

HIGHLIGHTS MAY 17, 2020

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this



life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us

closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

- Jn 14:20-21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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SUNDAYS

ADORATION

7:30 AM - 12:30 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH 9:00 - 12:00 PM ST. LUCY CHURCH

DURING THE WEEK

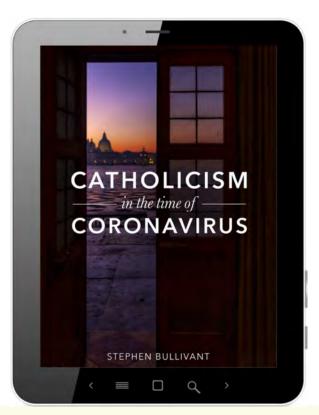
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OR MASSES DURING THE WEEK.
BOTH CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED.
HOWEVER, GETHSEMANE CHAPEL WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VISITS WITH OUR LORD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE HOUR FROM 9-10 AM FOR THE FILMING OF MASS.



Virtual Course on Zoom

Join us every Wednesday at 6pm for a course on the Holy Spirit. We are also running our Wednesday morning prayer group at 10am on Zoom. All are welcome to join one or both. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information and the link to join: bonnieocds@gmail.com.

Note from our office: We are unable to accept Mass intentions as we typically do at this time. *However, we will accept a single Mass intention for someone who is recently deceased who couldn't have a Funeral Mass.* Please contact Isabela Peixoto with the name of the deceased and date of death and our priests will either schedule the Mass for a future date on our Mass Intentions Calendar or offer the Mass privately. Isabela can be reached at (978) 683 - 1193, ext. 29 or at methuencatholicnews@gmail.com. Please be assured that all Mass intentions that are currently in the calendar are being offered by the priests at their Masses.



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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

SUN 5/17 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn

14:15-21

MON 5/18 Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/jn 15:26—

16:4a

TUE **5/19** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/|n 16:5-11

WED **5/20** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

THR **5/21** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

ASCENSION Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

FRI **5/22** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

SAT 5/23 Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/|n 16:23b-28

SUN 5/24 ASCENSION: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/

Mt 28:16-20

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/

Jn 17:1-11a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S.

dioceses); St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions,

Martyrs

Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

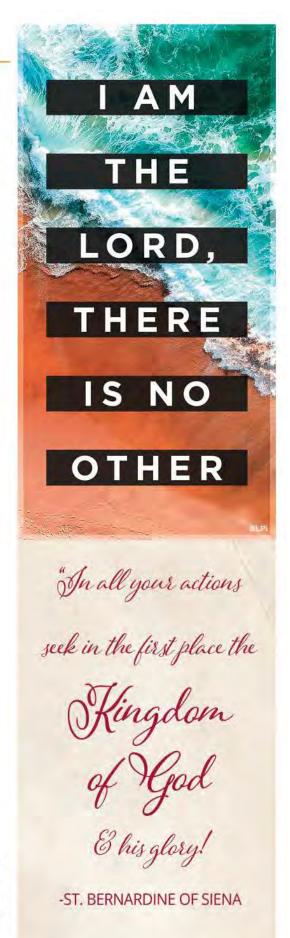
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;

World Communications Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.



WORSHIP MAY 17, 2020

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 16

8:00 am Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm People of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:30 am Henry Foderaro **9:30 am** Louise Fusco

Deceased members of the Zappala Family Deceased members of the Chouinard Family

Ann and Thomas Thornton

11:30 am

MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, MAY 21

8:15 am Christine Ferguson

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:15 am

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:00 am Joseph O'Neil **4:00 pm** Claire Waterworth

SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:30 am

9:30 am Nancy Tardif

Deceased members of the Chouinard Family

11:30 am Thomas Mercuri and Maria and James Mercuri

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 16

4:00 pm William G. Klier

SUNDAY, MAY 17

9:00 am Richard Lebel

11:00 am Jennie and Vito Milone

Richard A. Kirsch Sr. Richard A. Kirsch Jr. Kimberly Ann Kasperowitz

MONDAY, MAY 18

8:00 am Manny Gianni and

Christine Gianni Eldridge

TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:00 am

SATURDAY, MAY 23

4:00 pm Leonita Klier

SUNDAY, MAY 24

9:00 am People of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes

11:00 am

THESE INTENTIONS WILL BE OFFERED AT THE PRIVATE MASSES SAID BY OUR PRIESTS. THESE MASS TIMES ARE NOT AVAILABLE PUBLICLY.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A fantastic way to unite ourselves to the Holy Mass during this time where we cannot receive the Eucharist is to offer a Spiritual Communion at the usual moment of Holy Communion. Here is a beautiful version of this prayer:

O Lord Jesus, since I am unable at this time to receive you in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, I beg you to come spiritually into my heart in the spirit of your holiness, in the truth of your goodness, in the fullness of your power, in the communion of your mysteries and in the perfection of your ways. O Lord, I believe, I trust, I glorify you. I am sorry for all my sins. O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

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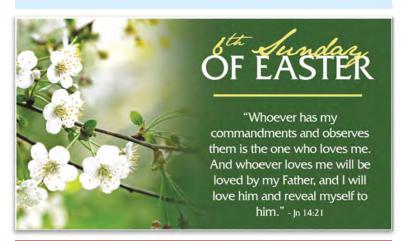


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Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers and we should be praying for vocations!

Day	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sun.	5/17	Fr. James Laughlin	Patrick O'Connor
Mon.	5/18	Fr. Phillip Earley	Bertrand Proulx
Tues.	5/19	Fr. David Mullen	Nathaniel Sanders
Wed.	5/20	1978: Bishop Hennessey ordained	Nicholas Stano
Thurs.	5/21	Bishops Dooher '69 & Uglietto '77 ordained	Francis Trewin
Fri.	5/22	Fr. Gregory Mercurio	Michael Dickson
Sat.	5/23	Fr. Paul Clifford	Javier Padilla



IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week Theresa A. Rickley

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