

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Hail, Holy Queen

Mother of mercy, Our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, Poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, morning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, Thin eyes of mercy toward us; And after this our exile, show unto us; The blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy Of the promises of Christ.

Amen.



- Sat 05/13/2023 05:30pm FOR ALL OUR MOTHERS
Sun, 05/14/2023 09:00 am FOR ALL OUR MOTHERS
05/14/2023 11:00 am FOR ALL OUR MOTHERS
Mon, 05/15/2023 7:00 am H&WB OF THE ADIBE FAMILY
Tue, 05/16/2023 07:00 am H&WB MARGARETE VICTOR
Wed, 05/17/2023 07:00 am CLAIRE UDO-EDUZIE
Thu, 05/18/2023 07:00 am CESAR SEVILLA
Fri 05/19/2023 07:00am H&WB JEAN MICHELIN
Sat 05/20/2023 08:30pm H&WB FREDERICK HAMILTON
Sat 05/20/2023 05:30pm JAMES AND MILDRED MANZELLA

AVAILABLE DAYS FOR MASS INTENTIONS May 2023
Mon 22nd, 29th
Thu 25th
Sat 8:30AM 27th
Sat 5:30PM 27th
Sun 11:00AM 21st



SANCTUARY LAMP In Birthday Memory OF Cesar M. Servilla From Angela Servilla May 14 - 20, 2023



Loving God,

Thank you for all the mothers in the world.

Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern for their bodily and spiritual health.

Grant that we, their children, may honor them always with a spirit of profound love, respect and thanksgiving.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



God With Us

In today's Gospel Jesus promises us that "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you and you will have life." Our faith, nurtured in this great paschal season, tells us that God-made-flesh is God-with-us, never abandoning us and always filling us with life.

It should be a great comfort to all of us, who share in the pain and suffering of ordinary life, to know that the Spirit of Jesus is with us always. It should be especially comforting to know that Jesus will not leave orphaned all those whom the world casts aside: the poor and homeless, the racial and ethnic minorities, the sick and dying, the prisoner and the refugee.

"Christ died for sins once for all, a just man for the sake of the unjust." He rescued us from our attachment to injustice, and then he sent his Spirit to remain with us and within us. Our prayer is one of gratitude for such a gift and hope that "we feel its saving power in our daily life."

Jesus loves us so much that, even after his death, resurrection, and ascension, he remains with us. He is, after all, Emanuel, 'God with us,' but now through his living, sanctifying Spirit.

We now encounter him in new ways: in other human beings; in any place where people gather in his name; in the inspired words of Holy Scripture; in his Church, particularly her liturgical celebrations; in the person of his minister; and especially in the sacraments.

Gerald Darring

May 14, 2023



**THE FIRST
AND GREAT COMMANDMENT
IS TO LOVE THE LORD**

The Second Reading commands Christians to keep their conscience clear. But this commandment is hard to hear, isn't it? If we are honest with ourselves, we know how unclear our consciences are.

Of course, we might think confusedly, we do not need to be too worried about our unclear consciences, because, after all, no one is saved by doing good works or keeping one's conscience clear. Our contribution to our salvation is not to try to do the works of the law. Our contribution to our salvation is just to love the Lord.

And this thought might be comforting to us when our unclear conscience hurts us, except for this uncomfortable, nagging question: what is love of the Lord?

In the Gospel Reading, the Lord himself explains the answer to this question: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

READINGS
Sixth SUNDAY OF EASTER
Reading I: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66: 1-7, 16,20
Reading II: 1 Peter 3: 15-18
Gospel: John 14-15-21

And now, unfortunately, we have come full circle. Christians are commanded to keep their consciences clear. To do so, they need to love the Lord. To love the Lord they need to keep his commandments. And to keep his commandments they apparently need to keep their consciences clear. What sense can be made of this?

Here it helps to consider Peter himself, who is the author of the Second Reading. Peter betrayed the Lord in the Lord's great hour of need. Is this keeping one's conscience clear? Is this keeping the commandments of the Lord?

But when, in the days after his Resurrection, the Lord asks Peter, "do you love me?" what does Peter answer? He says, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

In spite of his betrayal of the Lord, Peter does not let go of Christ. He is willing to affirm his commitment to Christ in spite of his own failings.

So here is the thing to notice. In saying that he loves Christ, Peter *is* keeping the commandment of the Lord. The first and great commandment is to love the Lord.

And this is why Peter, the rock on which the church is founded, is the pattern for all Christians. The way to keep one's conscience clear is to cleave to the Lord in love when one's conscience is not clear.

Eleonore Stump



**Love the Lord Your
GOD with all your
heart and with all
your soul.**

ORATIO IMPERATA AGAINST THE COVID-

19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the Covid-19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

Grant them health in mind and body, strength in their commitment, protection from the disease.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health.

Protect those who care for them.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in these trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need.

May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen.

Mother Mary, help of all Christians, pray for us.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

St. Roch, pray for us.

REPORT ABUSE

Protecting God's Children

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints, and encourages anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct by the clergy, religious and lay staff to tell us immediately, so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to sexual abuse victims. Individuals who wish to report an allegation may do so by calling the Child and Youth Protection. 201-407-3256, Fax: 973-497-4001. Or In person,



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The Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Sacrificial Wine are nice ways to remember someone in need of healing, those who are celebrating births, anniversaries, etc. or a deceased loved one.

It reminds us the ever presence of Christ. We bring our intentions into HIS PRESENCE with our offering. If you wish to remember someone in this special way, the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for a week, and the Altar Bread OR the Sacrificial Wine of everyday Mass will be offered for your intention an entire week

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Telephone _____

I am interested in serving as a Lector

I would like to serve as an Eucharistic Minister

We are Looking for more Altar Servers, girls and boys, third grade or older, to participate as ALTAR Servers. This ministry is a wonderful privilege for either young

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Please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or Fr Frank

Name: _____ Grade _____

Phone _____ School _____

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