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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2020

Due to the current public health crisis, Hours of Operation and the Schedule for Masses, Confessions, and Devotions have been adjusted as follows:

**MASSSES ON
THE LORD'S DAY**

All public Masses have been suspended

LiveStreaming of Sunday Mass offered at 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

LiveStreaming of Daily Mass offered at 8:00 am Monday - Saturday

OPEN DAILY

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

12 noon - 1:00 pm
(Monday through Friday)

3:30–5:00 pm (Sat)
9:00 am–12 noon (Sun)

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Mass Intentions

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate times or dates as requested but when not possible, the intention will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Requests for Mass intentions should be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., May 3– 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. - Archbishop's Intentions
10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
12:00 p.m. - Charles E. Whitten
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., May 4– Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Stephen Michael Murray
8:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family
12:05 p.m. - Helen Klunk

Tues., May 5– Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Scott Kelly
8:00 a.m. - Mary Agnes Weber
12:05 p.m. - Linus Pottebaum

Wed., May 6– Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Shirley Groene
8:00 a.m. - Andrew Kruep
12:05 p.m. - Glenn Mertens

Thurs., May 7– Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Paul Bader
8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III
12:05 p.m. - Devon P. Wear, MD

Fri., May 8– Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Earl Burkhardt
8:00 a.m. - Lorraine Tabash
12:05 p.m. - George J. Noack

Sat., May 9– Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Teresa Farrow
5:00 p.m. - Joseph L. Gross

Sun., May 10– 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. - Archbishop's Intentions
10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
12:00 p.m. - Rosemary Guignard
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

When you enter the Basilica this weekend for private prayer and devotion, you will notice a few temporary adaptations that we have made to the seating. Through the work of the staff, we have closed off every other pew, and set a seating limit of 3 per pew in our large pews and one per pew in the smaller ones. With these adjustments, the total available seating in the Cathedral would be right around 330. This was done in preparation for the what we hope to be the opening of our churches in the near future.

These adaptations are completely adjustable as we move forward, so please feel free to share your feedback with the rectory staff. Also, one of the most common ways many of us have been combatting the Coronavirus is with the use of hand sanitizer. However, I ask you to be very careful with hand sanitizers in the Cathedral itself; when small drops of the sanitizer fall on the wood pews and remain there for a short time, the finish is permanently damaged. I kindly ask you to use extra care.

In 1955, Pope Pius XII instituted May 1 to be the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This feast, which perhaps intentionally coincided with “May Day” and “International Workers Day,” seeks to remind us of the spiritual dimension of man’s daily work. In holding Saint Joseph as the patron saint of workers and in establishing this feast day, the Church reminds the world of the sacredness of our labors, and of our dignity in the workplace.

Ever since the beginning of his creation, man’s dignity has been inherently linked to his work. Genesis 2:5 relates that before the creation of human beings, “there was not a man to till the earth.” After Adam’s creation, God places the first man in the Garden of Paradise. In so doing, God specifically intends Adam to care for creation: “The Lord God took the man, and put him in the Garden of Eden, to till and keep it” (Genesis 2:5). God then charges Adam to subdue the earth, giving him charge over creation and those in it.

From a Catholic perspective, May 1 entails much more than just celebrating worker’s rights. In choosing St. Joseph as the patron saint of workers, the Church reminds the world of the sanctity of work. Jesus learned the importance of work from Saint Joseph, who labored and experienced the trials of providing for his family. Without the spiritual element of work, you and I will succumb to its drudgery, and consider our labors as toil. By ordering our work to praise God, we experience, in some way, the joy and blessedness of labor which Adam experienced in the Garden of Eden.

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

BEFORE THE CROSS | Listen to the voice of God and remain in His word

God speaks to us through Scripture and Church teaching and in our hearts

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More than 20 times in the readings this week, we hear something about the word of God, or God speaking, or people hearing the word of God.

For example, Jesus says: “My sheep hear my voice ... and they follow me.” Speaking of some Gentile visitors, Peter says: “The Holy Spirit told me to accompany them.” The Acts of the Apostles recounts the beginning of Paul’s missionary travels: “The Holy Spirit said: Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” We are told that the disciples “proclaimed the word of God” in Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians.

It raises a question that’s worth pondering: How do we hear God’s voice — what does it “sound” like?

God certainly speaks to us in Scripture. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us: “Through all the words of Sacred Scripture God speaks only one single Word.” (CCC, 102)

We also hear God’s voice through the teachings of the Church. As the Second Vatican Council said, quoting from Luke 10: “the Sacred Council teaches that bishops by divine institution have succeeded to the place of the apostles, as shepherds of the Church, and he who hears them hears Christ, and he who rejects them rejects Christ and Him who sent Christ.” (Lumen Gentium, 20)

In addition to these, God also speaks to each of us individually, in the depths of our hearts. I can’t tell you what that “sounds like” for you. But I can tell you it’s real, that we need to become more deeply familiar with how He speaks to each of us, and that we need to be faithful to His voice as it speaks in our hearts, too.

I certainly don’t mean anything goes! God’s voice tells no one to lie, commit murder or adultery, or break any of the commandments. If the voice in our hearts tells us to do any of those things, we can be sure it’s not from God!

But God’s word comes to us. Sometimes it inspires creativity, generosity, kindness or wisdom. Sometimes it nudges us to break down a wall by reaching out to a person. Sometimes it requires that we speak a word of correction. Sometimes it cautions us to hold our tongue and wait for a better time.

Think of it this way: Each of us has a conscience. We regularly speak of the “voice” of conscience. But that doesn’t mean we’re hearing things. Conscience is a spiritual voice. It doesn’t usually speak in words. Its typical language is an uneasy feeling when we’ve done something wrong, or a peaceful feeling when we’ve done something right. What if God’s voice is something like that?

When a boat goes by it leaves a wake. A boat is a physical object, so it leaves a physical wake. When the Word of God comes to our hearts, it too leaves a “wake.” But it’s a spiritual wake rather than a physical wake. What is that like, when God’s voice speaks to you?

Jesus says: “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31) He speaks to us in the words of Scripture, in the teachings of the Church and in the depths of our hearts. Let’s listen to Him in all the ways He speaks to us, and remain in His word in all that we do.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for May 4-10 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://bit.ly/35ejOXr>.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

Margaret Aubermann	Dorothy Quinn
William H. Bachmann	Terri Reason
Alex Burns	Teresita Sanchez
Sydney Cole	Sr. Patricia Sevik
Sandy Dubuque	Rita Sheftall
Sidney Edwards-Cole	Rose Teran
Alvin Griffin	Willa Washington
Paula Littleton	Richelle Weisbrod
Lenore Molloy	Mary Anne Work
Marie Mosher	Betty Ytzaina
Janice Noack	

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

*Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”,
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Abundance of Life

How comforting it is to know that Jesus came that we may have life more abundantly. The spring is a wonderful time to observe the beauty of life present in God’s creation. Plants are blooming, birds are singing, and people are more visible outdoors because of the warm weather. What does it mean to live more abundantly though? It means living as a person whom God has destined for greatness. It means that Jesus has justified us by His precious blood and called to be people of great sanctity to deposit the scent of holiness everywhere we go. The grace of justification transforms us to live more fully with hope, joy, and zealous charity for God and neighbor. Because of the life Christ gives us, we are a new creation destined for eternal glory in heaven with the Triune God.

For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.

Daily Readings for the Week...

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week May 3, 2020 through May 10, 2020

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20-25 Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

St. Patrick Casserole Program

Casseroles and other offerings collected by volunteers of the St. Patrick Casserole Program provides one week of dinners for the Women’s Shelter, and one night of dinners for the Men’s Alumni Club.

Following a 14-day closure & decontamination, the **St. Patrick Center reopened on April 20**, assuring all food provider organizations/churches that they are once again ready to receive frozen casseroles for the residents, as well as non-perishable foods (individual snacks, canned soup, canned meat/fish, pasta, rice, etc.) for their community pantry.

To promote social distancing and limit time away from home, **Cathedral casserole organizers will host a "touchless" drop-off in the parish parking lot from noon until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7.** If you are unable to make this new time, please call Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843 to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support of this most worthy program!



A Message from Our Holy Father

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.



For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply.

Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



A Joyful Announcement



Congratulations to the six young men who were ordained transitional deacons this weekend. While the ceremony held on Saturday was private, you can watch the livestreamed ceremony from home on the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralstl.org.

These men, who are preparing to enter their final year before their priesthood ordination, are:

Reverend Mr. Charles Archer

Reverend Mr. Joseph Detwiler

Reverend Mr. Jonathan Ruzicka

Reverend Mr. Mitchell Baer

Reverend Mr. Edward Godefroid

Reverend Mr. Ryan Truss

Please keep these young men and all of the newly ordained in your prayers.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

A Lasting Gift

Looking for a special gift to memorialize a loved one, or celebrate a birth, wedding, or other important event? Consider a commemorative brick in the Cathedral Basilica Jubilee Prayer Garden! Contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 for more information.

Good Shepherd Sunday

This **Sunday, May 3**, marks the 57th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

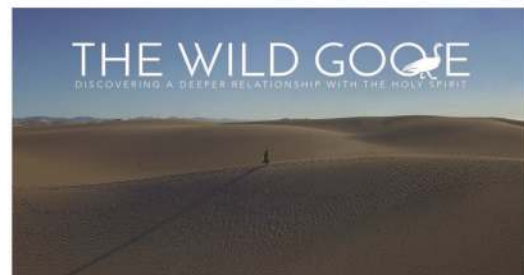
"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."



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5/1 Saint Joseph the Worker

Watch: On Pilgrimage with Father Emil Kapaun

Listen: Saint Joseph - Patron of the Universal Church

5/2 Saint Athanasius

Listen: Lessons from the Early Church Fathers

Listen: Holiness is Always in Season

5/13 Our Lady of Fatima

Watch: Fatima - Hope for the World

Listen: Fatima - Living the Message

Kids: Brother Francis - The Rosary

5/14 Saint Matthias

Listen: Acts of the Apostles

Listen: The Apostle's Creed

5/22 Saint Rita

Watch: Saint Rita of Cascia - A True Story

Pray: Novena of Surrender (Start today to finish on Pentecost!)

5/24 Ascension of the Lord

Pray: Sunday Mass

Watch: Shade the Series

Study: Why Believe? - Volume 2, Chapter 15

5/26 Saint Philip Neri

Watch: True Reformers - Saint Philip Neri

Read: The Life of Saint Philip Neri

5/31 Pentecost

Pray: Sunday Mass

Watch: The Wild Goose with Father Dave Pivonka

Study: Lectio: Evangelization

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