Fifth Sunday Of Easter
Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you. Psalm 33

Mass Schedule
Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 8:30AM, Saturday Evening 4:00PM
Sunday Morning 9:00AM, Weekday Holy Days 9:00AM & 6:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday Evening 3:00PM - 3:45PM
Thursday Morning 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Adoration
Thursday Morning 9:00AM concluding with Benediction at 10:00AM
For weddings, contact the office six months in advance
Other Sacraments, contact the office
Religious Education, contact the office

Readings for the week of May 7
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3; Jn 15:18-21

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS
“As to the past let us entrust it to God’s mercy, the future to Divine Providence. Our task is to lie holy the present moment.” St. Gianna Molla

We as a family of faith encourage the full and active participation of all members in Worship of our God, by learning about and sharing our Catholic faith and by developing a loving community of care and concern for one another.
GOD’S SALVATION

LAW AND GRACE

Called to beatitude but wounded by sin, man stands in need of salvation from God. Divine help comes to him in Christ through the law that guides him and the grace that sustains him.

The New Law or the Law of the Gospel - The New Law practices the acts of religion: almsgiving, prayer and fasting, directing them to the Father who sees in secret, in contrast with the desire to be seen by men. Its prayer is the Our Father. The Law of the Gospel requires us to make the decisive choice between ‘the two ways’ and to put into practice the words of the Lord. It is summed up in the Golden Rule, “Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; this is the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 7:12) The entire Law of the Gospel is contained in the new commandment of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us.

The New Law is called a law of love because it makes us act out of the love infused by the Holy Spirit, rather than from fear; a law of grace because it confers the strength of grace to act by means of faith and the sacraments; a law of freedom, because it sets is free from the ritual and juridical observances of the Old Law, inclines us to act spontaneously by the prompting of charity and, finally, lets us pass from the condition of a servant to that of a friend of Christ. (cont. in next bulletin)

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition)

Counters - This ministry assists in the tally of monies collected at Mass each week. Although we do receive weekly donations from parishioners through our online giving, for those who wish to donate directly during Mass collections requires two individuals to reconcile the checks and cash received. The counters meet at 9:00AM on Mondays in the church office. The time commitment is usually one Monday a month (Tuesday if Monday is a bank holiday) and the task usually takes one hour. (If a different time or day would work better, please reach out to the office to inquire).

Contact the office for more information. 303-838-2375

SPRING MEDITATIONS

The landscape explodes with renewed life in springtime. The earth produces a wildly abundant variety of plants—dozens of types of trees, scores of species of flowers, a dizzying variety of ground cover. Each of these carries its particular identity deep within itself, but the full expression of that identity blossoms under the influence of all the other common springtime elements: sunlight, soil, water, air, and warmth.

Something similar happens in the spiritual realm. Each one of us is created to reflect God’s grandeur in a unique way. No one in the history of the universe can repeat you. No one. No one can come to love God as you do. No one will know God just as you will come to know Him.

The elements that must be present for us to reach the full expression of our identity are common: a family or intimate community of some sort; food, shelter, and clothing; a wider society and the cultural milieu it creates; prayer and spiritual nourishment.

As spiritual beings we have to cooperate consciously with our own development. If we allow ourselves to be overly influenced by others, our personal identity will never fully thrive. If those others are morally corrupt, we may even be wounded or thwarted in our quest for meaning and happiness.

Reflect - If we make unwise use of our God-given abilities and talents we will impede our development and hinder our flourishing, just like plants that need sunlight get scrawny when stuck in the shade. God’s dream for each person unfolds from within. We need to be true to what God has planted in our souls. If our true identity is to flourish, we must avoid spiritual poisons—they are called sins.

(Spring Meditations by John Bartunek, LC, STHD)

What do bees do if they need a ride?
They wait at the buzz stop.

Do we have your current contact information?
We need to be able to communicate with you. If your phone number, address, or email address has changed please update this contact information by contacting the Parish Office:
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