

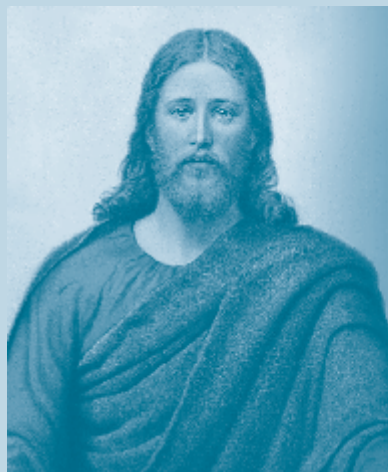
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 24, 2020



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to
heaven and said, "Father,
the hour has come. Give
glory to your son, so that
your son may glorify you."
- Jn 17:1

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

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WEEKEND MASSES: (temporarily suspended)

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.



**SEVENTH SUNDAY
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Our normal Mass Schedule is temporarily suspended. Livestream Masses:

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich
<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>
 Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish
<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>
 Monday 8AM / Tuesday 9AM / Wednesday 8AM / Thursday 9AM / Friday 8AM and Sunday 10AM



CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH
 Thank you to all who participated in the 54 day Divine Mercy Chaplet. It concluded on May 14th, the Feast Day of St. Corona.

What's next? **Individual Consecration to St. Joseph as a Parish Family!**

In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. This year marks the 150th year anniversary. There is no spoken word of St. Joseph in Scripture, yet, he is identified as the first missionary, and he heralds many titles, which is expressed in his church approved litany: **Noble Offspring of David, Light of Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, Foster-Father of the Son of God; Zealous Defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Most Just, Most Chaste, Most Prudent, Most Courageous, Most Obedient, Most Faithful, Mirror of Patience, Lover of Poverty, Model of Workers, Glory of Domestic Life, Guardian of Virgins, Pillar of Families, Comfort of the Afflicted, Hope of the Sick, Patron of the Dying, Terror of Demons, and Protector of the Holy Church.** Now is the time for St. Joseph! More to come.....

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests. New requests this week: Nanette, Mary
 Keeping you all in our prayers during this difficult time. Thank you, Mary Ann



One Faith One Family



Each time we decide to support the Annual Catholic Appeal, we put our faith into action. We recognize through our action that we are "One Faith, One Family" and only by working together and helping each other through this adversity will we succeed. With each gift, we are making a declaration that we trust God, that we are putting ourselves in His hands and that He is working to join all of us together as one, today, during this crisis and always.

As Pope Francis said in his "Urbi et Orbi" blessing in March, we are in the same boat together. Let us row in the same direction and in perfect unison as we have never done before.

Please go online to watch our ACA video at

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

You may also donate or pledge online at the same site. If you have any questions, please contact our Campaign Manager, Susan Underhill, at

dodsu@norwichdiocese.net.

You may also call our office at (860) 886-1928 and leave a message if nobody is available. Thank you so much for your kindness.



STEWARDSHIP

"I am praying for them..."

JOHN 17: 9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.





REFLECTIONS

A Pilgrimage with Mary

Our Blessed Mother shows us the way to persevere in Faith by contemplating the mysteries of her Son

EACH MAY, our thoughts and prayers turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a time when Catholics around the world come together for pilgrimages, processions, hymns, and other devotions in her honor.

May 2020 is different. Due to the pandemic, public devotions to Mary will not take place. How we will miss those shared expressions of our love for the Blessed Mother! However, I suggest instead that we make an inward pilgrimage to Mary - a pilgrimage of the heart. This is one way we can draw near to the Blessed Virgin Mary to ask for her help in times of crisis. Let me offer a few ideas for thought and prayer as a point of departure for our inner pilgrimage.



First, let's begin with the rosary, which we are encouraged to pray daily. The rosary itself is like a pilgrimage in which our Blessed Mother leads us through the mysteries of her Son, Jesus. It is as if she takes us by the hand and accompanies us through the places and events in Jesus' life - his birth and childhood; his public ministry; his passion and death; his resurrection and exaltation. Making this pilgrimage with Mary, we experience her loving protection. She who gave us our Redeemer - the high priest able to sympathize with us in our weakness (cf. Hebrews 4:15) - will also draw close to us in our time of need and intercede for us with her own Son.



Second, along the way, let us allow Blessed Mary to show us what it truly means to follow Christ: to believe in him, to trust him, to love him, especially in these days when we are being put to the test. For the Church has always recognized Mary as the Lord's first and greatest disciple. Even before Jesus was born, Mary lived in the spirit of the Beatitudes. She, who was poor, lowly, and pure of heart, was fashioned by the Holy Spirit as the tabernacle of the Divine Savior. As the events of Christ's life unfolded, Mary carefully retained them in her heart and pondered their meaning. Jesus' words, "Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28), apply preeminently to Mary. Talking with our Blessed Mother, we learn how to pray, how to open our heart to Jesus, how to trust in his promises, and how to bear witness to him by a life of goodness and charity.



Third, our pilgrimage with Mary brings us along the Way of the Cross to the summit of Calvary. As we walk with Mary, Jesus undergoes his passion and death. With Mary, we stand beneath the cross. Suffering was always part of Mary's vocation. She must have known that someday her Son would die; Simeon had predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce her heart (cf. Luke 2:35). Mary, who loved her Son beyond all telling, suffered with him as no one else. In her sinless heart, she accepted her share in the sufferings of Christ with complete freedom and trust in God. How much she can teach us who struggle with the sufferings brought about by this pandemic. Instead of lamenting what this pandemic seems to have stolen from us, we can learn from Mary how to offer these trials in communion with the sufferings of Christ.



Finally, our pilgrimage with Mary leads us to the empty tomb, where we share her inexpressible joy in the glory of the Resurrection. It brings us to the upper room, where she received the Holy Spirit along with the Apostles. It takes us to the earliest celebrations of the Eucharist, at which Mary was present. Yes, Mary walks before us and with us, as with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we profess unwavering hope in her risen Son. For, as St. Paul wrote, "If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him" (2 Timothy 2:11-12). May we indeed persevere, in this and in every trial, so that one day we may reign with Christ in the presence of Mary our Queen.

Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus [From the May 2020 COLUMBIA magazine]

An Act of 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.



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