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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FRUIT THAT WILL
REMAIN.

— JOHN 15:16 —

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





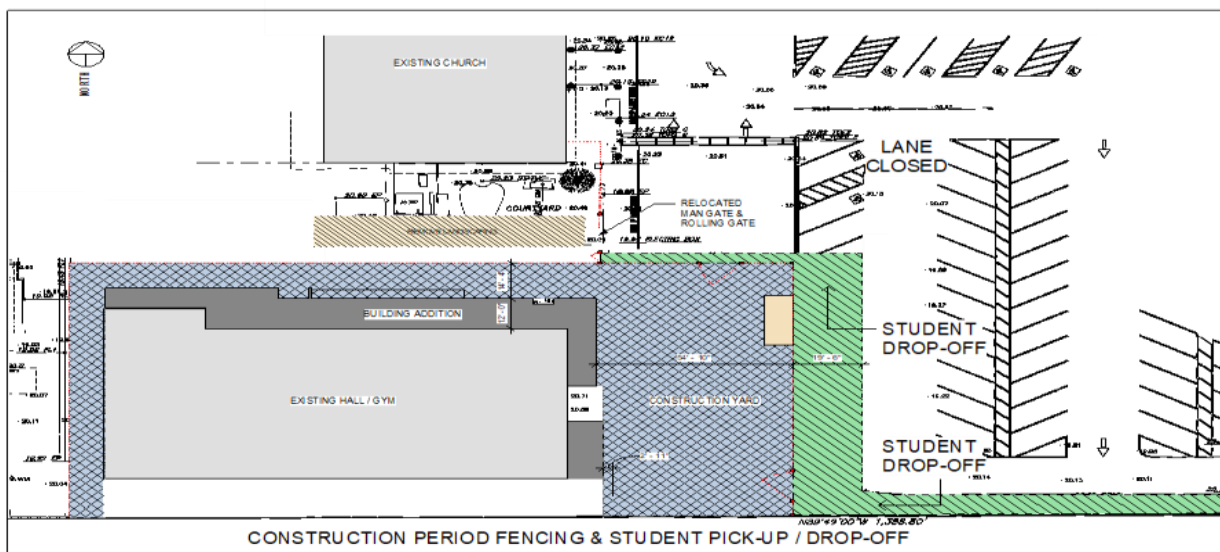
Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

I had a most glorious time in Rome and preaching at the wedding of my good friends in the Choir Chapel, aka the Wedding Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica was a highlight. Here's the most recent picture:



Construction on the hall will commence this coming Tuesday, May 7. Please see the map below which will affect parking on weekdays only:



Let's pray that everyone will have an enjoyable and safe time at this weekend's Fair!

Easter Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

Gospel:

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ's love for us is radical — it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world.

Observances for the week of May 05, 2024

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses)
- Friday:** St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day



Saint of the week

St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!

Prayer of Love

God the Father,
You created me in love.
Jesus, your love for me compelled you to come to earth to die for me.
Holy Spirit, love between God and Jesus, now you surround me with the love of the Father and the Son.
Help me to live out this reality, today and always.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 05, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3,
3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 16:16-20

Ascension:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/
Jn 16:23b-28

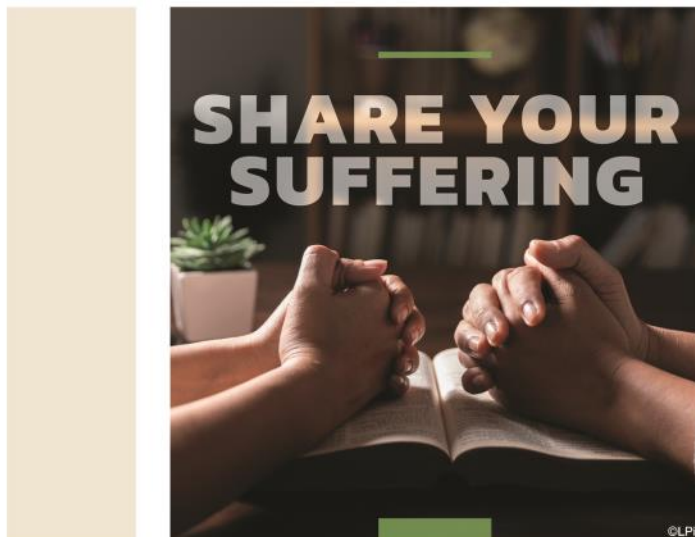
Next Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
(6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/
1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, **“You are my friends if you do what I command you”** (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

— Father John Muir

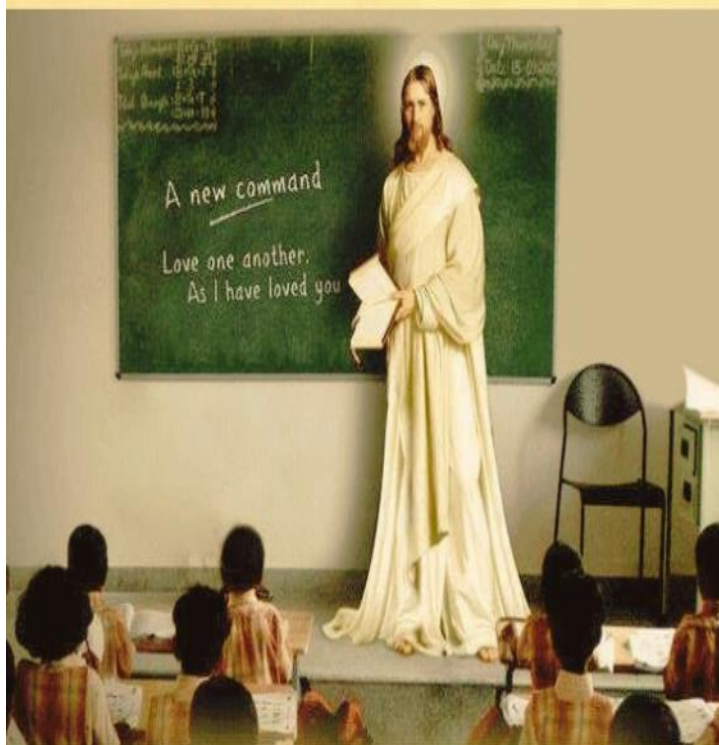
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Women's Weekend
September 28th and 29th, 2024

Men's Weekend
October 19th and 20th, 2024

To learn more and to sign up, visit <https://stjosephlb.org/welcome-christ-renews/> or scan the QR code.





Did You Know?



Bullying and disabilities

A child with a disability, such as hearing loss, language impairment, learning disabilities, or physical disabilities, is often at increased risk for bullying. Children who struggle to understand social cues or control impulsive physical behaviors are also at increased risk, as bullies may see this behavior as aggressive, prompting an aggressive response. Children with learning disabilities are also sometimes easy targets for theft and vandalism. In schools, teachers and volunteers should be aware of these extra risks and watch for red flags. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

FAMILY ALTAR SERVERS WANTED



We are looking for additional families that would like to be altar servers at all Masses! Catholic Liturgy is meant to be the Work of the People. Families who attend Mass together are encouraged to serve together in this ministry of service. All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry and will meet with Monsignor Kevin prior to serving. Then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. We hope that you will join in this special ministry!

Please email the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, Monica Wissuchek, at stjfamilyaltarservers@gmail.com to register for the next training in early February. Monica will work with each family to help meet their individual needs, and to train and schedule them for liturgies throughout the year.



Seniors Group

The St. Joseph Senior Group will meet for breakfast at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant on Monday, May 13, at 9:30 am.

Join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast.

We look forward to seeing you there! For future reference, we will be meeting there the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time, until the hall is finished.



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Movement for a Better World



“Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues.” -St. Thomas Aquinas

Opportunities! For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385. Examples: Sandwich Ministry driver coordinator to Catholic Charities, weekend drive coordinator, holiday food purchase coordinator, essential home furnishings distribution team.

Would you like to stay abreast of home furnishing items in need? Let us know!

June 22-23: Homeless Kit Drive. Provide daily necessities and hope to people experiencing homelessness.



St. Joseph Grief Support



Bereavement classes will resume after a short recess for the summer.

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