

**Baccalaureate Holy Mass** at the Church of St. Mary will be on Sunday, May 23, at 8:45am. Please congratulate our graduating seniors: Logan Ferguson, Abby Majerus, and Sarah Mensink. Best wishes in your future endeavors! **Cemetery Collection:** There will be a second collection on the weekend of May 22-23 to support the upkeep of our parish cemeteries. Please consider a donation to keep the cemeteries looking beautiful.

**Congratulations** to the children of our parish who received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time last weekend! First Communicants on May 16 at St. Columbkill were: Beckett Marquardt, Liahna McNamara, Stuart O'Reilly, and Maggie Strauss. May God continue to bless all our First Communicants!

**Congratulations** to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 22 at St. Columbkill: Kade Altendorf, Melanie Beck, Alex Bien, Justin Buck, Kennedy Diercks, Madison Ferguson, Jack Goodman, Naidalynne Monjaraz-Olmos, Will Opsahl, Jeremiah O'Reilly, Adam Poncelet, Evelyn Scheffler, and Alex Vieths. Come, Holy Spirit! **Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Holy Trinity parishioner Vaughn Bien, who passed away on May 17. His funeral will be held at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, May 25, at 11am. Visitation will be at the church from 4-7pm on Monday, May 24, or one hour prior to the funeral. *"Eternal rest grant unto Vaughn, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."* 

**Please prav** for the repose of the soul of Holy Trinity parishioner David Franklin, who passed away on May 21. Details on his funeral will be forthcoming. *"Eternal rest grant unto Dave, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."* **Holy Hour for Women**: Sunday, May 23, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited! **The Catholic Daughters** will meet on Monday, May 24th at the Church of St. Paul in Zumbrota, gathering at 6:30pm with meeting starting at 7pm. We will be praying the Patriotic Rosary. If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, please contact Beth Arendt for the log in information. If you have any questions about CDA or would like to join our Court, please contact Beth Arendt at 507-272-5829.

#### Goodhue Area Memorial Day Events - M ay 31, 2021:

St. Columbkill Cemetery, Belle Creek – Holy Mass at 8:30am and a ceremony in the cemetery at 9:00 am

Goodhue, Evergreen Cemetery – a ceremony in the cemetery at 9:30 am

St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellechester - Holy Mass at 10:00am and a ceremony in the cemetery at 10:30 am

St. Peter's Cemetery, Belvidere – a ceremony in the cemetery at 11:00 am

Union Cemetery, Belvidere – a ceremony in the cemetery at 11:15 am

<u>Presbyteral Ordination</u>—Saturday, May 29, 10 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul Archdiocesan and Pro Ecclesia Sancta seminarians completing Theology IV will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. All the faithful are invited to join in this joyous occasion in person. It will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's website: <u>cathedralsaintpaul.org</u>.

Words to Live By: "Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit." St. Lucy

"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." St. Augustine

"Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God: The Father is your table, the Son is your food, and the Holy Spirit waits on you and then makes His dwelling in you." St. Catherine of Siena

"As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls." St. Peter Damian

"You could not love Jesus if you did not possess the living source of holy and pure Love, namely, the Holy Spirit. Our divine Redeemer said, "He that believeth in Me, out of his belly shall flow streams of living water." (John 7:38.) This He said of the Spirit which they should receive who believed in Him. Therefore, when God enkindles in you the flames of Divine Love, holy, pure, and without stain, let yourself disappear in the infinite Good, and, like an infant, sleep the sleep of Faith and Love in the bosom of your heavenly Spouse." St. Paul of the Cross



# **Pentecost Sunday**

May 23, 2021

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	May 22	Brent Hokanson and family	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	May 23	+Steve Ryan	
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	May 24	Margaret Teske	
Tues.			May 25		
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	May 26	Open Hearts Prayer Group	
Thur.			May 27		
Fri.			May 28		
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	May 29	+Rosie Gregoire	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	May 30	Parishioners	
	10:30AM	SC		+John Ryan	

saints. Website: www.holytrinitygoodhue.org
Office Hours: Mondays 9am-2pm at HT.
Parish building use request: Call the office.
Confession: Sat. 5pm at Holy Trinity, Sun.
8:30am at St. Mary, or by appointment.
Baptism: Contact the office at least 3 months before the birth to attend a class and set a date.
First Penance/Eucharist: Register for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Faith Formation classes.
Confirmation: Register for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation classes.
Marriage: Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the office especially if serious or near death.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** If you move to a nursing home/care facility, would like a priest to visit, or are unable to attend Mass and would like Communion at home, contact the office.

Funerals: Contact the office.

Mass Intentions: Mail to the office or place in collection. (\$7/Mass suggested.) Indicate preferred date(s), if desired. Bulletin Items: Email to <u>holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com</u> by Wednesday. The business office reserves the right to edit. If interested in becoming a member (welcome!) or becoming a Catholic, contact the office. Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline: (651) 291-4475

<u>Please pray for:</u> Therese Bien, Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Leo & Maxine Ryan, Bob & Mary Heppelmann, Ed & Marge Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Carroll Bartholome, Lloyd Ryan, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Dorothy Arendt, Leo & Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Marvin Zorn, Marcella Befort, David Franklin, Pat Mann, Greg Hovel, and Keith Carlson.



## Behold the Lamb of God!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held every Monday at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00pm and every Wednesday at Holy Trinity from 9:00am-2:00pm. Come and spend some time with Jesus!

Calendar/Events						
May 22/23	HT/SM/SC	Mass times	Second Collection for Cemeteries			
May 23	SM	8:45AM	Baccalaureate Mass			
May 23	St. Mi., PI	6:00PM	Women's Holy Hour			
May 24	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration			
May 26	HT	9AM-2PM	Adoration			

Scrípture Quote: "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spírít gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language." --Acts 2:1-6

## From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of May is dedicated to increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us ask Jesus and St. Joseph to teach us to practice great love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost – the Gift of the Holy Spirit and founding of the Church! This week I share with you a meditation on the Holy Spirit and the Gift of Fear. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week: **The Holy Spirit -** "**The Gift of Fear: Servile fear and the holy fear of God. Effects of this gift in the soul:** St. Teresa says that God bestows two remedies for all the temptations and trials that we have to endure: *Love and fear... Love will make us quicken our steps, while fear will make us look where we are setting our feet so that we shall not fall.* (St. Teresa, *The Way of Perfection*, 40, 1)

But not every fear is good. There is the worldly fear (cf. M.M. Philipon, *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit*, Madrid) of those who fear physical evil above all else, or the social disadvantages which can beset them in this life. They flee from all earthly inconveniences; as soon as they foresee that fidelity to a Christian way of living can cause them any hardship, they show themselves ready to abandon Christ and His Church. From this fear springs *human respect* and it is the origin of countless surrenders and of betrayal itself.

That fear which is called servile is quite different. This turns the soul from sin because of fear of the punishment of hell or for some other self-interested supernatural motive. This is a good fear, since for many who are far from God, this can be the first step toward their conversion, and the beginning of love. (Sir. 25:12) This should not be the chief motive of the Christian, but in many cases, it will be a great defense against temptation and the allurements of evil.

*He who fears in not perfected in love* (John 4:18), writes the Apostle St. John, because the true Christian acts through love and is created to love. The holy fear of God, gift of the Holy Spirit, is that which dwelt, with the other gifts, in the most holy Soul of Christ and which also filled the Most Blessed Virgin. It is the gift of holy souls, which persists eternally in Heaven and leads the blessed, together with the angels, to give continual praise to the Most Blessed Trinity. St. Thomas teaches that this gift is a consequence of the gift of Wisdom and is, as it were, its outward sign. (St. Thomas, *Summa Theologiae*, II-II, 45, 1 and 3)

This filial fear is proper to children who feel themselves protected by their Father, whom they do not wish to offend. Its results are twofold. An immense respect for God's majesty, a deep discernment of what is sacred and a limitless rejoicing in His goodness as a Father, is the more important of the two, since it was the only one present in Christ and in our Lady. This gift enables holy souls to acknowledge their nothingness before God. We may also repeat frequently, recognizing our nothingness, perhaps as an aspiration, those words so often repeated by St. Josemaria Escriva: I am worth nothing, I have nothing, I can do nothing, I know nothing, I am nothing, nothing at all! (Quoted by A. Vasquez de Prada, The Founder of Opus Dei, Madrid) at the same time as he realized the incalculable grandeur of knowing oneself and of being a child of God. During our life on earth there is another effect that derives from this gift: a great horror of sin, and the liveliest contrition if one has had the misfortune to commit it. By the light of Faith, illumined by the splendor of the other gifts, the soul grasps something of the transcendence of God and of the infinite distance and the abyss which sin opens between man and God. The gift of fear enlightens us to understand that sin is at the root of the moral evils which divide and ravage society. (John Paul II, Letter presenting the 'Instrumentum Laboris' of the VI Synod of Bishops, 25 January 1983) And the gift of fear leads us also to a hatred for deliberate venial sin and to an energetic reaction against the first symptoms of lukewarmness, carelessness or mediocrity. At particular moments of our life we may feel the need to repeat insistently, as an urgent petition: I don't want to be lukewarm, 'confige timore tuo carnes meas.' Grant me, my God, a filial fear that will make me react! (cf. J. Escriva, The Way, 326)

The holy fear of God and readiness to reject all sin: Love and fear. These must be the accompaniments of our way. *When love banishes fear, fear itself is changed into love*. (St. Gregory of Nyssa, *Homily 15*) It is the fear of a child who loves his Father without reserve, and who will allow nothing in the world to distance him from that Father. Then the soul understands better the infinity which separates it from God and at the same time its condition as a child of God. Never until now has it trusted more in God; never, either, has it respected and venerated Him more. When the holy fear of God is lost, the sense of sin becomes diluted or vanishes. Then tepidity easily enters the soul. It fails to discern the power and majesty of God, and the honor due to Him.

We cannot bring the supernatural world nearer by trying vainly to eliminate God's transcendence. The way to do it is through the divinization wrought in us by grace, through humility and love expressed in the struggle to banish all sin from our life.

If we are to banish this evil... we must first try to ensure that our dispositions, both habitual and actual, are those of a clear aversion to sin. Sincerely, in a manly way, we must develop, both in our heart and in our mind, as sense of horror for mortal sins. We must also cultivate a deep-seated hatred of deliberate venial sin, those negligences which while they don't deprive us of God's grace, do serve to obstruct the channels through which grace comes to us. (J. Escriva, Friends of God, 243) Nowadays, many people seem to have lost the holy fear of God. They forget Who God is and who they are, they forget divine justice and so they are

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31 Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26 Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33 Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

encouraged to persist in their follies. (cf. J. Escriva, *The Way*, 747) The consideration of our final end, of the Last Things, of that reality which we will encounter perhaps before long, the definitive meeting with God, disposes us to receive more fully from the Holy Spirit this gift which is so near to love.

The link between this gift and the virtues of humility and temperance. Sensitivity of soul and the sense of sin: Our Lord tells us in many ways that we should be afraid of nothing except sin, which takes away our friendship with God. Confronted with any difficulty, any situation, an uncertain future, we shouldn't feel afraid. We should be strong and courageous as befits children of God. A Christian cannot live in terror, but should have in his heart a holy fear of God, Whom nonetheless he loves madly.

Throughout the Gospel, Christ repeats several times 'Do not fear... do not be afraid.' And at the same time, together with these appeals for fortitude resounds the exhortation: 'rather fear Him Who can destroy both body and soul in hell' (Matt. 10:28). We are called to fortitude and at the same time to fear of God, and this should be a fear that comes of love, a filial fear. And only when this fear sinks into our hearts can we be really strong with the strength of the apostles, the martyrs and the confessors. (John Paul II, Address to the New Cardinals, 30 April 1979)

Among the principal effects which the fear of God works in the soul are detachment from created things, and an interior attitude of vigilance to avoid the least occasion of sin. The soul acquires a particular sensitivity to discern whatever *can grieve the Holy Spirit*. (Eph. 4:30)

The gift of fear lies at the root of humility since it shows the soul its own fragility and teaches it the need of maintaining a will faithfully and lovingly subjected to the infinite Majesty of God. So we do not want to oust God from His place; happy to stay in ours, we do not want honors which are for His glory. One of the signs of pride is ignorance of the fear of God. The gift of the fear of God, like humility, has an affinity with the virtue of temperance. It leads us to use human goods in moderation, in secondary place to our supernatural end. The root of sin is most frequently found in the disordered search for sense pleasures or for material things. And here this gift is active, purifying the heart and keeping it entire for God. The gift of fear is above all the struggle against sin. All the other gifts help in this specific mission: the insight bestowed by the gifts of understanding and wisdom show one the greatness of God and the true meaning of sin. The practical directives of the gift of counsel maintain one in an untiring battle against evil. (cf. M. M. Philipon, *op. cit.*)

This gift, which was infused along with the others in Baptism, increases in the measure in which we are true to the graces the Holy Spirit grants us. It does so specifically when we consider the greatness and majesty of God, when we conduct an examination of conscience in depth, discovering our faults and sins and giving them the importance which they have. The holy fear of God will lead us easily to contrition and repentance arising from filial love. *Love and fear of God! These are two strong castles whence we can wage war on the world and on the devils.* (St. Teresa, *op. cit.*, 40, 2)

The holy fear of God will gently lead us to a prudent mistrust of ourselves, to flee quickly from the occasions of sin. And it will incline us to a greater sensitivity for God and all that refers to God. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us by means of this gift to recognize our faults sincerely and to feel true sorrow for them. May He make us react as the Psalmist: *My eyes shed streams of tears, because men do not keep Thy law.* (Ps. 118:136) Let us pray that, with a sensitive soul, we always keep alive our sense of sin."

(From: *In Conversation with God*, by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, and St. Columbkill, may God bless us and grant us the grace to follow the Holy Spirit!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel