

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

Readings for next week:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

FOCUS: Remain in Jesus as the Father tends and cares for us.

When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of Jesus.

May is the Month of Mary

For many centuries since the start of the Middle Ages, the Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor our Blessed Mother as the Mother of God. May has been celebrated as "Mary's Month," as it has been considered the end of winter and the beginning of a new season of growth. Even though Mary is honored all year long, during May there are special devotions to celebrate her as the "Queen of Heaven." Statues of her in churches and homes are often crowned with wreaths of fresh flowers to honor her, not only as the Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Son of God, but as our Spiritual Mother as well.

During the month of May, we honor our Mother Mary as we pray the rosary. We ask for her intercession on our journey toward Her Son Jesus, and we thank her for protecting us under her Mantle of Love.

Public Rosary (America Needs Fatima)



On May 13th, 1917, Our Lady first appeared to the three children at Fatima and asked them to offer themselves to God by praying the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. **On Saturday, May 11,** at **12 p.m.,** we will cooperate in her request by praying the rosary here at our parish under the tent. All are invited to join us.

Mother's Day



If you would like to offer the Mass for your mother on Mother's Day, please pick up an envelope to write her (their) name(s) which can be found in your pews. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Please write **legibly** as we will display her name on our board. Also, indicate whether your mom (grandma, aunt, sister, niece, daughter-in-law, etc.) is living or deceased.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 29:

(+Francis & Emife Geronilla - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass **Tuesday, April 30**: (+Josephine Galapia – RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Church*)

Wednesday, May 1: (+Lorenza E. Amian - RS) 7:15 a.m. Rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, May 2: (No Mass)

Friday, May 3: (+Josephine Galapia - RS) 7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament followed by the Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

3-5:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Saturday, May 4:

 $(+Rufino\ Camat\ Bacatat, Jr.-1^{st}\ Dth\ Annv)$

3:00 p.m.

1st Saturday Devotional

Prayers

4:15 p.m. Rosary 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 5:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (Mass for the People)

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass (+Josephine Galapia)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass (Christopher Batoon –

Thanksgiving)

Church Cleaning:

May 4 - Sacred Heart Society



Funeral Service for +Leatrice Ige and Yvette Rapoza

Prayer services will be held for **+Leatrice Ige and +Yvette Rapoza** on **Wednesday**, **May 1**, **2024** starting at **9:30 a.m.** at Immaculate Conception, Ewa. No burial at this time.



First Friday-First Saturday

This coming Friday, May $3^{\rm rd}$, is First Friday. We will begin the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 a.m. followed by the recitation of the rosary. Mass will begin at 8 a.m. On Saturday, May $4^{\rm th}$, our First Saturday Servants of Mary will begin their devotional prayers in the church starting at 3 p.m.

CFC Kids for Christ Camp

Last Saturday April 20, 2024, Couples for Christ (CFC) hosted a Kids Camp. Thirty-one kids ages 4-12 gathered at the Parish Hall to learn more about Jesus through prayers, teachings, songs and activities. It was a memorable and fun day. We would like to thank everyone who prayed for and with us. Special thanks to Fr. Sieg for all the ways he leads and guides each one of us.

CFC Kids for Christ is one of the Family Ministries of Couples for Christ (CFC) which started in 1993. It was created for the evangelization of the kids through the family.

CFC KFC Core Values:

Love for God - Love for the Family - Love of Life - Love for the Poor

<u>Vision:</u> Sharing Christ's joy to the family and the world.

Mission:

Evangelizing Kids, Enriching Families, Renewing Society
If you would like to know more about CFC Kids for Christ, please contact Allen &
Jackie Gervacio. Email: allen.gervacio@gmail.com or jaegervacio@gmail.com



Stewardship of Treasure April 20 – 21, 2024

Weekly Offering - \$ 3,749.83 Sat., 5 pm - 565.00 Sun, 7 am - 1,246.00 Sun, 930am -1,058.00 Sun, 5 pm - 880.83 Repair/Maint. Fund 3,126.83 Building Fund 157.50 Flowers 22.50 Candles 85.00

 Mass Intentions
 280.00

 Funeral
 300.00

 Easter Offering
 2.00

 KoC Books
 11.00

 Mother's Day
 40.00

 Other: Reno. Repair
 100.00

165.00

Book of Intentions

Total \$8,039.66

Second Collections:

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund \$1,845.34

Joseph Dutton \$ 66.00

Second Collection: Joseph Dutton



Our second collection today is for the cause of canonization of Joseph Dutton to sainthood. Joseph worked

alongside of Sts. Damien and Marianne to help those stricken with leprosy in Molokai. He served there for 44 years until his death on March 26, 1931. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Dear Padre

April 28, 2024

Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32–35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything, you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you that you cannot do for yourself.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians. REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, '21

Last Day of CCD

The <u>last day</u> of CCD is **Sunday**, **May 5**, **2024**. We thank our DRE Shirley Sunio and our catechists, as well as our students, for making it a successful school year.





St. Catherine of Siena - Feast Day is April 29th. She was a 14th c. mystic and laywoman from Siena, Italy, who was known for her holiness and spiritual visions and even received the stigmata. Having joined the 3rd order of St. Dominic, she lived in isolation at home before being told in a vision to re-enter public life to help the poor and sick in hospitals and homes. At the age of 21, she even experienced a "mystical marriage to Christ" having been given an

invisible ring made of Jesus' skin. Being a reformer, she became quite active in the religious and political affairs of the church and earned the title of "Doctor of the Church" in 1970 for her influential letters and spiritual writings of theology.

St. Joseph the Worker - Feast Day is May 1st. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 due to growing concerns posed by communism and its socialist philosophy on human labor and family life. It recognized the dignity of work. As a carpenter, he worked hard to support Mary and Jesus at home. This feast shows the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers. This dignity of human work has been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. This feast is also called St. Joseph's Day, especially for the Polish, Italians, and Sicilians. As a simple craftsman, St. Joseph taught Jesus his trade and the value of hard work. He served others with humility through his work.



Sts. Philip and James - Feast Day is May 3rd - We honor these two saints with one feast as their relics were brought back to Rome together from Constantinople by a pope and placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles. St. Philip was one of the 12 Apostles, who devoutly followed the Lord after being called. He's noted for having evangelized to Nathanael about having found the Messiah. He witnessed some of Jesus' miracles, became a missionary, and was eventually martyred in Phrygia. St. James (the Less) was also one of the 12 Apostles, who was the first bishop of the Church in Jerusalem. He's noted for having spent long hours on his knees in the Temple begging forgiveness for his people. Like Philip, James also continued Jesus' mission of evangelizing and was brutally martyred as well.