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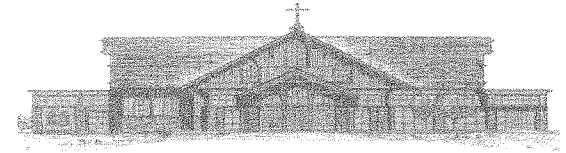
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MAY 7 AND 8, 2022 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MOTHER'S DAY/CROWNING OF BLESSED MOTHER)

MAY 14 and 15, 2022 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am–5:00pm

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE - HOLY MASSES:

Weekdays 8 AM

Wednesday 8AM, 10AM (When Academy is in session) and 6PM

Saturday 5:00PM Vigil

First Saturday 8:00AM

Sunday 8AM, 10AM & 12Noon (Spanish)

CONFESSION:

Wednesdays at 4:00-5:45pm and Saturdays at 3:00 to 4:30pm, or by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Daily, from 8am-8pm

Friday, from 12Noon (24hrs) - closes at 12Noon on Saturday.

ROSARY:

Daily – At 7:25 am, Before 8:00am Daily Holy Mass

First Saturday – Before 8:00am Holy Mass; on the 22nd Day of the month for Respect for Life at 7:25 am

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Olen Ray – Sacred Heart ~ 5/8 – 5/21

Deacon Caleb Cunningham – Sacred Heart ~ 5/8 – 5/21

Betty Barth – Immaculate Mary ~ 5/8 – 5/21

Maria Jaurieta – Immaculate Mary ~ 5/8 – 5/21

Matthew Carroll – St. Joseph ~ 5/8 – 5/21

+The John and Jacki Merck Family – St. Joseph ~ 5/8 – 5/21

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Call the office to register between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Friday @ 541-923-3390.

BAPTISMS: Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of our parish. A Baptism preparation class is mandatory for both parents and godparents. For more information call the parish office at 541-923-3390. Baptismal paperwork must be completed and turned in at least 2 weeks prior to the date of Baptism.

To schedule a Baptismal Class in English or Spanish, please call the office 541.923.3390. Baptisms in English are scheduled the 3rd Saturday of the month @ Noon or by appointment. Baptisms in Spanish are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

QUINCEAÑERAS: Should make an appointment with Fr. Todd, six months before the proposed date. Preparation class from September-March is mandatory.

MARRIAGES: Couples planning to marry in this parish should call the office to make an appointment with the Pastor, Fr. Todd Unger, at least six months before the proposed date. Marriage Preparation course is mandatory.

CANDLE INTENTION OPPORTUNITIES: Parishioners may request that candles be lit in front of the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Mary and St. Joseph statues. Call the office for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS: For those who have lost their lives in the Russian/Ukrainian war, DC Born and Aquilino Lazo.

Parish Pastoral Council meets 2nd Wednesdays at 6:45pm (September-June)– Parish Center - Conference Room. (Parish Council Members: Fr. Todd Unger, Angie Ornelas, Faviola Soto, Scott Jackson, Anne Maloney, John Turlak, Marjorie Joll/Patti Hanken, and Patricia Schulte). This month it will be the 3rd Wednesday, May 18.

Finance Council meets last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, Parish Office Conference Room

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, May 9, 7:00 pm in the Knights Room. Grand Knight: John Turlak

Altar Society will meet Monday, May 9, at noon in the Side Vestibule for the potluck luncheon. President: Marjorie Joll
St. Thomas Academy – SAC; 3rd Monday at 6pm. Principal: Patricia Schulte

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
MAY 7 – MAY 15, 2022

MAY 7, FIRST SATURDAY

8:00AM+ELIZABETH NAGY [JOAN HAMMOND]
5:00PM+TOM LAKIN [PAM & ED CHEENEY]

MAY 8, MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

8:00AM DOLLY LYLE [ALTAR SOCIETY]
10:00AM+ANN HAVELOCK
NOON+AGRIPINA RODRIGUEZ [PABLO & MARGARITA MONTES]

MAY 9, MONDAY

8:00AM+FRANK KOWALCZYK [ED AND PAM CHEENEY]
8:00AM INTENTIONS OF THE MIKE TREACY FAMILY [CINDY & RYAN SALE]

MAY 10, TUESDAY

8:00AM AMADA GARCIA [JOSE & ERIKA ROBLES]
8:00AM BETTY BARTH [DOUG AND ANNE THOMPSON]

MAY 11, WEDNESDAY

8:00AM+STAN AND MIKE STURZA [PHYLLIS STURZA]
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
No 6:00PM Spanish Mass
7:00PM CONFIRMATION MASS

MAY 12, THURSDAY

8:00AM+MARIAN CRAMER [HER FAMILY]
8:00AM BECKY LARKIN [ALTAR SOCIETY]

MAY 13, FRIDAY

8:00AM LAUREL CUPPER FAMILY [DICK & CAROL SMITH]
8:00AM RACHEL VISINONI [ALTAR SOCIETY]

MAY 14, SATURDAY

5:00PM+JANE GORMAN [TOM GORMAN]

MAY 15, SUNDAY

8:00AM+JEAN SALE [RYAN AND CINDY SALE]
10:00AM+JIM MCDONNELL [CHRIS MCDONNELL]
NOON ALL PARISHIONERS

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
MAY 14 – MAY 22, 2022

MAY 14, SATURDAY

5:00PM+JANE GORMAN [TOM GORMAN]

MAY 15, SUNDAY

8:00AM+JEAN SALE [RYAN AND CINDY SALE]
10:00AM+JIM MCDONNELL [CHRIS MCDONNELL]
NOON ALL PARISHIONERS

MAY 16, MONDAY

8:00AM SVDP VOLUNTEERS
8:00AM JACOB WATERS [TOM AND NADINE WATERS]

MAY 17, TUESDAY

8:00+JOHN AND JACKI MERCK
8:00AM BILL BORCHARD [DON AND MARY LEHNERTZ]

MAY 18, WEDNESDAY

8:00AM+DIANE HALLOWELL [JIM AND CONNIE BUSSE]
10:00AM STA STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
6:00PM+FR. MICHAEL WALSH [NORMA HERRERA]

MAY 19, THURSDAY

8:00AM+RACHEL PETERS [DINA BERARDY]
8:00AM+LARRY FITZSIMMONS [FRANCIS & JANET NESBIT]

MAY 20, FRIDAY

8:00AM+JUDY NEWPORT [NORMA HERRERA]
8:00AM+DC BORN [THE BORN FAMILY]

MAY 21, SATURDAY

5:00PM+MARY HANISCH [DON & MARY LEHNERTZ]

MAY 22, SUNDAY

8:00AM BEATRICE ROSE DE LEONE
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
NOON+ARTURO CAMPOS PATINO [JOSE & ERIKA ROBLES]

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Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us. Child Abuse Prevention month reminds us to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. Report all allegations or incidents of sexual abuse by anyone against a minor immediately to the civil authorities to 1-855-503-SAFE (7233) Keep Oregon's Children Safe. After reporting abuse involving a minor to civil authorities please contact: Leah Bickett, Diocese of Baker, Safe Environment Coordinator, Email: leah@dioceseofbaker.org, Phone 541-388-4004. Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving clergy to adults: Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer, VG, Email: rfischer@dioceseofbaker.org, Phone: 541-891-9015. Reporting allegations against a priest, deacon or seminarian, please contact: Angelina Montoya, MD, Victim's Assistance Coordinator, Phone: 541-678-5652. Reporting Sexual Misconduct involving a Bishop please contact: Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBARS), Phone: 800-276-1562.

Report child abuse
1-855-503-SAFE (7233)
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MAY FLOWERS: JoAnn Rau



MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER: All Masses on May 7 and 8, Mother's Day.



COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS: Sunday, May 22.



ALTAR SOCIETY POTLUCK MAY LUNCHEON & MEETING: Monday, May 9, from Noon – 1:30pm in the Church Side Vestibule. All Women and Young Ladies of our Parish are cordially invited to attend. Please bring a salad or favorite dish to be shared. The Altar Society is providing delicious fried chicken and refreshments. Officers are providing yummy desserts.



Delighted to inform our **ALTAR SOCIETY FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2022**, was a great success!! Thank you to our terrific Altar Society Members and Parishioners who volunteered many hours to support, bake and help out. Plus, thank to you those who generously donated cash and checks. **The Altar Society will be donating 100% of Cookie Sale net proceeds and donations to the Catholic "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" providing humanitarian aid totaling: \$1,278.26.** It was our honor to support this Knights of Columbus Catholic Fundraiser. Our Raffle net proceeds is \$515, which will help fund our Altar Society ministries. Congratulations to Janet Nesbit, the winner of the Rooster Cookie Jar filled with \$200 donated cash. Thank you to the Parish families who kindly donated the cash prize for the raffle. – Marjorie Joll, Altar Society President



ST THOMAS ACADEMY: Thank you to our generous St. Thomas parish and school families! Our flower basket sale raised nearly \$4,000 for the STA scholarship fund this year! We appreciate your support.



ST. THOMAS RESPECT FOR ALL LIFE: BABY BOTTLE DRIVE begins **Mother's Day weekend**, and runs through the summer ending September 6th. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding donations or places to distribute the donations, please contact Pro Life Coordinator, Chris Burk at 541-362-5162.



3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **Monday, May 9**, in the Knights of Columbus Room at 7:00pm.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS breakfast will be served after the 8 and 10 am Masses on **Sunday, May 15. MOMS EAT FREE.** Menu will be eggs, bacon, pancakes, coffee, and juice. Proceeds will go to the Council Mercy Fund.
4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS will meet on **Thursday, May 19**, at 6:00pm at Abby's Legendary Pizza, 1938 S Hwy 97, Redmond.



CONFIRMATION: Wednesday evening, May 11.



2022 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "FAITH FINDS THE WAY" is in progress. We are called to reflect on the paralyzed man whose friend's faith found the way to Jesus for his healing.

The overall Appeal participation goal is 21% and the supporting financial target is \$635,000. For our Parish the participation goal is 215 families with a supporting target of \$57,460.

Many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year are made possible by your generosity as we educate and care for our Catholic priests, form seminarians, and serve our families and youth through empowered and informed leaders. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: dioceseofbaker.org.



THE DIOCESE OF BAKER Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte is hiring a part time person to do mowing and basic landscaping maintenance as well as occasional housekeeping/janitorial duties. **Qualifications:** Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, 18 years old and able to operate powered outdoor equipment. If interested, please email Curt Boutin at curt@dioceseofbaker.org or call the Diocese office at 541-388-4004 and ask for Curt.

Catholic Summer Camp Assistant: The Diocese of Baker, Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, is seeking to hire a Summer Camp & Event Assistant. Great resume builder for a college student or recent graduate. Gain experience planning and running Catholic events for youth and families. ~Jun 15-Aug 10, 2022, Redmond/Powell Butte, OR. For more info: marie@dioceseofbaker.org, 541-388-4004.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL in Redmond is looking for a qualified person to become their Store Manager to oversee day-to-day operations, employees, and volunteers. This is a full-time position with paid vacation and dental benefits. Annual salary range \$42,000 - \$47,000. Please contact Don Smith if interested svredmond@gmail.com or 541.788.3905.



"SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE - CATHOLIC STYLE" has returned to the parish after the pandemic pause! What is "Saturday Night Live" you might ask if you're new to the parish or have forgotten? In a nutshell, it's a biannual event held here at St Thomas (for over 10 years), which always follows the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass, where we feature an inspiring speaker along with a delicious meal. It's a wonderful evening of Faith, Fellowship and Fun and the best bargain in town for all you get. See the flyer on the table for our upcoming event on May 21st! Seating is limited and tickets have gone fast in the past so don't wait too long to purchase yours! SNL ticket sales are going on before and after weekend Masses May 7/May 8 and May 14/May 15. They are also available in the church office through Monday, May 16.

OREGON RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE – Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials, for confidential information or to register for the June 3-5, 2022 Oregon weekend at Mt Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Oregon. Call 541-923-2448, 360-909-5253 oregonesp@helpourmarriage.org

The Oregon Retrouvaille community will be holding a second **Spanish Speaking Retrouvaille Weekend**, June 3-5, 2022 at Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House in Mount Angel, Oregon. For more information please contact the community at oregonesp@helpourmarriage.org or call: 541-936-2448/360-909-5253



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Commit to strengthening your marriage this lent. Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 27-29 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply for YOUR WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org



BIBLE STUDIES: St Thomas has many LIFE CHANGING bible studies in the Fireside Room Library in the corner of the Church.



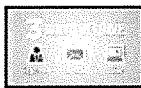
REGISTER AT FORMED.ORG: Click on St. Thomas, Redmond. This Lent, enjoy the riches of God's Word with free emailed Daily Reflections from Dr. Tim Gray. Sign up to receive daily emails at daily.formed.org. Access studies and movies galore.



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MAY – Catholic Health Association, St. Louis, offers a variety of free resources that may be of interest to the parish; Don't forget the toll free help line into Washington – 888-3737-888. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)



WANT TO TRY ONLINE GIVING? Go to bottom of the home page at www.stthomasredmond.com and click on 'ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION.' Great resource!



ST. THOMAS LENDING LIBRARY: DID YOU KNOW that the lending library in the hallway by the Fireside Room is open for borrowing by ALL parishioners? There are even DVDs and CDs. Take a look and take a book. Feel free to keep as long as necessary. Anything on the bottom shelf is free to keep.



THE SAINT THOMAS BOOK CLUB is currently reading *The Well* by Stephanie Landsem. *The Well*, is a historical fiction novel that tells a captivating recount based on a familiar biblical story. Stephanie Landsem, brings clarity, hope, reflection, and plenty of enchantment to *The Well*. Discussion will be held on **Tuesday, May 31st** from 6:30-8:00. Questions - please contact Leah at 541.884.4031.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 is August 1-6, 2023, in Lisbon Portugal. Pilgrimage includes one day, August 7, in Fatima and Santarem. The registration link for World Youth Day 2023 is: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/3442e18c-d2c0-4938-9d97-f4086b731aeb>



What is a Tribunal?

The Office of Canonical Affairs and Matrimonial Tribunal is one Office of the Chancery of the Diocese of Baker. Its staff members are appointed by Bishop Cary and have received special training to represent him and the Church in judicial proceedings for marriage cases and matters of Canon law. Most of its work involves assisting divorced people who are interested in proving the nullity of a prior marriage bond, allowing them to remarry in the Church. More information about how this ministry serves members of the diocese can be found on our website, www.dioceseofbaker.org, under the heading Tribunal Office.



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Changes or Additions to Parish Records

- () I am a new parishioner and would like to register
- () I've moved ~ My new address, phone and email are shown below
- () I'm Moving. Please remove me from St. Thomas Parish
- () Please contact me regarding envelopes, online giving or parish directory

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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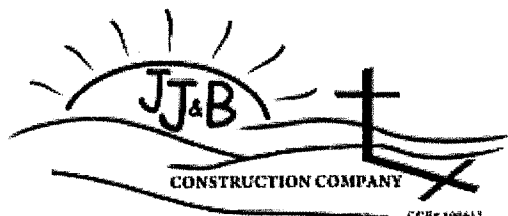


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Joshua 1:9
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One Minute Meditations

Your turn

No parish can do the work of the Church without support from parishioners. For example, parishioners may bring Communion to the sick or infirm, clean the church, staff parish ministries, teach faith formation and give money to keep church facilities operating. It is this vital participation that brings the heart of Jesus to His people. Ask your pastor what your parish needs from you.

Sunday reminder

The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sunday and other holy days of obligation. It's the best way we regularly encounter Christ. We are also to abstain from work on Sunday that could interfere with the attention and worship due to God. God wants us to rest on Sunday to gather strength for the week ahead.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"

(Romans 12:9-10).



Virtues are the antidotes to sin

Virtues are good moral habits that shape our hearts to be like God's. They help us habitually do what is good. As the building blocks for Christian moral living, virtues help to counter sin. For example:

Humility: This virtue is the antidote to pride. Humility helps us to recognize that God is worthy of our worship and obedience. Rather than focusing on ourselves, humility helps us to be willing to

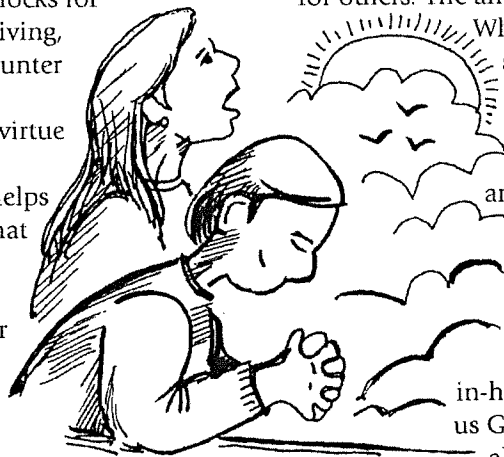
focus on God, live according to His ways. Ideas for practicing this virtue include always taking the less important position, drawing attention to others rather than ourselves, learning to love simple things.

Forgiveness: The sin of anger is

defined as an uncontrolled feeling of hatred and wrath. Indulging in anger causes us to hold onto hateful feelings for others. The antidote is forgiveness.

When offended by someone, forgive quickly and work to heal the relationship. Refrain from gossip and avoid criticizing unless you can offer reasonable and useful solutions. Gratitude and generosity go hand-in-hand. They remind us God is the source of all good, and that

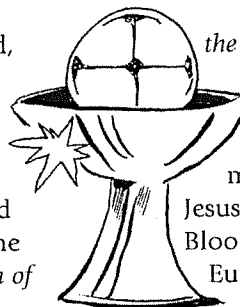
everything good we have is a gift to be enjoyed and shared. Stop the "compare-despair" cycle of envy and greed. Limit your time on social media and impulse shopping. Name something you appreciate daily, or find a way to show kindness each day.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This is my body...this is the cup of my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (*Catechism of*

Why do Catholics call the Eucharist the "Real Presence?"



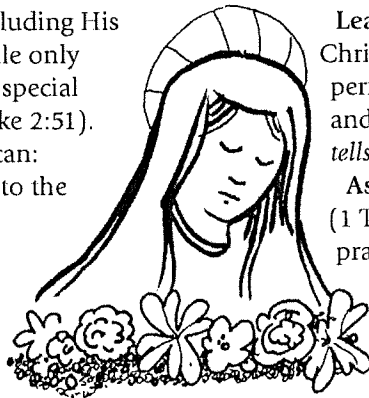
the Catholic Church, #1375).

When we receive Communion, we're literally heart-to-heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn't stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.

"Behold your mother" (John 19:27)

On the Cross, Jesus gave us everything, including His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). While only God is worthy of worship, Mary is accorded special honor in imitation of Jesus' love for her (Luke 2:51). To demonstrate honor and love for her, we can:

Call her "Mom." When we are baptized into the Church, Mary becomes our mother by grace (CCC #967), and we can address her with confidence and affection as her children. Mary wants the best for us. She always leads us to her Son by the quickest and safest route.



Learn from her. Want to know how to follow Christ faithfully – daily? Mary was the first – and the perfect – Christian. She continually trusted God and followed His will, and tells us, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Ask her for prayers. Christ is the one Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). However, she also receives our prayers for others. Because she is His mother and the Queen of Heaven, Mary's prayers are powerful. She will keep praying for us until we are in Heaven.

from Scripture

Luke 24:46-53, Our mission from God

This passage is Luke's version of the Ascension when Jesus ascends to His Father in Heaven. Jesus gave his disciples a mission before entering Heaven. First, He reminded them that His suffering, death, and Resurrection were part of God's plan. These events, called the Paschal Mystery, are so important we recall them at every Mass.

Then, Jesus sent His disciples out to call others to repentance and discipleship. Having heard about Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection for their salvation, the next logical step would be to repent

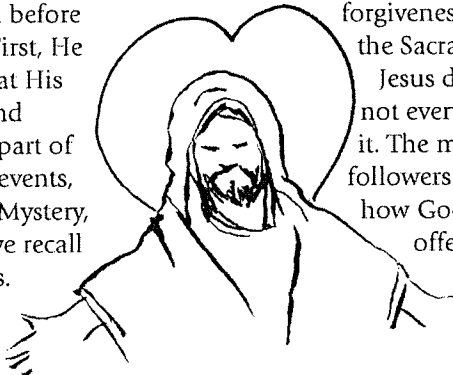
– literally, to "go beyond their usual way of thinking." People were and are invited to reconcile with God by the forgiveness of their sins through the Sacraments.

Jesus died for everyone, but not everyone knew about it. The mission of His first followers was to tell everyone how God saved them and to offer them, in Christ's

name, a way forward:

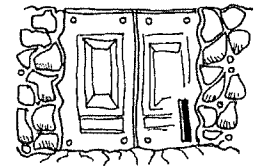
> repentance and
> forgiveness. If we know Christ, His

sacrifice, His love, and the eternal life He offers us, we are commanded to tell others, whether by word, deed, or living example.



Q & A What is the feast of our Lady of Loreto?

In 2019, Pope Francis set aside a day specially devoted to Our



Lady of Loreto. Loreto, Italy, is believed to be where the house in which Mary grew up is located. According to tradition, angels carried the house from Israel to Italy in the thirteenth century when the Holy Land was under attack.

Whether angels really transported the house, or a devout, wealthy family paid to have it moved, scientific findings have verified that the house itself is not from thirteenth-century Italy. The architectural style, construction, and the pollen granules found in the mortar are not characteristic of thirteen-century Italy, but of first-century Palestine.

We are not required to believe in the miraculous transportation of the House of Loreto, but the significance of this devotion still applies. We are reminded of her universal motherhood (John 19:27). We're encouraged to ask her intercession for families today, and to remember the importance of the family in God's saving plan.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 12 – St. Pancras (c. 304). Orphaned at an early age, he was brought by an uncle to Rome and, inspired by Christians, they converted. Both were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to idols during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. St. Pancras was only fourteen years old.

May 14 – St. Matthias (1st century). When the apostles met to choose Judas' successor, Peter said that the new Apostle must have followed Jesus from his baptism to his Ascension and

witnessed his Resurrection. St. Matthias was chosen by lots to fill Judas' place.

May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. After her sons died of illness, she became an Augustinian nun. She was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

May 29 – Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven.



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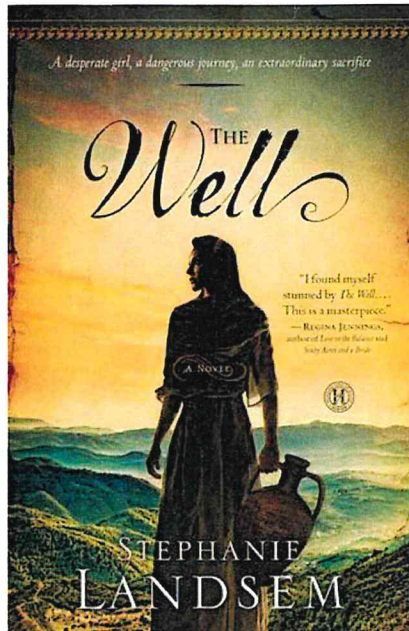
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