



**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**  
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*A Parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter*  
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## **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

### **May 13, 2018**

#### **DIVINE WORSHIP ORDER OF HOLY MASS**

Low Mass 8:00 am, Sung Mass 10:30am, Low Mass 6:00 pm

*See Mass card or Missalette*

#### **Collect**

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thy Holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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#### **First Reading**

*Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26*

In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'His office let another take.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

#### **Alleluia**

*After the First Reading this Alleluia is to be recited at the 8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses, and to be chanted at 10:30 am Mass*

Alleluia. Alleluia.  
God reigneth over the nations:  
God sitteth upon his holy seat. Alleluia.

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#### **Second Reading**

*1 John 4:11-16*

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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#### **Alleluia**

*After the Second Reading this Alleluia is to be recited at the 8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses, and to be chanted at 10:30 am Mass*

Alleluia. Alleluia.  
I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice.  
Alleluia

**Gospel**

*John 17:11b-19*

At that time: [Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying,] “Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Intercessions (Form III): Missalette page 29**

**For those expecting children:** Francine & Blaise; Rachel & Josh; Carmen & Gary; Allie & Tim; Shannon & Brendan; Mary Elizabeth & Danny; Lisa & Adam; Stephanie & Jeremy.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** *Sunday:* Patrick Palmer [B]; Phillip Phillips [B]; Maria Zichichi [B]; *Monday:* Christopher Harron [B]; Elizabeth Jaeger [B]; Arek Kowal [B]; *Tuesday:* Nicholas Scyrkels [B]; *Wednesday:* Brinton & Rebecca Smith [W]; Bernardo Aparicio [B]; Jonathan Chibuike [B]; David Smith [B]; *Friday:* Phil & Julie Piland [W]; Nora Kerr [B]; Ilene Watts [B]; *Saturday:* Craig & Terry Southard [W]; Austin Killian [B]; Valerie Murphree [B].

**For those in special need:** Shell; Truy; Nina; Soan; Christine; Gina; Patty; Nick; Michelle; Carlos; Leonard; the Chaires family; Irene; Earl; the Hinke family; Isabella; Christopher; Grant; Charlotte; Noreen; Teresa; Ronald; Jennifer; John; Susan; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Laura Anne; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Melissa; Michael; Morgan; Kyle; Ann; Emma; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

**For those serving in our armed forces:** Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

**For the faithful departed:**

**Anniversaries of Death:** *Sunday:* LaVonne Farrell; Rosemary Madison Reed; Roy Cogdill; Mary Katherine Montgomery; *Monday:* Geneva Walton; Daniel Cassin; *Tuesday:* F. Raymond Holtz; Bruce Lewis; Eugene Ward; Frances Seder.



**Congratulations to the candidates being confirmed today at the 10:30 AM Mass by The Most Reverend Steven J. Lopes.**

- Luke Bellinger
- Ian Gunnip
- Nathaniel Hall
- Magdalena Irlbeck
- Theodore Irlbeck
- Christopher Johnson
- Joseph Morris
- Nicholas Naifeh
- Ena Palmer
- Emma Schmitt
- Benjamin Skinner
- Samantha Vina



**VBS THE MASS COMES ALIVE**

July 9-13 from 8:45 - 12:00

Children ages 3- 11 attend and ages 12 - ADULT are welcome to volunteer (one day or all 5!) REGISTER NOW!! See the SMV website for all of the details and forms!

**Contact Megan Schmitt with any questions.**

**Registration for Religious Education has begun!**

Children 3-18 are welcome!

Look for the registration form on the church website & the calendar.

**We are in need of a few good teachers.** Actually I would prefer some GREAT teachers! We are blessed with fantastic kids who are excited about learning their faith. Would you like to share your love of the faith with them? We are in need of teachers for 3 classes. Curriculum is provided.

**Please contact Megan Schmitt with any questions.**



**The Parish Offering**

Weekly Offertory Forecast.....	\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory Collected.....	\$4,149.00
Variance.....	(\$1,851.00)

*Thank you for your loving support.*

## ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 13

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 pm  
Confirmation with Bishop Lopes at 10:30 am  
K of C Meeting at 9:15 am

### Monday, May 14

Mass at 12:00 pm  
S.I. Bill Taylor, RIP

### Tuesday, May 15

Mass at 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, May 16

Confessions at 11:00 am  
Mass at 12:00 pm.  
S.I. Chad Denning, RIP

### Thursday, May 17

Mass at 12:00 pm  
Men's Examen Group at 10:30 am

### Friday, May 18

Mass at 9:00 am  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am–6:00 pm  
S.I. Eryn Oliver, RIP

### Saturday, May 19

Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
Confessions 10:00–11:00 am  
S.I. Otila Gonzalez, RIP  
Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

### Sunday, May 20

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY IS  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST COMMONLY  
CALLED WHITSUNDAY**

### A. M. D. G.

**Flowers:** The Oliver family *in loving memory of Eryn Kathleen Oliver.*

**Sanctuary Light:** Munde & Hans Lewis *in loving memory of Bruce Lewis.*

**Lamp at the Crucifix:** Munde & Hans Lewis *in loving memory of Bruce Lewis.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady:** The Thomas family *for Stephanie Duo.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph:** The Denning family *in loving memory of Chad Denning.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese:** The Blue family *for a special intention for Isabella Blue.*

**Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I:** Craig & Terry Southard *in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

### Come, Holy Ghost

- V. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful:  
R. *And kindle in them the fire of Thy love.*  
V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created:  
R. *And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.*

### Let Us Pray

O God, Who hast instructed the hearts of the Faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost, grant we beseech Thee, that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### *ANOTHER* Important Milestone for St. Mary the Virgin

The Parish Council and Pastor would like to announce that this week our parish has purchased one of the houses that border our property.

It is the one at the end of the parking lot with the trees and chain-link fence. This is a cash purchase. We anticipate the church offices will move to the house and in that way free up some valuable space for additional educational and meeting rooms. There are many details yet to be worked out. We have some interior renovation work to do and trees and a fence to clear out, which will give us the possibility for additional parking (yeh!) Work on the fence should start this coming Monday.

In my many years of serving parishes on vestries and councils as a layperson and as priest, I have come to see the wisdom of the old dictum that churches should always buy adjacent property when it becomes available. In mid-April, an alert parishioner noticed the realtor sign in the front yard and right away we started investigating. We have always strived to be a good neighbor to the many properties which surround the parish, and we will continue to be careful and prudent stewards of the bounty which our Lord has given us. Our ability to "spread our wings" is possible through the generosity of all our parishioners and prudential money management.

Many people have helped make this possible in the last month or so, and I would especially like to thank Myron Walker, Ed Lobb, Shirley Nelson and Paul Denning.

Wonderful things are happening here at St. Mary the Virgin. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord and to His Blessed Mother for guiding us in the use of our time, talent and treasure to serve our Lord and God through our faithful witness and growth. Deo gratias.

To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin,

Scripture tells us the Ascension occurred 40 days after Easter, which we celebrated this past Thursday. Pope Leo the Great (391-461), Pope between 440-461, was a renowned scholar and Doctor of the Church. He wrote several sermons about the Ascension of our Lord, and while theological in nature, they are still insightful and timely to the Church in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. What he wrote, in simple terms is that our faith is increased by the Lord's Ascension.

*“Our faith is increased by the Lord’s ascension At Easter, beloved brethren, it was the Lord’s resurrection which was the cause of our joy; our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father.”*

How often do we forget that God is very much concerned about each one of us and what we are going through? Remember we are created in God's image; he sent His Son to walk the same earth we walk in fully human form, he listens to our prayers, and by Christ ascending, we know that our destiny can be the same as Christ.

*“And so our Redeemer’s visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high. This faith was increased by the Lord’s ascension and strengthened by the gift of the Spirit; it would remain unshaken by fetters and imprisonment, exile and hunger, fire and ravening beasts, and the most refined tortures ever devised by brutal persecutors.”*

Our faith is a supernatural faith. We believe in things visible and invisible. God's grace is at work in our lives in ways we have not thought of. At the same time, we know we are spiritually nourished by the graces of the Sacraments of the Church. They are indeed the visible presence of our Lord being a part of our lives at every opportunity. At baptism we are made a child of Christ forever. Nothing can take that away from us. The Eucharist spiritually keeps us united and in communion with God. Penance keeps our separations from God brief and temporary. Even when we may suffer for our faith, the supernatural presence of God is with us in prayer.

*“Even the blessed apostles, though they had been strengthened by so many miracles and instructed by so much teaching, took fright at the cruel suffering of the Lord’s passion and could not accept his resurrection without hesitation. Yet they made such progress through his ascension that they now found joy in what had terrified them before. They were able to fix their minds on Christ’s divinity as he sat at the right hand of his Father, since what was presented to their bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven.”*

We too, like the apostles, appreciate the teachings of Christ when things go well, but when faced with serious illness, or suffering, we become frightened. Jesus did not abandon us, he is with his Father; the Holy Spirit is our advocate and consoler; and we have the sacraments, including anointing the sick, to help us spiritually when we hurt. Let us rejoice that as we lead lives in holiness, we too may follow our Lord.

ad Jesum per Mariam  
Fr. Dean

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

**All:** O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

**All:** Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you are scheduled to serve but unable to please  
arrange substitutes & call (817.460.2278) ASAP.

May 13

<b>8:00 am</b>	Altar Server	John Williams
	Ushers	Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro
<b>10:30am</b>	Master of Ceremonies	Brandon Gunnip
	Thurifer	Brian Jones
	Crucifer	Will Vina
	Torchbearers	Joseph Morris / Patrick Johnson
	Boat Boy	Paul Vina
	Bishop's Attendants	Nate Jones / Luke Vina
	First Reading	John Hargis
	Intercessory Prayers	Meg Jones
	Oblationers	Confirmation Candidates
	Ushers	Lonnie Jones / Mike Pratt
<b>6:00pm</b>	Altar Servers	Derek Histen / John Mota C)
	Ushers	Floyd & Roberta Ferguson
	Office Help	Martin Durbec / Terry Southard