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MOTHER'S DAY

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

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church w/Sign
Up & On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Church w/Sign
Up & On-line)

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Monday - Sunday
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notice

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MAY 9, 2021 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ON THE WAY.....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

The question we have been wrestling with the past few weeks: will they come back? The question has particular relevance since most people have not been attending Church in person for more than a year. Of course even before the pandemic there was "leakage" from the Church. According to pollsters, in 2010 61% of people claimed Church membership. Ten years later, even before the social isolation, Church membership had dropped to 47%. While many even non-churched people have a religious preference the number of those who claim to have none has arisen to 21%. So we have to provide a reason to make people want to come to Church. For Catholic, that reason is the opportunity to share in the Holy Eucharist. When we gather as a people of faith and break the bread and share the cup Christ is really present in our midst.

The story of Jesus at the Last Supper as told by Matthew, Mark and Luke and the description of the practice of the earliest Christians in the "breaking of the bread" as told by St. Paul and the Acts of the Apostles helps us to understand the centrality that the Eucharist had for the first believers. St. John, writing toward the end of first century has seen several generations of Christians live out their Eucharistic devotion. Reading between the lines, he seems concerned that the Church is losing the true significance of receiving Holy Communion. He tells the story of the Last Supper without explicitly mentioning the institution of the sacrament. However, he clearly presumes people know the story and weaves his account to show not just what the Eucharist is but what it means.

Previously in John 6, the evangelist provides a long "bread of life" discourse to explain Jesus' thinking about the Eucharist. He makes the deliberate connection between consuming the bread and wine and the intimacy that is created between Jesus and his disciples. *This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them* (John 6:51,55-56). On the cross Jesus conquered sin and death. Consuming his body and blood in the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine enable us to participate in that triumph and share his divine life.

The Last Supper scene in John opens up with Jesus washing the disciples' feet. He holds up this action as the model of loving service that should characterize his followers. Instead of "do this in remembrance of me" said over the bread and wine St. John has Jesus say, *I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you* (John 13:15). For the Fourth Evangelist the Eucharist is not so much the object of personal devotion but the call to action in love. St. John concludes the Last Supper with a discourse where Jesus urges and prays for unity. The only way to be a Eucharistic people is by living in loving community. Communion is not just what we receive but also what we are called to live.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T



Sun 05/09	6th Sunday Of Easter Mother's Day	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † Anna Marano - requested by Mena Marano † For the O'Shea Family for their mother, Anna Belle, on the anniversary of her death † Ellen Noble - requested by Crispin Thomas
Mon 05/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
Tues 05/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
Wed 05/12	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 † Joanne Nardis - requested by Sister Janet Stelken
Thur 05/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY\ † John F. Feipel - requested by Joe and Donna McMullin
Fri 05/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
Sun 05/16	7th Sunday Of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † Louis Lee - requested by Barbara Ricks
	12:30 p.m.	Seeing Race (On-line)

**Seeing Race: Charity, Diversity,
and Equity - Serving at St. James
Food Pantry**

**Sunday
May 16, 2021
12:30PM**

w/Cathy Moore, St. James Food Pantry

See "Zoom links" on website for Zoom link.



**Meeting ID: 870 6934 0782
Password: SEERACE**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

GOSPEL:

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Monday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Wednesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]
Our Lady of Fatima
Friday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Saturday: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter
World Communications Day

"I remember my
mother's prayers
and they have always
followed me.
They have clung to
me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln

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From the first hour
to the last,
Jesus' life is enfolded
in the nearness
of his Mother.

—Romano Guardini

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

In the home of the Gentile-believer, Cornelius, Peter revealed one of the most significant insights from the early Church: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Where do you see this message of unity needed today?

SECOND READING

John saw love at the very core of God's divine identity. In fact, for John, "God is love." For this reason, believers are called to love one another. How do you keep this virtue paramount in your life?

GOSPEL READING

During his farewell discourse, Jesus refers to his disciples as his "friends." How often do you think of Jesus as your "friend?"



Coming to Church

Advance sign up for all masses and events is required.

You can access all sign-ups for masses and events, including Eucharistic Adoration through [Sign Up Genius](#) or on the Sign Up Genius tab on our website. If you do not have access to the internet you may call Amy at 872-703-4337.

Participants must follow
ALL safety guidelines.



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St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



Our Home Bound:

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Barbara Southhall
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