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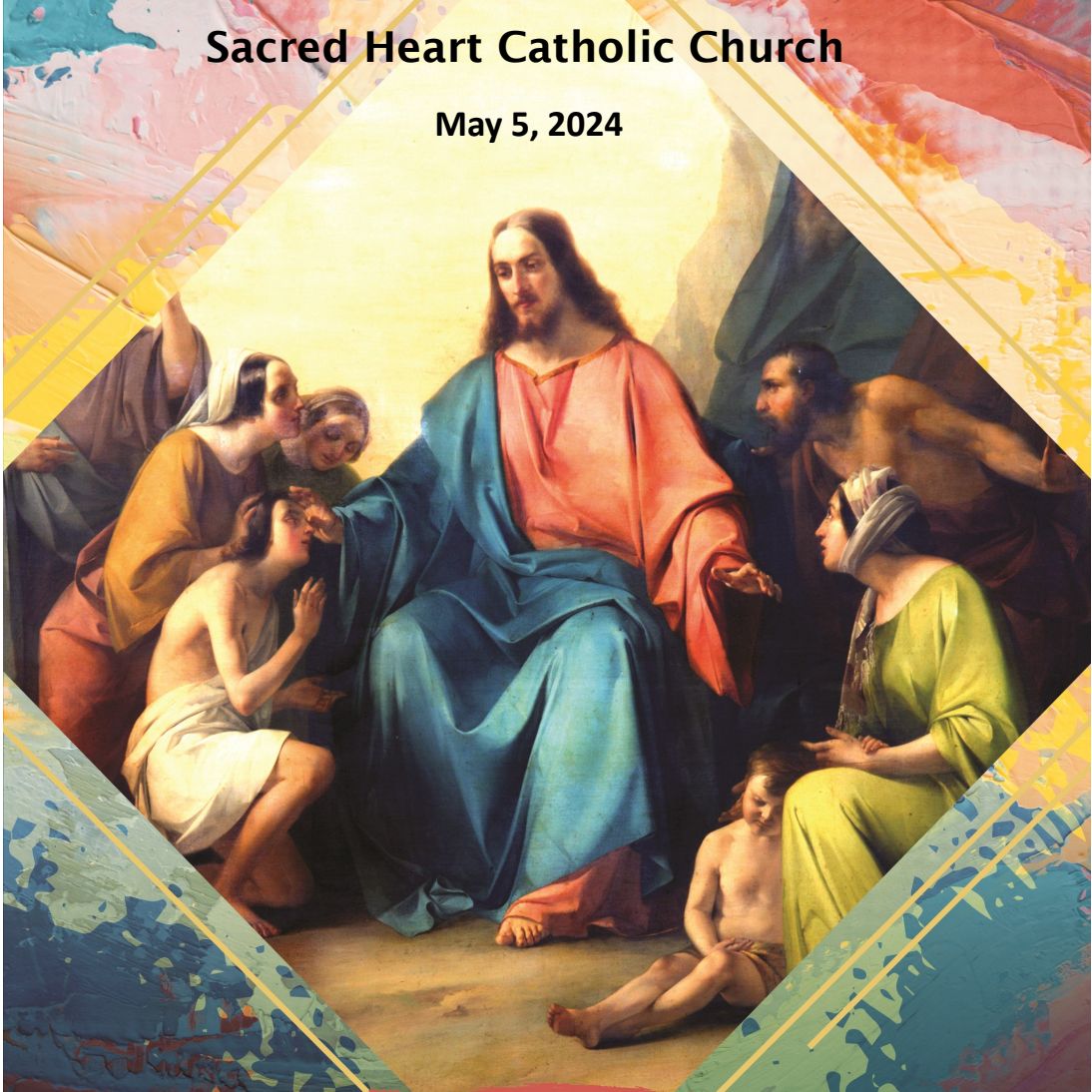
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 May 5, 2024



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“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.” - Jn 15:10

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:30 pm Sunday Morning: 10:30 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm; Thursday: 8:00 am; First Friday: 8:00 am;
followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Office Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 8am to Noon

Tuesdays: 2:30 pm to 5:20 pm

Thursdays: 8:30am to Noon

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Bulletin Deadline: Thurs. at 10 am

A Ministry for Birth Mothers

If you are a birthmother, (a woman who placed a child for adoption) please consider joining us at our monthly meetings held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Spiritual Life Center in Bel Aire. If you know of a birthmother who might benefit from this support group, please share this information with her. Our next meeting is May 7th. Questions? Call Bonnie Toombs at 316-269-3900, or email Carolyn Utter at carolyn@utterproperties.com.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Ministers	05/4	Sunday 05/05	05/11	Sunday 05/12
Sacristan	Deb Jacobsen	Judy Puckett	Connie O'Neill	JoAnn Jones
Usher	Keith Jacobsen	Clinton Huser	Suann Bolton	Ed Bambick
Lector	Deb Jacobsen	Stephanie Huser	Meredith Odell	Joe Bambick
Gift Bearers	Hoag Family	Camacho Family	Johnson Family	Chard Family
Altar Servers		Elliot Huser Josiah Alexander		Kinzley Evans Vada Huser

Directory Updates: Please notify the parish office if you have had a change in address and/or phone number. Have children grown and left home? Please help us keep our parish directory current and accurate.

**Sacred Heart
April Collection**
\$11,252.00

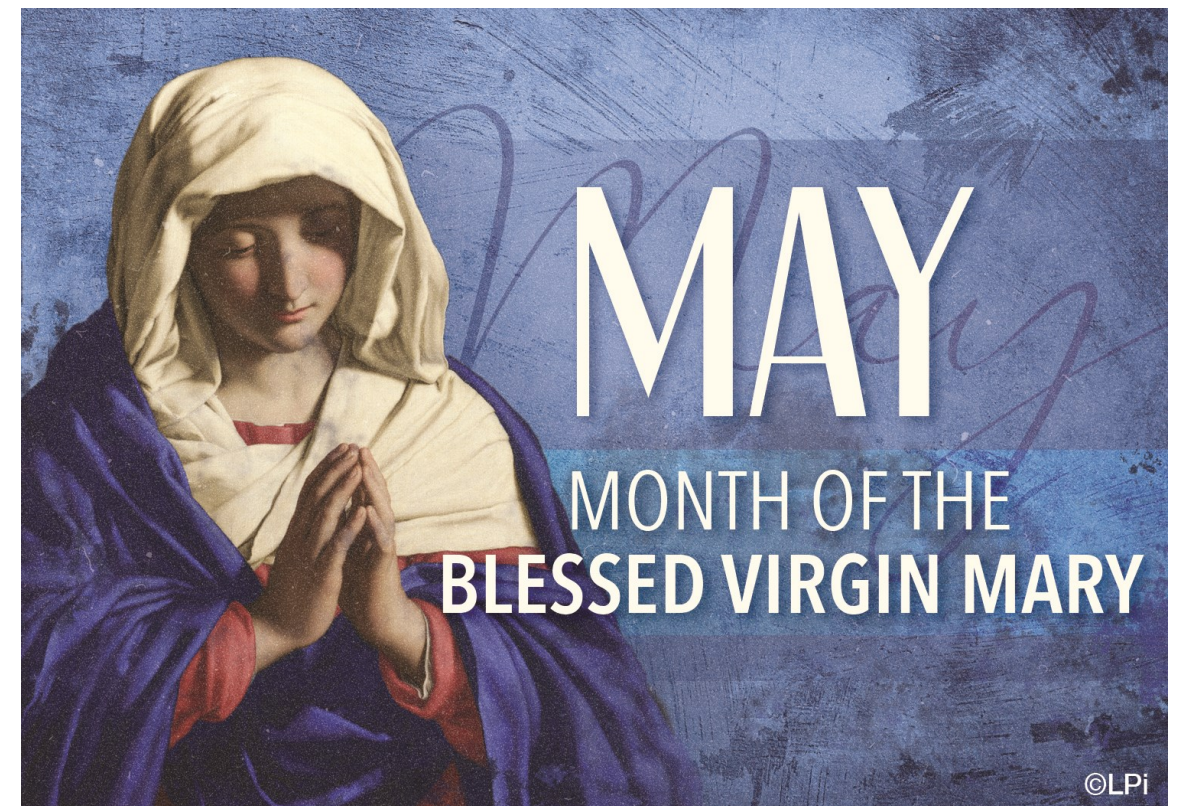
Prayer Requests: *Please pray for:*

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| <i>Larry Marshall</i> | <i>Finley Merrick</i> | <i>Sophia Gonzales</i> |
| <i>Mike Schneider</i> | <i>Lucinda Jewell</i> | <i>Harold Goodner</i> |
| <i>Cathy Goodner</i> | <i>John Eck</i> | <i>Charlie Boaz</i> |
| <i>Pauline Florez</i> | <i>David Knickerbocker</i> | <i>Charlie North</i> |
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| <i>All Priests</i> | <i>Andrea Bacani</i> | <i>Joyce Bracken</i> |

One Family, Fully Alive *in Christ!*

Pledge requests for the **One Family, Fully Alive in Christ! Campaign** will be mailed out in the next week or two. Please watch for the correspondence in your daily mail.

If you have any questions, or would like to visit with Father, please feel free to get a hold of Father Smeltzer. As Bishop Kemme has asked of all of us, please pray for the success of this important campaign.



Readings for the week of May 05, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Observances for the week of May 05, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses);

Friday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day

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First Communion Reception :

Altar Society will be hosting a reception for our First Communicant following Sunday Mass, May 5th. Please stop by and congratulate Drake .

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sat.	05/04	5:30 pm	Jim Welsh
Sun.	05/05	8:30 am	+Fr. Michael Peltzer (STI)
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Tues.	05/07	5:30 pm	Andrea Bacani
Wed.	05/08	5:30 pm	The Middle East (STI)
Thurs.	05/09	8:00 am	+Barbara Brown
Fri.	05/10	8:00 am	+Herb Huser (STI)

The Ascension

Sat.	05/11	5:30 pm	+Carol Carroll
Sun.	05/12	8:30 am	People of the People (STI)
		10:30 am	+Francis Seiwert

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact parish office

Sacrament of Penance: 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Contact parish office or rectory

Matrimony: Contact parish office one year before wedding

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

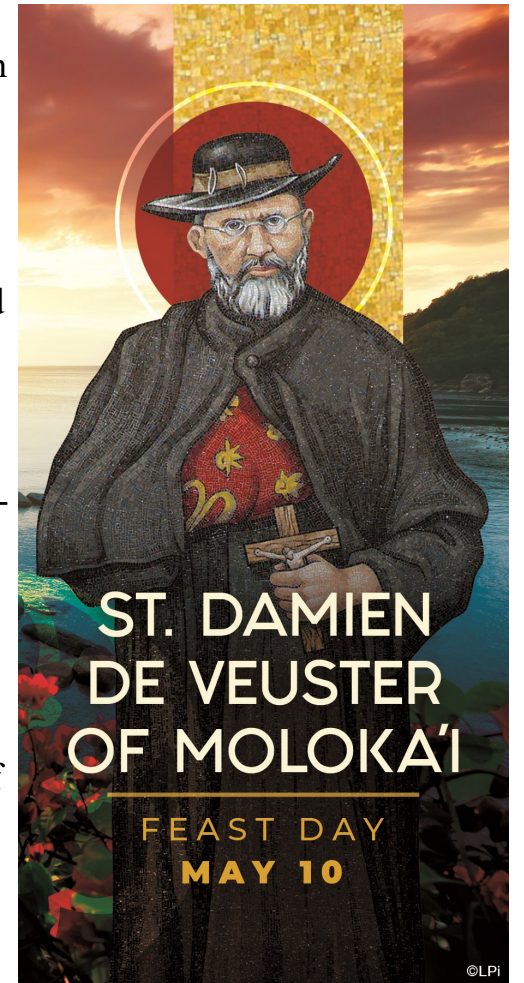
— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I | May 10

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'I, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. He found strength to endure isolation and disease in Eucharistic adoration and the celebration of the Mass. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I, pray for us!



May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 STI 5:30 pm Mass Diaper Heaven Altar Society	2 SH 8 am Mass	3 SH 8 am Mass	4 STI 8:30 am Mass SH 5:30 pm Mass
5 STI 8:30 am Mass SH 10:30 am Mass First Communion	6	7 SH 5:30 pm Mass	8 STI 5:30 pm Mass K of C Mtg	9 SH 8 am Mass Blood Drive	10 STI 8 am Mass	11 SH 5:30 pm Mass Hall In Use
12 STI 8:30 am Mass SH 10:30 am Mass	13	14 SH 5:30 pm Mass	15 STI 5:30 pm Mass Diaper Heaven	16 SH 8 am Mass	17 STI 8 am Mass	18 SH 5:30 pm Mass
19 STI 8:30 am Mass SH 10:30 am Mass Youth Mass SH PC Mtg	20	21 SH 5:30 pm Mass	22 STI 5:30 pm Mass	23 SH 8 am Mass	24 No Mass	25 SH 5:30 pm Mass
26 STI 8:30 am Mass SH 10:30 am Mass	27 Office Closed	28 SH 5:30 pm Mass	29 STI 5:30 pm Mass	30 SH 8 am Mass	31 STI 8 am Mass	