

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! In today's Gospel, Our Lord tells us "I leave the world and go to the Father." We are preparing liturgically for Christ's Ascension and for the coming of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost. As Christ would entrust His loved ones to "another Paraclete" -- the Holy Ghost, similarly, before His death on the cross, He entrusted them to one another, saying to the Virgin, "Behold thy son," and to St. John, "Behold thy mother." Clearly, Christ's will is that we live not only with the indwelling of the Trinity, but especially under the guidance of our Blessed Mother. With that in mind, and in honor of Our Lady's month of May, I wish to recall the great need for each family to recite the Holy Rosary together. Pope Pius XII wrote in 1951:

"It is above all in the bosom of the family that We desire the custom of the Holy Rosary to be everywhere adopted, religiously preserved, and ever more intensely practiced. In vain is a remedy sought for the wavering fate of civil life, if the family, the principle and foundation of the human community, is not fashioned after the pattern of the Gospel. [13] ...We affirm that the custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight--most pleasing to God-- when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the august Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in common, assembles before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace.... [14] This meditation on the Divine Mysteries of the Redemption will teach the adults to live, admiring daily the shining examples of Jesus and Mary, and to draw from these examples comfort in adversity, striving towards those heavenly treasures "where neither thief draws near, nor moth destroys" (Luke 12, 33). This meditation will bring to the knowledge of the little ones the main truths of the Christian Faith, making love for the Redeemer blossom almost spontaneously in their innocent hearts, while, seeing, their parents kneeling before the majesty of God, they will learn from their very early years how great before the throne of God is the value of prayers said in common" (*Ingruentium Malorum* ["On Reciting the Rosary"] September 15, 1951).

"In vain is a remedy sought for the wavering fate of civil life, if the family, the principle and foundation of the human community, is not fashioned after the pattern of the Gospel," wrote the Holy Father. Please take these words to heart, with a firm resolution to continue (or begin!) the daily recitation of the Rosary in your own home. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of our Risen Lord,

Fr. McCambridge, FSSP



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 10—MAY 16, 2015

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, May 10 Fifth Sunday after Easter

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, May 11, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles

7 am Mr. Edmund Francis Smith+

TUESDAY, May 12, Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, Virgin, & Pancras, Martyrs

7 am Mr. & Mrs. John Kaiser

WEDNESDAY, May 13, Vigil of the Ascension of Our Lord

7 am Anastasia Arango

THURSDAY, May 14, Ascension of Our Lord, Holyday of Obligation

7 am Celebrant's Intention
 7 pm *Pro Populo*

FRIDAY, May 15, St. John Baptiste de la Salle, Confessor

7 am Mr. Mark Rush+

SATURDAY, May 16, St. Ubaldo, Bishop & Confessor

8 am Rex P. Mulholland+

SUNDAY, May 17, Sunday after the Ascension

8:30 am David A. LaPlante
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass in the Regular Mass Schedule, and on Fridays for the first half-hour of evening devotions. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 6:30 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am—6:50 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 6pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturday: Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

Not currently meeting

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

Catechism for Children (September-May)

Wednesday 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social

Holyday of Obligation: This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, and a Holyday of obligation; Masses will be offered at 7 am and 7 pm.

Weekly Prayer Intention for Religious in the Diocese: May 10—16, Sr. Fiat Marie, Sr. John Marion, Novices, School Sisters of Christ the King.

First Solemn Masses will be offered at St. Francis Church on May 31 at 10 am by Fr. Timothy O'Brien, FSSP, and at noon by Fr. Michael Malain, FSSP. All the faithful of St. Francis are invited to a light reception in the basement, following Fr. Malain's First Mass.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration: will next be held, Friday, June 5, 2015. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule, please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Pray for Life on Tuesdays: Planned Parenthood kills children by abortion on Tuesdays in Lincoln. The mothers come from all over our state. Please pray the rosary, fast, and offer sacrifices for the unborn on that day. Please consider spending time in prayer at the Planned Parenthood facility between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm on Tuesdays; God bless you!

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Patricia Quinto (mother of John Quinto), Leroy Peterson (brother of Bob Peterson), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Thomas M. Coulombe (nephew of Dr. Dennis McInerny).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday May 3:

\$1137.00

Collection counters May 10:

Frank Feuerborn and Troy Butcher

Collection counters May 17:

Dan Fix and John Pepino

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.