

23 May 2021
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat.4PM/Sun. 8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55PM/ NO CONFESSIONS THIS SAT. AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 24 May Our Lady Help of Christians
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 25 May ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, Priest & Doctor
ST. GREGORY VII, Pope
ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI, Virgin, Rel.
8 AM For: Thomas Vermeulen III (L.)
Req: Sandra Vermeulen

Wed. 26 May ST. PHILIP NERI, Priest, Founder, Apostle of Rome
7 PM For: Special Intention
Req: Anne Johnson

**THU. 27 MAY ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERURY, Bishop
NO MASS**

**FRI. 28 MAY Bl. Margaret Pole, Wife, Mother, Martyr
NO MASS**

**SAT. 29 MAY St. Hesychius the Palatine, Martyr
NO CONFESSIONS THIS MORNING
NO 8 AM MASS TODAY**

4 PM For: Joseph E. Smith+ (Ann.)
Req: Susanne Dunne

Sun. 30 May SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
8 AM For: Margaret Ryan+
Req: Martha Glover
9:30 AM For: Richard Scerbo+
Req: Fred Scerbo
11 AM For: Parishioners of OLGCC

COFFEE & DONUTS ARE FOR YOU!

Downstairs after the morning Masses this weekend. It has been too long! Please go down and enjoy the refreshments and your long-time-no-see fellow parishioners!

NEXT SATURDAY: 29 MAY

A visiting priest will be hearing Confessions both in the afternoon and in the evening, at the usual times. This is a good opportunity for those who have been avoiding Confession to come to the Sacrament.

SUNDAY 6 JUNE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

For so long we were prevented from receiving Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. On this great Feast, we want to adore, praise and honor Him by carrying Him through the main street of Verona. Please mark your calendar for this special Sunday, after the 11 AM Mass, when we will hold our Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

PLEASE, ALL ALTAR SERVERS, SODALITY GIRLS, ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS AND ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY MEN: MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE WITH US.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY DINNER FOR THE MEN OF THE PARISH Thu. 3 June 7 PM Rectory

Give the little lady the night off and join us for a Bar-B-Que dinner! We would love to see you join us...and it is free!!!! See, you have no excuse for not coming. Please print your name on the list on the bulletin board.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE CHURCH

O Holy Spirit, Creator, propitiously help the Catholic Church, and by Thy heavenly power, strengthen and confirm her against the assaults of the enemy: by Thy charity and grace, renew the spirit of Thy servants whom Thou hast anointed, that in Thee, they may glorify the Father and His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(This was the prayer Father recited last weekend at the end of his sermon, which some have requested).

On Detachment

There's an intriguing scene in St. John's Gospel right after the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene is at the empty tomb, overcome with grief, when Jesus visits her, disguised as the gardener. When she finally recognizes Him as Jesus, the Lord says something mysterious: "Don't cling to Me."

My goodness, I would think we should want to cling to Jesus, right? Why would Jesus discourage her from holding on to Him? The reason is because He did not want her to rely upon physically seeing Jesus-she had to move from physically seeing Him to faith.

There's a virtue in the spiritual life called detachment, which means enjoying the blessings of God, but not clinging to them. The feast of the Ascension calls to mind detachment. The Apostles were very used to having Jesus with them-they had been with Him for three years, and now were delighted to see Him risen from the dead. But His physical presence was about to end, so they were left now only with faith-the only thing we can ever get attached to.

And the same goes for us. God gives us blessings in this life-family, friends, good food, a good reputation, wealth, physical health. We are meant to enjoy these blessings! But at a moment's notice, it can all be taken away. We can get sick, our friends can move to another town, we could be falsely accused.

I had the misfortune of going to four completely different schools by the time I was in eighth grade, and this is now my ninth parish assignment (counting my time as a seminarian, where we had assignments every summer!) And at each place, I would allow myself to get attached to the people, the places, the routines, the perks...only to have to be torn away when I had to move again! God has been trying to teach me that the only thing I can really cling to is to Him...but I'm a slow learner!

Have you ever noticed how the bees land so gently upon the flowers? They ease their way in, not prying open a closed flower, not trying to take the flower with them. They take the nectar, but then they move on, leaving the flower to continue to grow. Detachment is much like that-we go through our lives, receiving God's blessings at every turn, but we don't force them to stay with us; we can't cling to them.

We cling to God alone, for faith alone, because that's all that we are truly able to possess on our own. It must've been bittersweet for the Apostles to be missing the Lord after His Ascension. He's now no longer with them physically. But the one thing they could cling to is their faith. We don't set our hearts on anything in this world. All passes. We must be detached enough to cling to the only thing that endures-faith, hope and love.

(Fr. Joseph Gill in Ignitum Today, 13 May 2021).