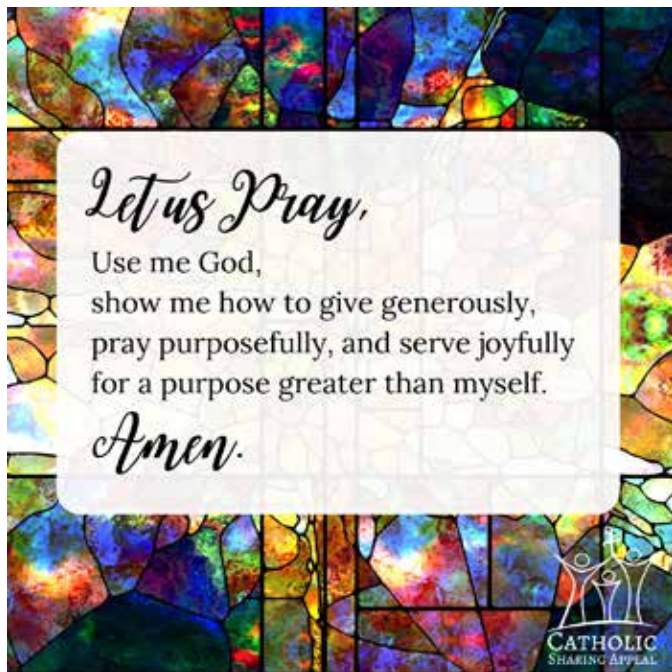
Rest in Peace

Rev. Robert G. Park (1929-2023)

Please join us in praying for the blessed repose of the soul of Father Robert Park, who for many years has served in various roles throughout our Diocese and for the last several years has resided at the Cathedral. May his priestly soul rest in eternal light and peace. **A Memorial Mass will be held for Fr. Park at the Cathedral on Thursday, May 18 at 12:05 p.m.**



Thank you to all who have already supported this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal! While we've made great strides, we still need your support. We encourage all who are able, to consider supporting this year's CSA. It's not too late! You can visit dwc.org/CSA to make your sacrificial gift today. When you do your generosity will help enliven parishes, such as ours; support students in all 24 of our Catholic Schools; expand outreach efforts to every corner of our state; and so much more! **The money raised for our Cathedral parish as part of this year's CSA will be used to fix our Baptismal Font, which due to its age, has developed a serious leak and is in great need of repair.**



To make a secure online donation in support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal, please scan the QR code using the camera on your smartphone or device.

Pastoral Council Elections

Prayerful congratulations to the newest members of our Cathedral Pastoral Council:

Linda Ferns

Cathy LaFlam

Nannette Kennedy

Vivienne Perri

May the Holy Spirit guide and enlighten their hearts and minds so that they may work to help carry out the mission of our parish!



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Evangelization is the primary task of the Church and we, the members of the Church, are called to evangelize. Let us go forth and seek out those who want to be Catholic and bring them to experience an encounter with Jesus. Therefore,

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Is interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what to do to become Catholic?

Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is open. If you want to join or knows someone who wants to be Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jamanning710@gmail.com

Offertory Collection

April 30, 2023

Envelopes: \$1320

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Mary and the Eucharist, Part I

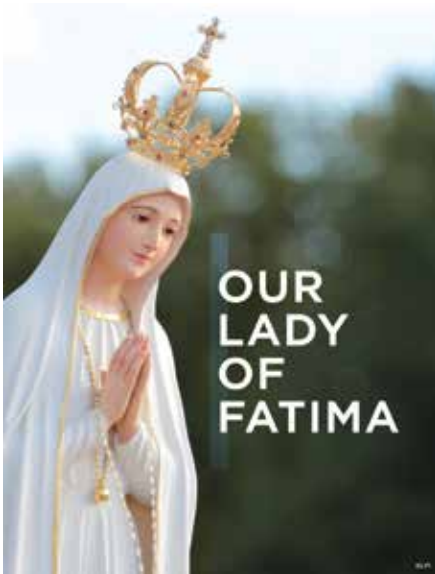
During this month of May which is dedicated to Our Lady, we will present a series of reflections based on Mary and the Eucharist.

"If we wish to discover in all its richness the profound relationship between the Church and the Eucharist, we cannot neglect Mary, Mother and model of the Church...Mary can guide us toward this most holy sacrament because she herself has a profound relationship with it." (Pope John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*)

At the center of our Catholic Faith is the belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Unfortunately, we often lose sight of or don't appreciate the profound blessing that we have been granted. If we desire to become better Catholics and improve our relationship with the Lord, we must deepen our love for the Eucharist. How can we do so? One of the best and most underutilized ways is to turn to the Mother of Jesus, Mary. By getting to know her and studying her life, we can grow closer to Our Lord who is fully present in the Eucharist. In his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, Blessed Pope John Paul II devotes an entire chapter to Mary, "Woman of the Eucharist".



The Eucharist is certainly a mystery of faith and cannot be grasped by our limited human understanding. Accepting Jesus' command to "Do this in memory of me", requires us to deny our senses and humbly submit to His instruction. What better advice can we be given than the words of Mary at the wedding feast of Cana when she stated, "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5)? Just as He changed water into wine, He can turn ordinary bread and wine into His Body and Blood. By listening to Mary's advice, we can accept (without fully understanding) the miracle that occurs on the altar and embrace Our Lord's words, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54).



On May 13, the Church honors Mary as Our Lady of Fatima. In 1917, in a tiny, rural town of Portugal, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children of the thirteenth day of six consecutive months, beginning on May 13. During these apparitions, the lady urged the children to pray for sinners and above all to pray the Rosary. On October 13, the last of the apparitions, the children were joined by a crowd of around 70,000 people, who witness what came to be called "The Miracle of the Sun." Today pilgrimage to the site of the apparitions continues all year round. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

Church Movements & Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Eucharistic Congress: A Grace-Filled Time

What an amazing, invigorating, and grace-filled time it was during our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on April 28 & 29! From the candlelit Taizé service on Friday evening to the morning prayer, keynote address, breakout sessions, and splendid Closing Mass on Saturday, it was inspiring to witness so many lay faithful, priests, deacons, and religious spend this time together reflecting on the gift of the Holy Eucharist and how we might better live out that life-changing gift in our daily lives! We are very grateful to everyone who participated, to Fr. Timothy Anastos of the Archdiocese of Chicago - our dynamic keynote speaker, as well as to all those who worked so hard to make this day a success! Through our prayers and example, may we help the world to better know, love, and celebrate Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, the greatest treasure of our Catholic Faith!



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 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.

Ways to Honor Our Lady

- Learn or pray a new Marian devotion (Regina Caeli, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Novenas to Our Lady, etc.)
- Decorate a statue of Our Lady with flowers
- Imitate Mary's deep humility, obedience, and faith

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of May 7

THIS SUNDAY

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

MONDAY

Acts 14:5-18

Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16

John 14:21-26

TUESDAY

Acts 14:19-28

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 21

John 14:27-31

WEDNESDAY

Acts 15:1-6

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

John 15:1-8

THURSDAY

Acts 15:7-21

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 10

John 15:9-11

FRIDAY

Acts 15:22-31

Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12

John 15:12-17

SATURDAY

Acts 16:1-10

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

John 15:18-21

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

May 10 - St. John of Avila, priest, doctor of the Church (c.1500-1569)

Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

St. Damien de Veuster, priest (1840-1889)

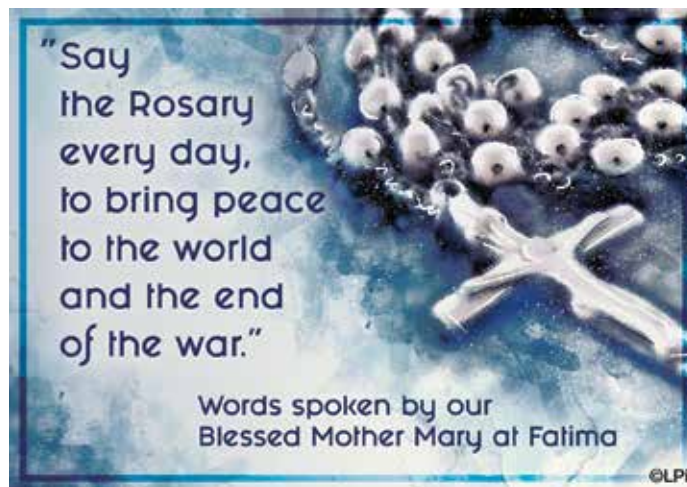
Also on May 10, we celebrate St. Damien de Veuster. After years of missionary work in the Hawaiian Islands, Damien, a young priest from Belgium, sought to align himself even more with the "crucified" in society. He requested to be stationed on the island of Molokai where the lepers and diseased were sent to die. Outraged by the deplorable conditions of the island, he sought to restore a sense of dignity. Within a short period of time, the sick were living in clean houses instead of caves, and upon death they were given a proper burial rather than being dumped into mass graves. Even though leprosy was highly contagious, he chose to remain in close contact with the people. Damien eventually contracted the disease and died from it. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

May 12 - Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs (d. end of 1st century)

The information we have regarding the lives of Saints Nereus and Achilleus comes from an ancient inscription written in their honor by Pope Damasus I. While serving as second-century praetorian soldiers, they had a conversion experience resulting in the choice to relinquish their weapons for the Gospel of peace. Because they refused to succumb to idol worship, they were beheaded during the reign of Trajan (98-117).

St. Pancras, martyr (d. 304)

Also on May 12, we celebrate Saint Pancras, a Roman martyr, who was a casualty of the Diocletian persecutions. After moving to Rome he converted to Christianity, thus making him a target of the anti-Christian ideology of the reigning emperor. He was beheaded at the age of fourteen, giving rise to a strong cult of followers. Stemming from St. Pancras' popularity among the faithful, a monastery in Rome and a church in Canterbury were dedicated to him.



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Please remember
in your prayers all
who serve in the
Armed Forces.
May they be kept
safe and out of
harm's way.



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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Mass or Communion?

Question:

Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (*Dies Domini*, no. 7).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer
Angela Niehart
Archer Hatch
Arthur Danehart
Austin Cook
Barb Mazzocca
Beth Jochum
Betty Teater
Bill Wilson
Bob Armstrong
Bob Jones
Billy Hanasky
Brian Hanasky
Brogan Gallentine
Caleb Hlebiczki
Carolyn Lash
Carolyn Wieth
Charles Heizer
Charles DeBenedictis
Children of the
Youth Services System
Christina Helfer
Chuck Fair

David A. Kress, Jr.
Dianna Albright
Eli Musser
Eric South
Eva Wood
Fr. Joseph Wilhelm
Frank Davis
Frederick C. Schweizer
Gail Koch
George Kirchner
Geri Adams Nagy
Hines Rotriga
Janet Rodriguez
Jean Gallentine
Jim Antill
Jim and Dee
Jimmy Hocking
Joe Bechtel
John Petrella
Jon-Michael Lasher
Judy Pack
Julia Sheets
Kathy Cooley

Kaitlyn Hanasky
Kermit Klosterman
Kristin Smith
Langan Family
Liam Barns
Liam Manning
Lukie Brown
Margaret Stocke
Marie Farnsworth
Marie & Conner
Workman
Mark Davis
Marshall South
Martha Youcum
Mary K. Schlosser
Mary Walicki
Michael DeBlasis
Milissa Rose
Nadine Greenwood
Nicholas Barns
Pat Belby
Pete Cuffaro
Pete Mack

Philippa Shores
Rachel Wade
R. J. Stocke
Richard Simon
Rick Burgy
Ron Hickman
Rosanne Gaughan
Rosalie Davis
Rose Otey
Sarah Hanasky
Sarah Sargent
Shirley DeCaria
Stanley Kyrck
Susan Graff
Susan Mize
Susan Schulte
Tammy
Teresa Helfer
Thelma Pearson
Tony Helfer
Trystan Timmons
Victoria Jeskey
Zoey Knight

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

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SUNDAYS 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am

WEEKDAYS 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)

HOLY DAYS Please consult the bulletin

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY 11:15 - 11:45 am

SATURDAY 5:00 - 5:45 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

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