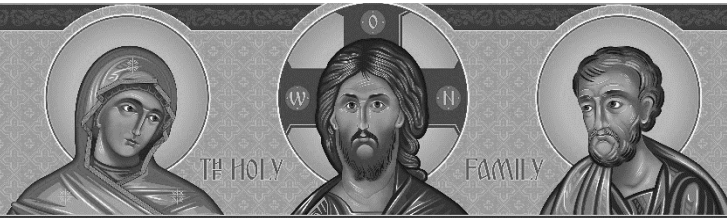


Holy
Family



Catholic
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER— YEAR A — 7th MAY 2023

FIRST READING : Acts 6:1-7;

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19



℟: Lord, let Your mer—cy be on us, as we place our— trust in You.

Ring out your joy to the Lord O you just, for praise is fitting for loyal hearts, Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten stringed lute sing Him songs. ℟.

The word of the Lord is faithful, and all His works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and fills the earth with love. ℟.

The Lord looks on those who revere Him, on those who hope in His love. To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. ℟.

SECOND READING : 1 Peter 2:4-9;

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL : John 14:1-12;

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

When Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize, she took that opportunity to say to a world audience..

"I feel the greatest destroyer of peace today is 'Abortion', because it is a war against the child... A direct killing of the innocent child, 'Murder' by the mother herself...

And if we can accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?

How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion?

As always, we must persuade her with love... And we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts..."



"SOME PEOPLE ARE SO FOOLISH THAT THEY THINK THEY CAN GO THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE BLESSED MOTHER. LOVE THE MADONNA AND PRAY THE ROSARY, FOR HER ROSARY IS THE WEAPON AGAINST THE EVILS OF THE WORLD TODAY."

- St. Padre Pio

"Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times."

~St. Augustine

"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny."

-C.S. Lewis

Do all in your power to detach your heart from earthly cares... then be assured Our Lord will do the rest.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"The husband and wife should be similar to the hand and the eye. When the hand hurts, the eyes should be crying. And when the eyes cry, the hand should wipe away the tears."

- St John Chrysostom -



"Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle."

-St. Josemaria Escriva

We've had enough of exhortations to be silent! Cry out with a hundred thousand tongues. I see that the world is rotten because of silence.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

JESUS PERMITS THE SPIRITUAL COMBAT AS A PURIFICATION, NOT AS A PUNISHMENT. THE TRIAL IS NOT UNTO DEATH BUT UNTO SALVATION.

~ ST PADRE PIO



"From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone."

- St. John Paul II

"Love everyone with a deep love based on charity,... but form friendships only with those who can share virtuous things with you. The higher the virtues you share and exchange with others, the more perfect your friendship will be."

- St. Francis de Sales

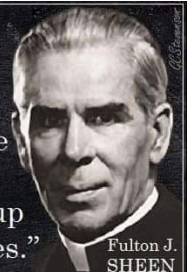


"The sin of the century is the loss of the sense of sin".

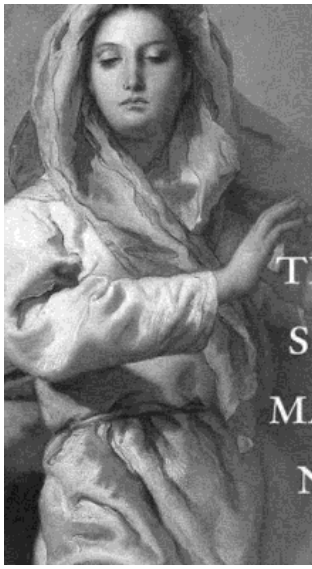
Pope Pius XII

"It is interesting to note that the persons, who most oppose religion for the young as being un-American, are often the same ones who draw money from American tax-payers to tie us up with anti-American activities."

circa 1941



Fulton J. SHEEN



MARY'S
GREATNESS
CONSISTS IN
THE FACT THAT
SHE WANTS TO
MAGNIFY GOD,
NOT HERSELF.

Pope Benedict XVI

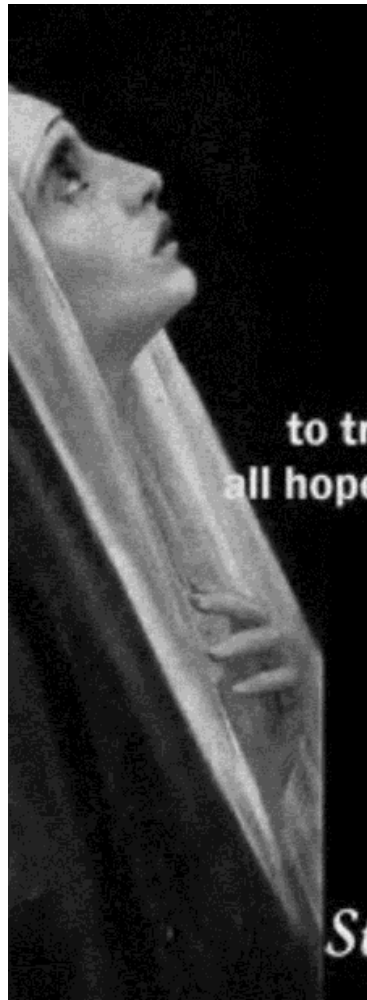


St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing
disturb you.
Let nothing
frighten you.
All things pass.
GOD does
not change.
Patience achieves
everything.
Whoever has
GOD,
lacks nothing.
GOD alone suffices.

The devil is like a rabid dog tied to a chain; beyond the length of the chain he cannot seize anyone.
And you: keep at a distance.
If you approach too near, you let yourself be caught. Remember that the devil has only one door by which to enter the soul: the will.

- St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina



From Mary
we learn
to surrender
to God's Will
in all things.
From Mary
we learn
to trust even when
all hope seems gone.
From Mary
we learn
to love Christ
her Son
and the
Son of God!

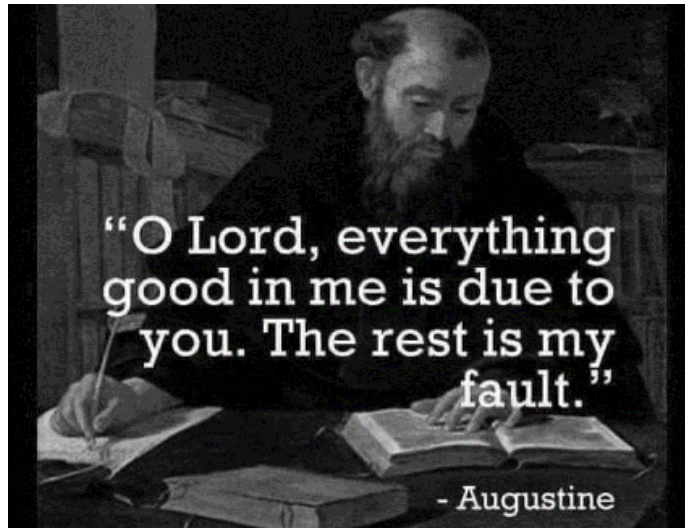
St John Paul

"ADVERTISING TRIES TO STIMULATE OUR SENSUOUS DESIRES, CONVERTING LUXURIES INTO NECESSITIES, BUT IT ONLY INTENSIFIES MAN'S INNER MISERY. THE BUSINESS WORLD IS BENT ON CREATING HUNGERS WHICH ITS WARES NEVER SATISFY, AND THUS IT ADDS TO THE FRUSTRATIONS AND BROKEN MINDS OF OUR TIMES."
- FULTON J. SHEEN

"The greatest male saint who ever lived was not a deacon, not a priest, not a bishop, not a pope, not a hermit, not a monk. *He was a husband, father and a worker.*"

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ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA



"O Lord, everything good in me is due to you. The rest is my fault."

- Augustine

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Thine be the glory, risen,
conquering Son; endless is the victory,
thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright
raiment rolled the stone away, kept the
folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast
won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and
gloom; let the Church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing; for her Lord now
liveth, death hath lost its sting.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast
won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of
life; life is naught without thee; aid us in
our strife; make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love: bring us safe
through Jordan to thy home above.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast
won.*

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Bring all ye dear bought nations, bring,
your richest praises to your King.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
That spotless Lamb who more than due,
paid for His sheep and those sheep you,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
That guiltless Son who bought your peace,
and made his Father's anger cease.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Then life and death together fought, each
to a strange extreme were brought,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I saw the tomb of my dear Lord, I saw
Himself and Him adored. Alleluia!
Alleluia!
I saw the shroud and saw the sheet, that
bound His head and wrapt His feet.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I heard the angels witness bear, "Jesus is
risen, He's not here. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go tell His followers they shall see, your
Hope and theirs in Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We, Lord, with faithful heart and voice,
on this Thy rising day rejoice.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O Thou whose pow'r o'er came the grave,
by grace and love us sinners save,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

COMMUNION HYMN:

CHORUS:
*By Your kingly power O risen Lord, all that
Adam lost is now restored,
in Your resurrection be adored.*

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison,
shout our triumph to the sky,
Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen,
death has no more victory.
Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

Death has lost and life has won,
every newborn child we christen,
now becomes the Father's Son.
Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified.
hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ that once was slain
n'er burst His three day prison
our faith had been in vain,
but now is Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber,
till trump' from east to west,
shall raise the dead in number.
Had Christ that once was slain
n'er burst His three day prison
our faith had been in vain,
but now is Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

The temple now restored,
and from its side a river.
The Crucified is Lord,
salvation to deliver.
our faith had been in vain,
but now is Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

For death and life have fought,
with life though slain, the winner
My life by Blood He bought,
while I was yet a sinner.
Had Christ that once was slain
n'er burst His three day prison
our faith had been in vain,
but now is Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, ARISEN


Pentecost Cultural Food Festival
Bring your cultural dish
and share it with the Parish
Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 28th May
After the 9:30am Mass
To book your group/table
Please contact Ellen on 834 6677
or email hparish@xtra.co.nz

NEXT SUNDAY:
14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Yr A)
Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: L. Ahio, E. O'Brien
Prayers of the Faithful: G. Lao
Offertory: L & S Ahio Family
Special Ministers: P. Capundag

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER
Pua Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER
Tongan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 7 May:** Phillip Turnock
- 8 May:** Slade Bonkovich, Vincent Morell
- 9 May:** Alphonse Gomez
- 10 May:** William Can, Marija Mihaljevich, Hilda Moore, Joseph Manual Gomez
- 11 May:** Maryann Eccleshall
- 12 May:** Ghislaine O'Brien
- 13 May:** Gerald O'Reilly

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,797.73
Priests	<u>\$1,398.87</u>
Total AP's and Cash	\$4,196.60

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Bonds of Marian Love: Consecration to Jesus through Mary – Every Wednesday starting this Wednesday 10th May 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Hall. To register please contact bml.auckland@gmail.com or 0212014603

Sacramental Programme:
Confirmation Classes starts 13th May at 4pm in the Bugler Centre. Please register with the Parish Office - hparish@xtra.co.nz or 098346677, **please note: your child would need to have received their First Reconciliation.**

Church Parking - just a reminder, please do not park in the driveway in front of the Church on a Sunday, we need to keep this area clear for emergency vehicles.

Please check the noticeboard for Diocesan Notices.


Look after them the way they looked after you.
There are certain people in life who shape who you are. Special people who were always there to give you advice, support, comfort and love. When the time comes to bid them farewell, make sure you farewell them properly. Talk to us, we'll help you do just that.
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