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May 8, 2022 Mother's Day Fourth Sunday of Easter

God's Helpers

By George W. Wiseman

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The tear drops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outreached arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's Sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet never nigh
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.

*Happy
Mother's Day!*



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, May 9

7:00 AM† Dolores Hanlon
5:30 PM† Jim Verda

Tuesday, May 10

7:00 AM† Gertrude Hemingway
5:30 PM In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, May 11

7:00 AM† Elaine Sheehan
5:30 PM† Ryan Dudek

Thursday, May 12

7:00 AM† Barbara Hollar
5:30 PM† Noel Richter

Friday, May 13

7:00 AM† Peter Hanlon
5:30 PM Intentions of Luke Sweeney

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 14

5:15 PM Melanie Fieffe

Sunday, May 15

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Helene Gradia
11:30 AM† Helene Gradia
5:00 PM† Dr. Jack Downes

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
May 1		
Collection	\$4,737.00	\$3,311.00
On-Line	\$2,669.17	\$2,972.17
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,869.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$5,770.17</u>	<u>\$4,414.17</u>
Votives	\$ 158.00	\$ 121.00
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,656.00	\$ 915.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,297.00</u>	<u>\$ 859.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,953.00</u>	<u>\$1,774.00</u>

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Please remember in your prayers:

Carole Street

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 8th through May 14th
for Jim Verda & Jennie Festa.

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MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Pray the Rosary!

Monday - Friday

6:30am

Monday

7:00pm

Saturday

7:30am & 4:45pm



ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
6PM - 8PM

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Every effort has been made to record your intentions accurately; please forgive any typographical errors.

REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

This month, the month of May, the Catholic Church devotes thirty days for us to reflect on the significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her role in God's plan of redemption. Consider the following from *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, solemnly promulgated by His Holiness Pope Paul VI, on November 21, 1964:

Predestined from eternity by that decree of divine providence which determined the incarnation of the Word to be the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin was on this earth the virgin Mother of the Redeemer, and above all others and in a singular way the generous associate and humble handmaid of the Lord. She conceived, brought forth, and nourished Christ. She presented Him to the Father in the temple, and was united with Him by compassion as He died on the Cross. In this singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the work of the Saviour in giving back supernatural life to souls. Wherefore she is our mother in the order of grace.

This maternity of Mary in the order of grace began with the consent which she gave in faith at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, and lasts until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this salvific duty, but by her constant intercession continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and cultics, until they are led into the happiness of their true home. Therefore, the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix. This, however, is to be so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness of Christ the one Mediator.

For no creature could ever be counted as equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer. Just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by the ministers and by the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is really communicated in different ways to His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.

The Church does not hesitate to profess this subordinate role of Mary. It knows it through unfailling experience of it and commends it to the hearts of the faithful, so that encouraged by this maternal help they may the more intimately adhere to the Mediator and Redeemer.

From the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church of the Second Vatican Council, Promulgated in Rome, November 21, 1964, nos. 61-62.

**HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU
BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT
OF THY WOMB JESUS
HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW, AND
AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH, AMEN.**

Fr. Ralph



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Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

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