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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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6th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate to be with you always, the
Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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ON THE WAY.....



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

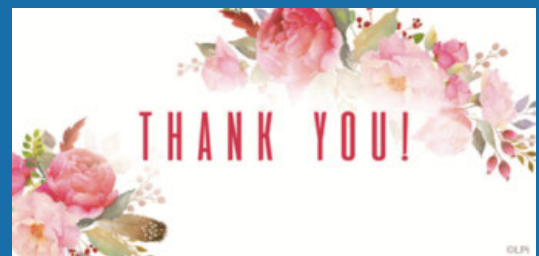
Mothers' Day is not a liturgical event but a social one. Many traditional celebrations of mothers and motherhood have existed throughout the world over thousands of years, such as the Greek cult to Cybele, the mother deity Rhea, and the Roman festival of Hilaria. The modern American version of the holiday began in the United States in the early 20th century at the initiative of Anna Jarvis, who organized the first Mother's Day service of worship at her Methodist Church in 1907. After years of active promotion, in 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. (There was initial resistance in Congress because, as one wag observed, next would come agitation for Mother-in-law's Day.) Other countries celebrate Mother's Day at different dates throughout the year. For example, in Greece, Mother's Day is celebrated on the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, February 2.

Coming, as it does in May, Mother's Day has resonance for Catholic since this is the month when we remember the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has added a feast for Mary that occurs this year on May 29 (it is celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost) entitled *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*. Mary was with those first disciples in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit descended on them at Pentecost. Just as she mothered Jesus, she mothered the Church into being as well. Every year we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin on May 31. The encounter between two pregnant women remembered on this feast illustrates that God has entered into the very stuff of human life in order to redeem the world. The month of May gives us several opportunities to remember Mary's place in Catholic spirituality.

One bit of Catholic tradition that has passed by the wayside but might be of interest for us at St. James are rogation days. The three days after the Sixth Sunday of Easter, that is the 37th, 38th, and 39th days after Easter, were occasions of special prayer in a more rural society leading up to the Ascension on the 40th day after Easter. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb rogare, meaning "to ask", which reflects the beseeching of God for protection from calamities. In farming areas rogation days were times of prayer for those who worked the land reminding them of their vocation as caretakers of God's creation during the time of planting. While we don't celebrate the rogation days as such very often in the United States we can use these days as a reminder that we are all charged to care for God's creation and to be stewards of the beautiful earth that has been given to us. Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si* named the earth as our "common home" which serves as a powerful image of the responsibility we all share. Talk of climate change, global warming, environmental pollution and depleted resources are not something for experts or professionals but invite each one of us to respond as best we can to help this world become a garden where all can live healthy and happy lives.

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

Sun 05/14	6th Sunday of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>
Mon 05/15	7:30 a.m. † 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Tom Coffey by Eileen Coffey</i> Bible Study (On-line)
Tues 05/16	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Fr. John Edmunds by Sister Bernadette</i>
Wed 05/17	7:30 a.m. † 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Anna Marano by Mena Marano</i> Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Thurs 05/18	7:30 a.m. † 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Joan Christine Lehmutz by RFC Office</i> Social Care Board (On-line)
Fri 05/19	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by Sister Bernadette</i>
Sun 05/21	7th Sunday of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>For the people of St. James</i>



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Sunday

June 11th

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at 10AM

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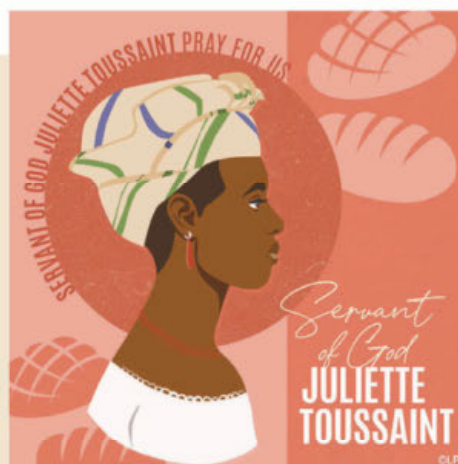
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we love Christ, we will keep his commandments, and the world will not accept us. But we are not left orphans — God sends us an Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!

Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday:** St. Isidore
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day



Saint of the week

Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint, was originally born into slavery in Haiti and later freed in New York City as a young adult. Along with her husband, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, she is remembered for her incredible charity work inside and outside of the Church.

Prayer

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our sister in Christ, Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Juliette worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. She attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of 19th century, New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate and be bitter, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love — love for God and for neighbor. By following her example and asking for her prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
 Margie Bass
 Paul Freeman
 Juanita James
 Barbara Southhall
 Dina Williams

Our Sick:

Victoria Allen
 Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham
 Patsy Cunningham
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 Claude Fisher
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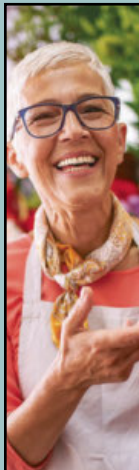
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