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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

7 & 8 MAY 2022

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MASS TIMES

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 5:00pm
- ◆ **Sunday:** 9:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
12:00pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

- 1st & 2nd Sun Sudanese Mass - 3.00pm
- 3rd Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4th Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

SOCIAL OFFICE

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FOODBANK open Fridays

10.30am until 2.00pm. More details call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

RCIA: Please contact Br. Anthony Gatt on 0419 115 692 or call the Parish Office for more details.

St Vincent de Paul: Call Centre is now open. Please contact 1800 305 330. Thank you.

BAPTISM- MAY

Congratulations to: **Ashkan Khorram, Kylian Thien Roxas, Faustina Taylor Nguyen, Vincent Jamie Nguyen, Faustina Catherine Bao-Han Nguyen, Teresa Kaylee Tran, Hoang Kha Ngan Pham, Rosie Pham, Giuse Quoc Vinh Nguyen, Jayden Mai, Phero Alex Vu Nguyen, John Baptist Liam Vu**, who were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to be a part of our community faith.



This weekend as we celebrate Mother's Day we would like to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers and those who are mothering to others by their care and service in our parish. Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made for us. Thank you for the gift of life. As we gather as a community of Faith, we gather with Mother Church to receive all she has to share with us. We pray we recognize the maternal gifts of the Church. The Church is meant to be a place for healing, and nurturing our God-given gifts. It is a place where we can grow in freedom to become true servants of God.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

*Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Acts 13:14,43-52

'We must turn to the pagans'

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for

eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 99(100):1-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:27-30

I know my sheep and they follow me

Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Context is important for understanding each Sunday's gospel. Earlier in this chapter (John 10:11), Jesus has announced, "I am the good shepherd" and some of the features of the earlier part of the chapter recur in today's gospel selection.

Strangely enough, for the earliest readers of John's gospel, the

term "good shepherd" was something of a contradiction in terms. Most shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others. They thus broke the law and were considered "unclean" according to the Jewish purity laws. A positive image of the shepherd is nonetheless present in Israel's prophetic tradition.

Today's gospel reading has Jesus say: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." Later, in John's empty tomb story, Mary Magdalene listens to the voice of Jesus and comes to recognition when he calls her by name. This identifies her as one of Jesus' own who knows his voice. Her faithful following of Jesus finds expression in her presence at the foot of the cross, as well as her subsequent visit to the tomb.

Eternal life and the oneness of Jesus with God, imaged here as "the Father", are also features of today's gospel. Both are recurrent themes in John's gospel. The promise of life in Jesus first appears in the prologue to the gospel, as does the oneness of the "Word" and God.

In John 10:10, Jesus announces: "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly." Eternal life is abundant, never-ending life. It is the inheritance of those who hear his voice. It is important to note that the translation "listen to my voice" misses some of the resonances of the Greek verb used in the opening verse: "hear my voice" is a better translation. To hear is to follow through with action.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

POPE TELLS CATHOLIC PHARMACISTS THEY PLAY A CRUCIAL SOCIAL ROLE

Meeting with members of the International Federation of Catholic Pharmacists, Pope Francis highlights the crucial role this professional category plays in society, which has been further confirmed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Pope Francis has praised pharmacists for their engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic, recalling that they play a critical social role in society. "Pharmacists are like a 'bridge' between citizens and the health system", he said.

His remarks came during an audience on Monday with 15 members of the International Federation of Catholic Pharmacists.

In his address, the Holy Father noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has put pharmacists "at the forefront" and has encouraged them support each other.

In this regard, he congratulated the Federation for taking the opportunity of the crisis to give a new impulse to its associative commitment which, he noted, "is typical of the Catholic tradition."

Making healthcare more human

Speaking about their social role, the Pope said pharmacists offer a twofold contribution to the common good. On the one hand, they lighten the burden on the health system, while on the other they "ease social tension".

"Of course, this role must be played with great prudence and professionalism, but for people closeness, advice and the familiarity that should be typical of 'human-sized' health care is a very important aspect," he remarked.

"Citizens, often at a loss, have found in you a point of reference for assistance,

advice, and information. In the neighborhoods, pharmacists are on hand; they are near home; they are more familiar, closer.”

Converting people to an integral ecology

Pope Francis further called attention to the contribution that pharmacists can make to converting people “to an integral ecology”.

“We are all called to learn a lifestyle that is more respectful of the environment in which God has placed us, of our common home. A healthy way of eating and, in general, of living is also part of this lifestyle.”

Educating toward healthier lifestyles

He therefore remarked that pharmacists can “educate” people to leading a healthier life, also inspired by the knowledge and practices of other cultures such as those of the East, or those of the native peoples of America.

Pharmacists, the Pope added, can also help us to “unmask misleading information on false ‘well-being’” and educate us to a truly “good life”, “which is not a privilege of a few but within everyone’s reach.”

Pope Francis concluded by entrusting the Catholic pharmacists to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and their patron, Saint Giovanni Leonardi.

By Lisa Zengarini

A MOTHER’S HEART

Several years ago, a young woman began to have debilitating headaches daily. When her doctor conducted tests, it was found that she had a rare neuro eye disorder, and had begun losing her peripheral eye sight. If medication didn’t work, she might need to have a shunt implanted in her brain and could go blind. After a year of medical treatment, with her symptoms unabated, she traveled with her mother to Lourdes. Upon entering the frigid spring at the Shrine where Our Lady appeared, a feeling of warmth permeated her body and she experienced a deep sense of peace. Her symptoms vanished, she has been in remission ever since, and some of her peripheral eyesight was even restored.

Although this event actually happened in my own life, in his new book *How They Love Mary*, Father Edward Looney reveals 28 life-changing stories of devotion to Mary in the lives of holy men and women that he “met along the way.” The lives of some, like Blessed Solanus Casey, were actually saved through the Blessed Mother’s intervention. When Our Lady interceded for others, like Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Saint Francis de Sales, Mother Angelica, and Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., they experienced physical, spiritual, emotional, or psychological healings.

One fascinating example of Mother Mary’s care took place in the United States. Adele Brise, a Belgian immigrant to Wisconsin, saw Our Lady three times. The third time Our Lady appeared to Adele, she spoke to her, saying:

“I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning and that is well, but you must do more, make a general confession and offer your Holy Communion for the conversion of sinners. If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them.”

In her maternal love, Mary always seeks out her children, especially those who are broken or who have gone astray; mothers show the greatest concern when their children need them the most. Mary invites us to also take part in her mission of prayer and work as spiritual mothers of souls through frequent or daily Mass and

offering our Holy Communion for those who have wandered away from God. Especially in these times, we should consider scheduling an appointment with a priest to make a general confession, which is where one confesses all the sins of their life (or an extended period, like a year).

At her First Communion, Adele promised that she would become a religious and work in the foreign missions. Now, in her twenties, Adele was busy helping her family of origin with household tasks and farm work. Fr. Looney recounts how the Blessed Mother challenged Adele:

“Mary remembering Adele’s promise made on the occasion of her First Communion asked Adele, ‘What are you doing here in idleness while your companions are working in the vineyard of my Son?’ Adele began to weep and responded, ‘What more can I do, dear lady?’ The answer, ‘Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation.’ Adele queried, ‘But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?’ The Queen of Heaven responded, ‘Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing, I will help you.’”

These words of Our Lady were the impetus Adele needed to spend the rest of her life teaching souls about the Faith. It especially inspired Adele and the townspeople she’d ministered to on the night of the great Chicago fire—October 8, 1871. While flames were raging there, they also ravaged Adele’s area in Peshtigo, Wisconsin. It was the most widespread and destructive fire in United States history. In fact, the situation appeared hopeless as the fire even went across a body of water! Adele, along with many families with small children, sought recourse in Mother Mary’s intercession. They carried a statue of Our Lady in procession around the property of the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Help and prayed the Rosary on their knees throughout the night. Although there was devastation surrounding them, those who invoked the Blessed Mother’s intercession were saved. Rain came in the morning, and the sanctuary and grounds were also miraculously spared.

In his thirty inspiring meditations, which guide readers closer to the Mother of God, Father Looney also provides real-world tips from holy men and women on how to love Mary in their everyday lives. From Saint Thomas Aquinas to Caryl Houselander to Sister Clare Crockett, the social media sensation, examples on honoring our Blessed Mother are shared—through consecration prayers, songs, and a myriad of other practical ways. Father Looney reflects,

“I know that as my life progresses, my love for Mary will only grow, and it will definitely take many forms of expressions. Yes, devotionally with prayers like the rosary, novenas, or litanies (I’ve written a good number of devotional books), to being clothed with the protection of Mary (scapular, miraculous medal), to pilgrimage, and more study. I always ask Mary to help me love Jesus. With all the ways we can love Mary, I hope that the Fulton Sheen quote may one day be the same words I hear when I meet the Lord face to face: ‘My mother has told me a lot about you.’”

Sometimes we tend to complicate things (I resemble that remark)! However, when it comes to devotion to Our Lady, the saints simplify it best. As Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta “No Mary, no Jesus.” Regardless of our vocation, each of us is able to share the truths of our Faith with those we come into contact with, as well

as by offering up our sufferings and prayers.

The two great loves of the saints are devotion to the Holy Eucharist and Our Lady. What matters the most is not the politics of the world, or even in the Church, but that Jesus be adored in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Our most gracious Mother longs to draw us to His Eucharistic Heart that Jesus may be loved on earth as He is in Heaven. "The family that prays together, stays together," proclaimed Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, and "A world at prayer is a world at peace."

Pope Pius IX declared, "If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, in your country, recite the Rosary." Saint Louis de Montfort asked good souls to offer all three parts of the Rosary—Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious—each day. When Our Lady appeared to Saint Dominic, who had spent three days weeping and doing extreme penances for people's sins, many who were falling prey to heresy, she said: "Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?" Then, she told him to preach the Rosary. Scripture says of Mary, "And his mother kept all these things in her heart." (Luke 2:51) A young woman once told me that her boyfriend loved to hold his Rosary, even when he wasn't praying it, because it was like holding Our Lady's hand. If we ask her, our Blessed Mother will intercede for us, our loved ones, and kindle a Eucharistic revival in our country and the entire world.

By Mary Beth Bracy

PROVINCIAL VISITATION

The Redemptorists leaders, in a fraternal spirit, are visiting our Parish from Tuesday, 10 to 12 May 2022. The Visitors are Fr John Hodgson, CSsR and Fr John Hill, CSsR.

If you have any concern or anything to say, you are invited to come and see them anytime at the office from 10.30am-03.30pm from Tuesday to Thursday. Thank you



READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 10-05-22

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 11-05-22

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thur 9:00 AM, 12-05-22

Readers Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri: 9:00 AM, 13-07-22

Reader: Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 14-05-22

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Tavallo choir
Miriam Vella

Eucharistic Min. Alastair Surrao,
Carmen Camilleri, Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 15-05-22

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator Helen Maddela
Readers: Mini Eddy
Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Min: Wilma Marmur

Helen Maddela & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:30AM, 15-05-22

Lit. Coordinator: Ed Cablao
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Reader: Cristina Pedroso
Rita Martin

Eucharistic Min. Ed Cablao
Joh Cablao & Taoete Afano

Sun 6.00PM, 15-05-22

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator Xuan Duong
Reader Lorraine Ward
Lani Laririt

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Lani Laririt & Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 14th May 2022

* 5pm – Tavallo Family Choir

Sunday 15th May 2022

- * 9am - Charlie Schembri
- * 10.30am - DeSouza Family
- * 6pm - Angeline (Youth)

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 11 May 2022
Group 12 - Vietnamese Women's
League—Teresa Dinh Thi Ngoan &
Ms Maria Pham Thi Tuyen.

MASS COUNT

The Archdiocese of Melbourne conducts Mass count during the month of May. Collectors/Volunteers and Community Leaders will help with the four weekends in May have been selected for the count. It will commence on the 7-8 May 2022 Masses, and all Sunday in May. Thank you.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Arnord Fernandez, Ash Dominic Marguerite, Nithy Chellapa, Rachel Piskon, Toni Antonowicz, Linda Ratbone, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Jessie Spiteri, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Passed

George Gatt, Celia Mata

Anniversaries

Rose Pace, Doris Borg, Ignatius, Esther, Joseph Bord & family, Mary, Charlie, Ally, Peter Spiteri & family, Laurance & Elizabeth Zarrafa & family, Aliso & Antonia Spiteri, & family, Jessie Pace, Rita Bahagiar, Tony Vella, Fred Sammut, Joseph Formosa, Ivan Krajina, Richard Curmi, Iro & Jessie Vella, Angela Chircop, Peter Disco, Wayne Camilleri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea family, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong, Vincent Duong Kham Su, Michael Alphonsus Schiller, Peter Do Van Tri, Inne Maria Le Thi Bien, Mollie Rise (Marie), Raymond Abela and All Souls

SAFETY FOR ALL

Holy Eucharist Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Holy Eucharist parish respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside and worship.

VOCATION VIEW

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

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