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"The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."

-Victimae paschali laudes

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MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS: APRIL

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Soul of Diane K. Sordelet

St. Joseph Cathedral

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10:30 a.m. The people of St. Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross Church

12:30 p.m. Soul of Mary Patricia Ludwikowski

5:15 p.m. Soul of Richard Lumpe

St. Joseph Cathedral

Monday, April 29

12:05 p.m. Intention of Crissy & Joe Santiago

Tuesday, April 30

12:05 p.m. Soul of Edward Milliner

Wednesday, May 1

12:05 p.m. Souls of Manolo Bauza & Antonia Crespo

Thursday, May 2

12:05 p.m. Soul of Dame Ruth Marie (Wyen) Beckman, DHS

Friday, May 3

12:05 p.m. Soul of Richard Lumpe

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Saturday, May 4

11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Cullinan Family

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Monday, April 29, 2024 ~ Saint Catherine of Siena

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 ~ *Saint Pius V*

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 ~ *Saint Joseph the Worker Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8*

Thursday, May 2, 2024 ~ Saint Athanasius

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Friday, May 3, 2024 ~ Saints Philip & James

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 28					
	HCC 9:00 a.m.	SJC 10:30 a.m.	SJC 12:30 p.m.	SJC 5:15 p.m.	
MC					
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(CATHEDRAL & HOLY CROSS)

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Scripture Speaks: "Remain in Me"

GAYLE SOMERS

On the eve of His death, knowing that He was about to depart from His friends, Jesus said to them: "Remain in Me, as I remain in you." How would that be possible?

Gospel (Read Jn 15:1-8)

Our reading today comes from a section of St. John's Gospel that is often called "the Last Supper discourse." After He washed the disciples' feet, Jesus spoke at length with them in a most serious manner. This was straight talk; no more parables. We should be keenly interested in every word He had to say.

He begins with a dramatic statement: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinegrower." To the Jewish ears of His apostles, these words brought to life Jesus' unique identity as both human and divine. "I am" was God's most holy Name, uttered only once a year by Israel's High Priest on the Day of Atonement. God's "vine" was Israel, the beloved people He formed for Himself through promises made to Abraham (see Ps 80:8-16; Isa 5:1-7; Jer 2:21). In this statement, so brief, Jesus helps the apostles understand that something **new** was about to begin in Him. The "vine" of Israel had become barren, fruitless. Recall how many parables Jesus used to describe problems in a vineyard. Now, He is taking up Israel's true calling—bearing fruit for God—and fulfilling it. At last, the "Vinegrower" will be pleased with His harvest. In addition, Jesus' disciples will be branches on this healthy vine. The Father will remove the dead branches; He will prune the fruitful ones to bear "more fruit." Jesus tells the apostles that one pruning has already taken place in them "because of the word I spoke to you." The apostles had been called out of their ordinary lives and had been given the grace of hearing and seeing God's own Truth in Jesus. Their "yes" to Him was their first pruning, in which they left everything for His sake. During the footwashing, Jesus had told them that although He washed their feet, they did not need to bathe "all over" because they were "clean already, but not all of you." This helps us see the change that had taken place in the apostles by their association with Jesus, as well as the departure from that change chosen by Judas.

Now, He tells them to "Remain in Me, as I remain in you." How would that happen if He left them? The communion they had enjoyed for three years would continue when Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to them on the Day of Pentecost. That was the day the apostles began baptizing converts into the life of the Spirit. Repentance, conversion, and baptism would make it possible for the followers of Jesus to have His own life in them. Jesus makes it clear that being His disciple was not simply a matter of trying to follow the example He had set in His earthly life and His teachings. That was perhaps the way it was with other great rabbis or leaders of religions in the world. No, Jesus says bluntly, "without Me, you can do nothing." The disciples of Jesus are first changed on the inside, by the gift of being grafted into the life of Christ in baptism, as the Church teaches. Then, in the grace of our sacramental life, we are able to choose to follow His example of love. Pope Benedict describes this well:

The Fathers expressed the difference between these two aspects, as well as their mutual relationship, using the categories of sacramentum and exemplum: by sacramentum they mean, not any particular sacrament, but rather the entire mystery of Christ—His life and death—in which He draws close to us, enters us through His Spirit, and transforms us. But precisely because this sacramentum truly "cleanses" us, renewing us from within, it also unleashes a dynamic of new life. The command to do as Jesus did is no mere moral appendix to the mystery, let alone an antithesis to it. It follows from the inner dynamic of gift with which the Lord renews us and draws us into what is His. (Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week, pg 62)

Notice the outcome of a disciple's fruitful life: "Ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become My disciples." When we engage in the work Jesus left us to do—to spread the Gospel and to be perfected in love—our prayers will be answered. The answers, whenever and however they come, will show forth God's glory. This is the unshakeable confidence we should have when we let what Jesus says sink in: "Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit."

What kind of fruit can we expect to bear? Listen to what the Church says:

"For all their works, prayers, and apostolic undertakings, family and married life, daily work, relaxation of mind and body, if they are accomplished in the Spirit – indeed even the hardships of life if patiently born – all these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist these may most fittingly be offered to the Father along with the body of the Lord. And so, worshipping everywhere by their holy actions, the laity consecrate the world itself to God, everywhere offering worship by the holiness of their lives." (CCC 901)

In other words, when we remain in the Vine, the whole world can be sanctified through us. What a beautiful harvest! Possible response: Heavenly Father, I thank You that You have planted a fruitful Vine in this starving world. I offer today for Your harvest. First Reading (Read Acts 9:26-31)

Here we have an account of Saul, the fire-breathing persecutor of Christians, after his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Just as the apostles' lives had been changed ("pruned") by their encounter with Jesus, Saul was a new man after his conversion. He immediately began preaching the Gospel in Damascus; later he visited Jerusalem. At first, of course, the disciples were wary of him. Was he secretly trying to infiltrate their community by pretending to be a believer? Barnabas, however, one of the leaders in the Church, "took charge of him and brought him to the apostles." Their acceptance of him and his testimony meant that the Christians no longer feared him. Saul even took on the Hellenist Jews in debate—the very group he had himself encouraged as they stoned Stephen, the Church's first martyr (see Acts 7:58-8:1). They wanted to kill Saul, too! Then his Christian "brothers" (now so different from their earlier terror) sent him away from danger to Tarsus, his hometown.

In this episode, Saul becomes an example of what Jesus describes in our Gospel reading; His encounter with a man is what changes him. Whereas once Saul was a "branch" without fruit in Israel, his encounter with Jesus put new life into him—Jesus' own life. We can see that in the fact that the Hellenist Jews wanted to kill him. The life of Saul's Master had become his own life, too.

Finally, St. Luke describes the quiet growth of the early church in "all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria." It was "being built up" by the Holy Spirit. It was not a human organization, guided and empowered by the will of man. The life of Jesus, made present by "the consolation of the Holy Spirit," increased its numbers. It "walked in the fear of the Lord," just as Jesus had lived His whole life. Truly this was the fruit of which Jesus spoke in the Gospel: "By this is My Father glorified."

Possible response: Lord Jesus, when I see the change in Saul because of You, I know there's hope for the changes I need in my life, too.

Psalm (Read Ps 22:26-28, 30-32)

This is the psalm Jesus had in mind while He was dying on the Cross. How do we know? Read its first line (not included in today's reading): "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" This was Jesus' cry of agony when He shouldered the sin of all human history to make atonement for us. Why was He thinking of this particular psalm?

The answer is in our responsorial: "I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people." The psalm, although it begins in desolation and includes a graphic foretelling of the gruesome details of the Crucifixion, ends in great hope. The Sufferer foresees life beyond the dreadful experience he is undergoing. He sees a time of rejoicing among God's people, a time when "all the families of the nations shall bow down before Him." Here, then, is a foreshadowing of the Church that will arise in Jesus as a result of His victory over sin and death in the Resurrection. The Sufferer promises to "fulfill My vows before those who fear the Lord"—a reference to Jesus' frequent teaching that He would suffer, die, and rise again on the third day. When that happens, "the lowly [or "humble"] shall eat their fill"—a veiled reference, perhaps, to the Eucharistic banquet Jesus promised to those who believe in Him.

Jesus pondered this psalm as He died because it embraced both His suffering and His glory. He wanted to press on to the realization of what the psalm envisions. He could perhaps "see" in it the proclamation of His Gospel by the apostles, by Saul (St. Paul), and by His disciples in our own day: "Let the coming generation be told of the Lord that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice He has shown." If this is what Jesus "saw" in the psalm, He died in peace.

Possible response: The psalm is, itself, a response to our other readings. Read it again prayerfully to make it your own.

Second Reading (Read 1 Jn 3:18-24)

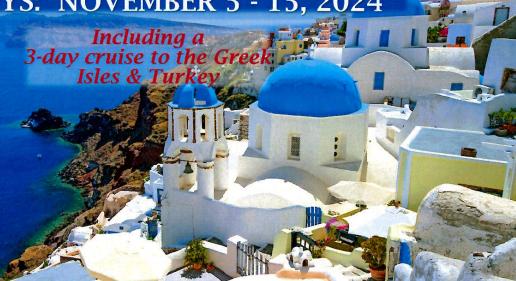
This is actually a difficult passage to interpret definitively. Space does not permit us to go beyond seeing how St. John takes up in his epistle the teaching from Jesus he and the other apostles received at the Last Supper: those who desire to "remain" in Jesus, the True Vine, must believe in the Name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another. The emphasis here is on keeping Jesus' commandments in order to remain in Him. This we do not in our own strength; our obedience comes "from the Spirit He gave us." We are not Christians "in word or speech but in deed and truth." Our union with Jesus (i.e., our sacramental life) is what gives us "confidence in God," even if our emotions ("our hearts") make us feel uncertain before Him, "for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything." St. John repeats Jesus' promise: we "receive from [God] whatever we ask" when we fulfill the work Jesus gave us to do ("we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him"). This makes us the fruitful vineyard, whose harvest glorifies God and blesses the whole of creation.

St. John assures us—it is just as Jesus said it would be.

Possible response: Heavenly Father, I know that when I ask You to help me do the work of love for others, I will receive what I need. Help me aim for love always.



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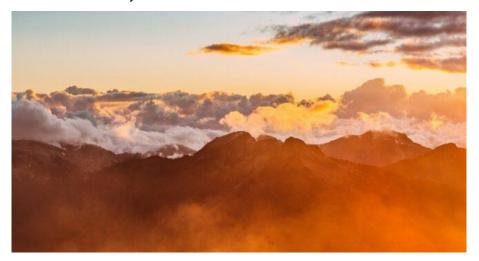
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Finding the Peace of Christ

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Reflections on Don Dolindo Ruotolo's Prayer of Peace



In a world that often feels like a turbulent sea, where can we find true peace and solace? Don Dolindo Ruotolo's prayer "Peace" offers an answer. Its goal: finding the "peace that surpasses all understanding." 1

(The full text of this powerful prayer is included at the end of this article, and I invite you to pray with it before, during, and after this reflection.)

Don Dolindo Ruotolo begins his prayer by proclaiming, "Peace!" The proclamation brings to mind Christ's declarative calming of the storm: "Quiet! Be still!" He recognizes the storm-like agitation and turmoil that often consume our lives and proposes an emphatic response. After rebuking the storm in our hearts, let us embrace the peace that Jesus offered after His Resurrection, as references by Don Dolindo: "Peace be with you." He desires to impart that same peace to our troubled hearts continually.

Shortly after its opening, the prayer states, "Jesus is only peace," and a few lines later equates goodness with peace. God is Goodness itself, and peace originates from Him, a fruit of living in Him. "Jesus is only peace" reminds us that God communicates through tranquility, rest, and purposeful action. He asks us to cast our burdens on Him. Have peace. Be still. Give Him your regrets of the past and the uncertainties of the future. Rest.

Don Dolindo Ruotolo then contrasts the peace of goodness with the agitation of evil. He identifies various forms of agitation that stem from sin and disorder. Impurity agitates the senses, pride agitates the mind and heart, anger agitates the nerves, envy agitates desire, avarice agitates greed, sloth agitates with aimless activity, and gluttony agitates the stomach. These agitations disrupt our inner peace and lead us away from God, away from the fruits of His presence.

The prayer emphasizes that true peace is not merely the absence of conflict but a supernatural elevation of the soul. When we embrace goodness and align ourselves with God's will, we experience a divine peace that *surpasses human understanding*. This peace brings comfort to our eyes that have shed tears, our ears that have heard harsh words, our mouths that have spoken with agitation, our hearts and nerves that have been troubled, and our thoughts that have led us to despair. Divine peace acts in supernatural ways and actively heals our hearts.

The prayer ends with the reminder that Jesus Himself is our peace and security. By turning to Him and resting in His presence, we can find solace amidst life's storms. Just as the rising sun clears away the fog, the light of Christ dispels the darkness and confusion in our lives. In His peace, we can operate with strength, effectiveness, and confidence.

This prayer teaches us to seek the peace that can only be found in Jesus by embracing goodness, rejecting the agitations of evil, and inviting peace to wash over our senses and pour into our souls. May this prayer inspire us to develop the habit of turning to Jesus in our moments of struggle and allowing Him to help us find the "peace that surpasses all understanding."

Let us now pray with Don Dolindo, allowing our hearts to be immersed in the peace of Christ, as we say:

Peace!...

What's all this agitation? Peace, my child, peace, because Jesus is only peace!

Peace, peace, peace: this is what He wants to give you, this must be the environment of your life.

Shortly after the Resurrection, Jesus gave His Apostles peace: Pax vobis. They had been too agitated before... Goodness is peace.

Goodness makes you live in God, in whom everything is mystical peace, all is tranquil rest, all is pure action, without worry about past and future...God...peace!

Evil is agitation:

impurity is the agitation of the senses;

pride is the agitation of the mind and heart;

anger is the agitation of the nerves;

envy is the agitation of desire;

avarice is agitation of greed;

even sloth is agitation...it's activity without subject, without order;

gluttony is the agitation of the stomach...

everything is the agitation of the soul, which wants, fears, reacts, fights!

Goodness is mysterious peace; supernatural elevation is divine peace...

Peace, my child, peace!

Peace to your eyes that have shed so many tears...

Peace to your ears that have heard so many harsh words...

Peace to your mouth that has spoken with so much agitation...

Peace to your heart, to your nerves...

Peace to your thoughts that in agitation have led you to despair...

Peace to your soul so it may have Faith and rest.

Peace is like the sun rising and clearing the fog...

Only in peace will you operate strongly, effectively, and with security.

Peace!...

Jesus is your peace,

Jesus is your security.4

Author Note: If you would like to read more about Don Dolindo's spirituality, check out my book: "Don Dolindo's Spiritual Guidance"

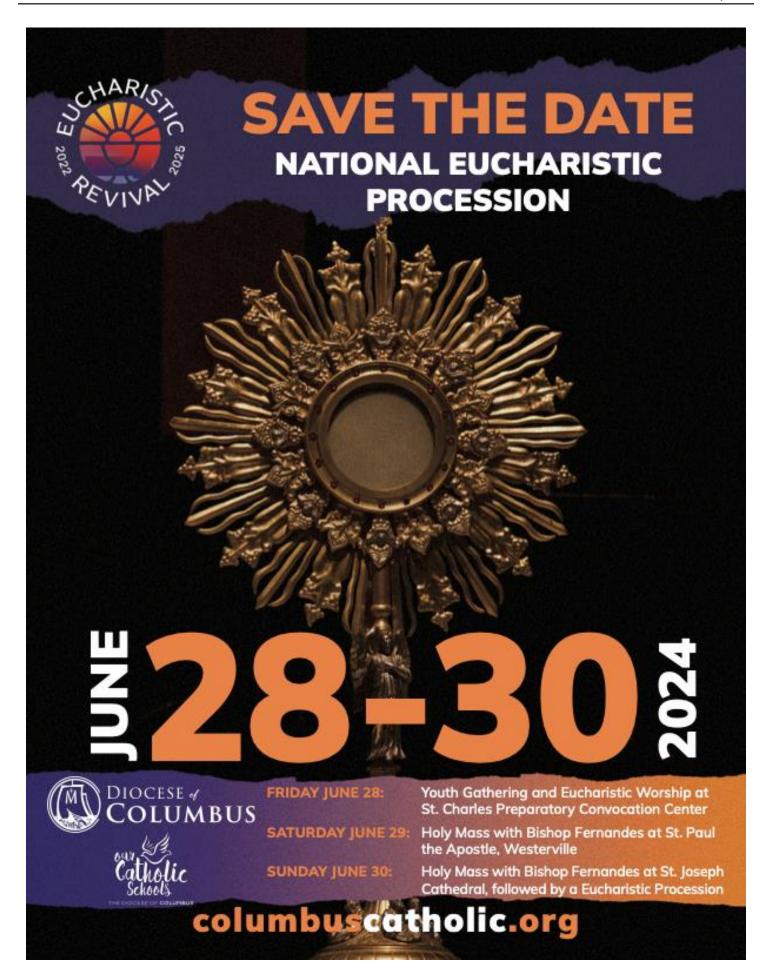
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¹Philippians 4:7 NIV

²Mark 4:39 NIV

³John 20:19 NIV

⁴From a writing by Father Dolindo.



Lectio Divina SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"The holy and inspired Scriptures are sufficient of themselves for the preaching of the truth." ~Saint Athanasius

Monday, April 29 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: John 14:21-26 Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, "Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Meditation: God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us for love – to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us. How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

Prayer: O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena on fire with divine love in her contemplation of the Lord's Passion and her service or your Church, grant, through her intercession, that your people, participating in the mystery of Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of his glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you know the love that surpasses all, and that love is stronger than death itself (ref. Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus' last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine says "the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love."

Tuesday, April 30 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Optional Memorial: Saint Pius V, Pope

Holy Gospel: John 14:27-31a Jesus said to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me."

Meditation: Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less. Jesus also speaks of his destination and ultimate triumph over the powers of evil in the world. In the eyes of the world the cross stood for shame, humiliation, and defeat. Jesus went to the cross knowing that it would lead to victory over the powers of sin and of Satan. Jesus also knew

that he would return to his Father in glory. The cross brought glory to Jesus and to the Father and it is our way to glory as well. In the Cross of Christ we find true peace and reconciliation with God. Do you live in the peace of Jesus Christ?

Prayer: O God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, grant your people constancy in faith and hope, that we may never doubt the promises of which we have learned from you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In his farewell discourse, Jesus Christ grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our attaining the highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things – and a growing aspiration to embrace a life of "political correctness" as opposed to embracing what is right and good and true according to living our lives according to God's will and Christ's teachings. Jesus offers the one true peace which conquers all of our fears and anxieties. Do you seek his peace before other sources of peace which are fleeting at best?

Wednesday, May 1 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Saint Joseph the Worker

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58 Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house." And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith.

Meditation: The liturgy for this feast vindicates the right to work, and this is a message that needs to be heard and heeded in our modern society. In many of the documents issued by Pope Saint John XXIII, Pope Blessed Paul VI, the Second Vatican Council and Pope Saint John Paul II, reference is made to the Christian spirit that should permeate one's work, after the example of Saint Joseph, recognizing that all of our gifts and talents are gifts to us from God, and should be used to help build up His kingdom here on earth. In addition to this, there is a special dignity and value to the work done in caring for the human family.

Prayer: O God, Creator of all things, who laid down for the human race the law of work, graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage we may complete the works you set us to do and attain the rewards you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Worth contemplating on this Feast is a brief excerpt from a document of the Second Vatican Council "The Church in the Modern World" – *Gaudium et Spes* – which notes: "Throughout the course of the centuries, men have labored to better the circumstances of their lives through a monumental amount of individual and collective effort. To believers, this point is settled: considered in itself, this human activity accords with God's will. For man, created to God's image, received a mandate to subject to himself the earth and all it contains, and to govern the world with justice and holiness; a mandate to relate himself and the totality of things to Him Who was to be acknowledged as the Lord and Creator of all. Thus, by the subjection of all things to man, the name of God would be wonderful in all the earth" (No. 34).

About Saint Joseph the Worker: "May Day" has long been dedicated to labor and the working man. It falls on the first day of the month that is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII expressed the hope that this feast would accentuate the dignity of labor and would bring a spiritual dimension to labor unions. It is eminently fitting that St. Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honored on this day. The texts of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours provide a catechetical synthesis of the significance of human labor seen in the light of faith. The Opening Prayer states that God, the creator and ruler of the universe, has called men and women in every age to develop and use their talents for the good of others. The Office of Readings, taken from the document of the Second Vatican Council on the Church in the modern world, develops this idea. In every type of labor we are obeying the command of God given in Genesis 2:15 and repeated in the responsory for the Office of Readings. The responsory for the Canticle of Zechariah says that "St. Joseph faithfully practiced the carpenter's trade. He is a shining example for all workers." Then, in the second part of the Opening Prayer, we ask that we may do the work that God has asked of us and come to the rewards he

has promised. In the Prayer after Communion we ask: "May our lives manifest your love; may we rejoice for ever in your peace." The liturgy for this feast vindicates the right to work, and this is a message that needs to be heard and heeded in our modern society. In many of the documents issued by Pope John XXIII, Pope Paul VI, the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II, reference is made to the Christian spirit that should permeate one's work, after the example of St. Joseph. In addition to this, there is a special dignity and value to the work done in caring for the family. The Office of Readings contains an excerpt from the Vatican II document on the modern world: "Where men and women, in the course of gaining a livelihood for themselves and their families, offer appropriate service to society, they can be confident that their personal efforts promote the work of the Creator, confer benefits on their fellowmen, and help to realize God's plan in history" (no. 34).

Thursday, May 2 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: John 15:9-11 Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

Meditation: Do you know first-hand the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never out give God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius as an outstanding champion of your Son's divinity, mercifully grant, that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection, we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

Friday, May 3 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Holy Gospel: John 14:6-14 Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

Meditation: What's the greatest thing we can aim for in our brief earthly life? Fame? Riches? Power? The greatest thing we can aim for is to know, love and serve God. What is the best thing we can possess in this life, bringing more joy, contentment, life and happiness, than anything else? Knowledge of God! Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me" (Jeremiah 9:23-24). One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the *living* God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the

personal knowledge of God as our Father – the one who created us out of love, and who out of love for us sent his only son into this world – Jesus Christ – to save and redeem us.

Prayer: O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James, grant us, through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, so that we may merit to behold you for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us unconditionally – without reservation, unselfishly – for our sake and not his, and perfectly – without neglecting or forgetting us even for a brief moment. Jesus promises that God the Father will hear our prayers when we pray in his name. That is why Jesus taught his followers to pray with confidence, "Our Father who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses..." (Matthew 6:9-11; Luke 11:2-3). Do you pray to your Father in heaven with joy and confidence in his genuine love and care for you?

Saturday, May 4 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 15:18-21 Jesus said to his disciples: "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. And they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me."

Meditation: When Jesus says "you are not of this world" many are initially confused by what this means. The "world" in scripture refers to that society of people who are hostile towards God and opposed to his will. The world rejected Jesus, and his disciples can expect the same treatment. Jesus leaves no middle ground for his followers. We are either for him or against him, for his kingdom of light or for the kingdom of darkness. The prophet Isaiah warned that people who separate themselves from God because of their rebellion and spiritual blindness would end up calling evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).

Prayer: Almighty and eternal God, who through the regenerating power of Baptism have been pleased to confer on us heavenly life, grant, we pray, that those you render capable of immortality by justifying them may by your guidance attain the fullness of glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: If we want to live in the light of God's truth, how can we rightly distinguish good from evil? True love of God and his ways draw us to all that is lovely, truthful and good. If we truly love God then we will submit to his truth and will for our lives. A friend of God cannot expect to be a friend of the world because the world opposes God. Jesus' demand is unequivocal and without compromise. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15). We must make a choice either for or against God. Do you seek to please God in all your thoughts, actions, and relationships? Let the Holy Spirit fill your heart with the love of God (Romans 5:5).

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PRAYER OF POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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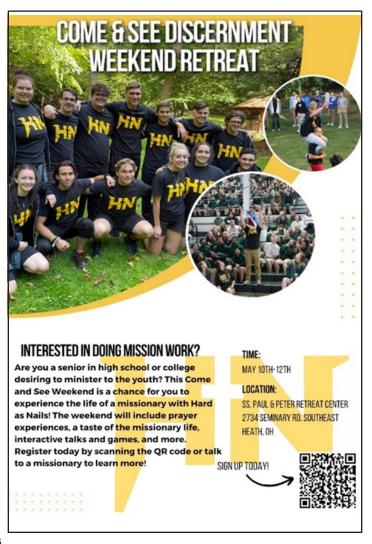


CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – Friday, May 3, 2024 – Speaker, Fr. Steven Beseau. Join us at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a Luncheon featuring a talk by Fr. Steven Beseau, President/Rector of the Josephinum, on the Status of the Josephinum. The May Luncheon is sponsored by Jim Flaherty. If you are interested in sponsoring a Luncheon, contact Pat Foley at foleyp513@gmail.com. Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Beseau's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our final Luncheon before the summer break is Friday, June 7, 2024, and will feature Patrick Madrid, who will give a talk entitled, "Ten Recent Discoveries That Point to the Existence of God." Mark your calendar now, so you don't miss it!

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