

**SUNDAY-MAY 3, 2015**

**Mass Intentions:**

Sunday, May 10- (Happy Mother's Day!)

9:15 a.m.-Ronnie Kanak

Sunday, May 17-

9:15 a.m.-Henry Matula, Frank & Mary Matula

Sunday, May 24-

9:15 a.m.-Alfred, Mary & Debbie Technik

Sunday, May 31-

9:15 a.m.-Ewald, Ben, Fredrick & Frances  
Shimek, Laddie Konvicka

First Friday, June 5-

7:00 p.m.-Edwin & Selma Shimek

Sunday, June 7-

9:15 a.m.-Joe & Lydia Kostelnik , Karen Steffek

**Rosary Leaders:**

May 10-Sandy Konvicka

May 17-Ruth Rouse

May 24-Lucille Klekar

May 31-Joyce Janak

June 7-Dorothy Schneider

**Lectors:**

May 10-Josh Blaschke

May 17-Dorothy Schneider

May 24-Pat Mladenka

May 31-Dedie Dobbs

June 7-Daniel Matula

**Cantors:**

May 10-Lucille Klekar

May 17-Pat Mladenka

May 24-Laurence Bludau

May 31-Ruth Rouse

June 7-Richard Rouse

**Altar Servers:**

May 10-Josh Bludau, Kaitlyn Rother,  
Michael & Robbie Perdziak

May 17-Jacob & Jules Janak, Clay & Blake  
Rother

May 24-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera

May 31-Ryan & Adam Hermes, Ty & Layne  
Gerke

June 7-Emilie, Ryan & Wyatt Mudd,  
Luke Scherer

**Offertory Gift Bearers:**

May 10-Laurence & Carol Rother

May 17-Tony & Joyce Bludau

May 24-Alois & Tammy Bujnoch & Family

May 31-David & Kathy Bujnoch

June 7-Francis & Lesly Bujnoch & Family



**Extraordinary Ministers:**

May 10-Billy & Bev Hrnrcir, Janice Rother &  
Trina Bludau

May 17-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Evelyn Konvicka  
Vivian Mozisek

May 24-Edward & Sandra Pustka, Dedie Dobbs  
& Pat Pesek

May 31-Tony & Joyce Bludau, Carol Rother &  
Vivian Mozisek

June 7-Richard & Scott Sommerlatte, Trina  
Bludau & Janice Rother

**Ushers:**

May 10-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert  
Urbish & Charles Grafe

May 17-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar  
& Sidney Jasek

May 24-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard  
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

May 31-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert  
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

June 7-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert  
Urbish & Charles Grafe

**Church Cleaners:**

May 9-Vivian Mozisek, Rita Migl & Edna  
Wehman

May 16-Doris Mixon & Barbara Jasek

May 24-Glenda Tobola & Mary Jo Bludau

May 31-Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar  
& Helen Janak

June 7-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother & Sue  
Cinadr

**Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society**

In Memory of Lucy Vana

Melvin & Joyce Janak.....\$20

Tony & Joyce Bludau.....\$15



*Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
pray for us!*

**From the Desk of Msgr. John**

Congratulations to these children who today received Holy Communion for the first time – **Josh Alex, Abby Bujnoch, Karley Kostelnik, Kyleigh Orsak and Macey Pustka.**

On Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer will be at Sacred Heart Church and School to bless the new school addition and renovations and also the Ten Commandments Monument in front of the church. Everyone is invited to attend and take a tour of the facilities at that time.

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m., Deacon Jacob Koether, who has worked with us for the last year and Deacon Scott Hill, who attended Sacred Heart School, will be ordained priests along with two others; and, Max Landman, who spent a summer with us, will be ordained a Deacon.

Sunday, June 14 – St. Mary’s Parish Picnic.

Monday, June 29, 2:00 p.m., Ordination and Installation of Bishop Elect Brendan Cahill, at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m., Area reception honoring Bishop Cahill here in Hallettsville.

**Our parish Picnic is on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> – just around the corner!**

**Auction** We need cattle, quilts, antiques and other interesting and unusual items for the auction. If you have any of these items that we could take a picture of and use to advertise our auction please contact us by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Also if you need help getting your item to the auction please call and we will help you. Robert Rother [361-798-6544](tel:361-798-6544) or Carol Rother [361-798-6856](tel:361-798-6856).

**Country Store, Cake & Plant Walk** Crafts, Handmade items, baked items, canned goods, fresh produce, noodles, plants and cakes are all needed, so put your talents to work for the Lord.

**Bingo Prizes** – Suggested items are groceries, household items, children’s toys, books, etc. There will be more information in the June bulletin as to the dates and times for Meal preparations and set up.

**Memorials to St. Mary’s Cemetery**

In Memory of Lucy Vana  
Henry & Ann Kostelnik.....\$15

**Easter Flower Donations:**

In memory of Ray Kelnar by Gussie Kelnar-\$30;  
In memory of Florentine & Adela Janak by Helen M. Janak-\$10; In Memory of Zachary Grafe by Charles (Chuck) Grafe-\$10

**Promise of Marriage:**

Gus Janak & Cecilia Opela on May 23, 2015

**Parish Financial Report**

**Income**

Sunday Collections.....	\$5,515.00
Children’s Collections.....	72.00
Rice Bowl.....	394.00
Holy Land.....	209.00
Ed of Seminarians.....	225.00
Retired Priests.....	5.00
Home Missions.....	15.00
Hall Rental.....	1,075.00
Church Rental.....	200.00
Flowers.....	50.00
Total Income.....	<u>\$7,760.00</u>

**Expenses**

Hall .....	\$1,412.24
Utilities.....	768.30
Maintenance.....	285.76
Office.....	591.74
Administration.....	357.00
Health Insurance.....	406.00
Church.....	430.67
Easter Flowers.....	426.50
Cemetery.....	39.56
Rice Bowl.....	1,736.08
Aid to Church in Europe.....	10.00
Catholic Relief.....	47.00
Holy Land, Ed. of Seminarians, Retired Priests & Home Missions ....	<u>454.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	<u>\$6,964.85</u>
Beginning Balance.....	\$52,180.48
Income.....	7,760.00
Expenses.....	<u>6,964.85</u>
	<u>\$52,975.63</u>



Building Fund – \$959.00

**A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS –**

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood.

Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

Amen.



*Holy Mary, my patron, I ask you to pray for me to Jesus your son. Through your constant prayers, may God continue to guide my paths and help me to follow Jesus*

*in love. Holy Mary, pray for me and for all the people of God. Amen.*

***May – the Month of Our Blessed Mother, Mary Most Holy***



**Prayer To Mary, Help Of Christians –**

**Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of the Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection.**

**Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the Dying. We promise to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, to proclaim His Good News of God's love for all people, and to work for peace and justice in our world. With faith in your intercession, we pray for the Church, for our family and friends, for the poor and abandoned, and all the dying.**

**Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians, the graces of which we stand in need.**

**(State your intention)**

**May we serve Jesus with fidelity and love until death. Help us and our loved ones to attain the boundless joy of being forever with our Father in heaven. Amen.**

*Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!*

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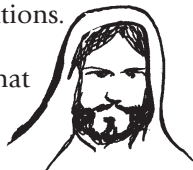
Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Joseph the Worker

Our primary responsibility is to fulfill our daily obligations.

Yet, St. Joseph demonstrated that work can lead to holiness if our efforts are for God.



St. Joseph was not rich. He and Mary made a modest Temple offering when Jesus was born. As a carpenter he had to work hard to support his family. Yet, he offered all he was to raise God's son and protect him from harm. St. Joseph made everyday life holy.

### Upward glance

Try spending part of each day alone with God. Human conversation keeps you grounded on Earth. Moments spent with God are moments glancing toward the Heaven that awaits.

*"When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home" (John 19:26-26).*



## Whom do you want to please?

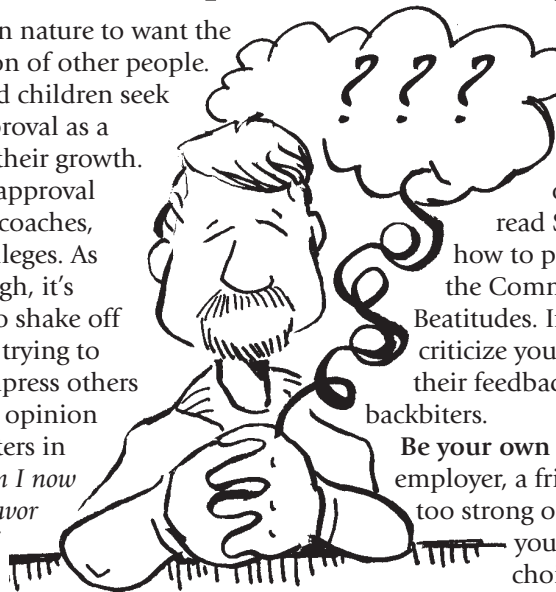
It is human nature to want the good opinion of other people.

Toddlers and children seek parents' approval as a measure of their growth.

Teens want approval from peers, coaches, teachers, colleges. As adults, though, it's important to shake off the habit of trying to please or impress others when God's opinion is what matters in the end. *"Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I trying to*

*please men?"* (Galatians 1:10).

Whose standard is it anyway? Others tend to judge you from their own perspectives, their own interests, and through their own filters. People see only your actions. God sees your heart.



**Don't defend yourself.** Make consistently good choices and you won't have to defend or explain. Regularly read Scripture to remember

how to please God. Follow the Commandments and the Beatitudes. If people legitimately criticize you, gratefully receive their feedback. Reject the

backbiters.

**Be your own master.** Don't let an employer, a friend, or a relative gain too strong of a hold on you. Make your own decisions and choices without pressure.

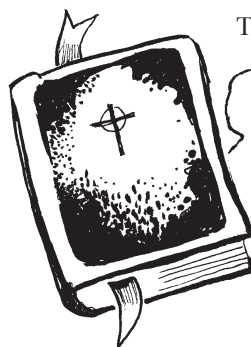
Otherwise you will find yourself suspending your better judgment in favor of theirs.

**Stay who you are.** Don't try to appear better than those around you or to hide the real you. God loves you just as you are.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Church calls Sacred Scripture "sacred" because it is divinely inspired by God, and credits him as its author. *"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness"* (2 Timothy 3:16).

## Why do we believe Scripture is Sacred?



The Scriptures describe how God revealed himself to man along with his saving plan. Every event and every prophecy recorded in the Old Testament points to and is fulfilled in the New Testament in the person of Jesus.

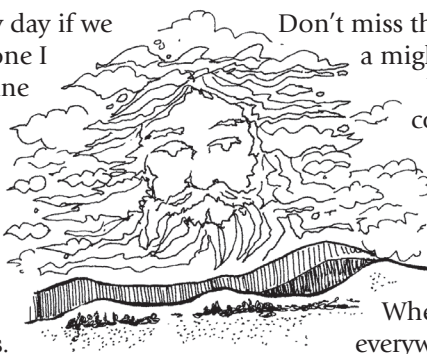


# Where is God when you need him?

God can be found one hundred times every day if we look for him. "So it was you all along. Everyone I ever loved, it was you. Everything decent or fine that ever happened to me, everything that made me reach out and try to be better, it was you" C.S. Lewis.

When you need encouragement, God sends you a kind glance or a friendly word. Look for his face in the person who gives it.

God surrounds us with beauty to help us think of him and remind us of his love for us.



Don't miss the chance to appreciate a lovely garden or a mighty tree.

When you are anxious or lonely, God comes to you in the sympathetic friend who listens, or the stranger who smiles at you.

When we are on unfamiliar ground, God sends us a colleague to make us feel comfortable at work or a neighbor to help us feel more at home.

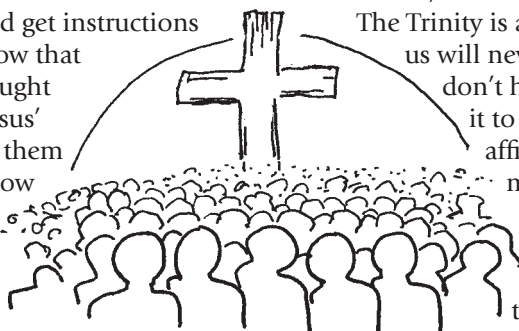
Where is God when you need him? He is everywhere you are.

## from **S**cripture

### Matthew 28:16-20; Jesus gives disciples their charge

When Jesus appeared to the Eleven on the mountain top in Galilee, it was so the crowd with them could witness his Ascension and get instructions for next steps. Now that they had been taught and witnessed Jesus' glory, he wanted them to teach others how to live as God's children. As his followers today, that's our mission, too.

Jesus gave his listeners three commands: Go, make disciples of all nations, and baptize them. Baptism signifies a renewed relationship with



the Father, as revealed through the Son, to be filled with the Holy Spirit – in other words, the Holy Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery most of us will never understand. We don't have to understand it to believe it. And we affirm it each time we make the Sign of the Cross and say the words Jesus said, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We are also reminded that the Cross of Jesus is the only means by which we can follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.

## **Q** Why do Catholic churches display crucifixes? **&** **A**

Many Christian churches display simple crosses or other peaceful symbols of their faith. Non-Catholics wonder why we choose instead the crucifix, which can be a disturbing image.

The crucifix is not just part of our Catholic identity. The Catholic Church requires that a crucifix be visible during the celebration of Mass to remind us of the sacrifice of Jesus on the altar of the Cross, which is made present for us each time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. It is a powerful representation of the body and blood Jesus shed for us.

To Catholics, the crucifix is a symbol of the ultimate act of love. A cross recalls the Resurrection and Jesus' triumph over death. That is important to us, too. But to fully understand our own redemption, we need to be reminded of what Jesus had to endure, namely his Passion and death, before the Resurrection. We are also reminded that God gave his only Son for our salvation. The Crucifix is a full image of our redemption.

## Feasts & Celebrations

In May we celebrate mothers and the mother of all, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We can honor her by praying the Rosary and observing her feast days.

**May 14 – Ascension of the Lord.** This Holy Day of Obligation marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven by his own power. Note: In some dioceses, observance has been moved to the following Sunday.

**May 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes (1937).** Fr. Christopher Magallanes was part of the Catholic Action Movement

in Mexico, resisting the anti-Catholic Mexican government. Despite great persecution, he established a seminary at Totatiche. Eventually, he was arrested, tortured, and martyred.

**May 25 – Pope St. Gregory VII (1085).** During dark days for the Church, Pope Gregory worked to eliminate simony (the buying and selling of sacred offices), unlawful marriages of the clergy, and lay investiture (kings and nobles appointing Church officials). St. Gregory fought attacks on the authority of the Church. For this he suffered and died in exile.



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