

MAY 15, 2022

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

With help from Jesus, we can love the way he commands us to love.

As we continue our celebration of Easter, we are challenged today by the Lord's "new" command. He calls upon us to love one another. This commandment is already challenging. Jesus makes it even more challenging by commanding us to love one another the way that he loves us. This is not a love that most of the world would recognize. We are to love like the one who died for us and forgave us for all our failings and ingratitude. This is love that sacrifices and suffers for the beloved. To love like Jesus is possibly the greatest challenge we will ever attempt.

How would we be able to love in this way? We need the help of the Holy Spirit. It is only through grace that we are empowered to love others as Jesus loves us. We need help to live as we should.

Jesus offers us that help in the Holy Spirit. As we read the Acts of the Apostles in this Easter season, we see how the Holy Spirit gave powerful life and renewal to the early Church. He also brought love and unity to the assembly of believers. If we want to love as Jesus loved, we need to surrender to his new life and invite the Holy Spirit to transform us. The Holy Spirit can help us turn away from selfishness and learn to sacrifice for others. The Holy Spirit can adjust our values so that people are more important than possessions or wealth. Jesus saves us so that we can change. The Holy Spirit is his gift to us so we can live according to his commandment to love. Jesus tells us that this is the very sign that we are his disciples, that we love one another.

We proclaim in this holy season of Easter that Jesus is risen from the dead. In lives marked by love, we are signs that it is true.

**I will praise  
your name for ever,  
my king and my God.**

Psalm 146



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM      10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM      7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

### ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 14</b>
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: William Sabourin (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 15</b>
8:00 AM	Mass: Anthony Kachanis (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Living & Deceased Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Healing for Ali
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 18</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: For the Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 20</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

### NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Mary Joseph (RIP)
8:00 AM	Mass: Claire Sabourin (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Anthony Lena (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING  
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

# ASCENSION of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord...is the feast 40 days after Easter when we celebrate our Lord's Ascension into heaven in the presence in His Apostles on the Mount of Olives. Thursday, May 26th is a **Holy Day of Obligation**; the Ascension of the Lord. **Masses will be at 9AM and 7PM.**

## Month of Prayer & Thanksgiving for Essential Workers

The Diocesan Office of Pastoral Care for Healthcare Facilities is celebrating the month of May 2022 as a month of Prayer and Thanksgiving for essential workers.

In this special recognition all essential workers are included – those in all aspects of healthcare as well as emergency responders, teachers, and those who keep us going and well during difficult times.

## Prayer for Essential Workers

*Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer.*

*Fill our hearts with a grateful spirit for all essential workers, for all they have done and continue to do during this pandemic.*

*We offer thanks for these workers who put the welfare of others before themselves, their families and loved ones.*

*Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you give them the skill, resilience and compassion they need to continue their work. Protect them from harm and be their comfort.*

*We pray for the agencies, organizations and businesses for whom they work. May those in leadership provide these workers with the proper support and necessary protection.*

*And through your intercession may we be moved to remember in prayer and gratitude their example of sacrificial love.*

*Our Lady of Providence, pray for us.*

**Amen.**

## INVITATION

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus  
Cordially Invite

The Women of the Parish

To be our Guests at

**A Ladies Appreciation  
Banquet & Dinner**

Sunday, June 12, 2022

At 4:00 PM

At South Foster Fire Station Hall

(No charge for this event)

Please sign up in the Office

Or RSVP by 6/8/2022

Call 401-647-3664

Or Church@stpaulsfoster.org

## Eternal Rest and Perpetual Light!

Ben Thurston, a long time parishioner passed away on April 4. A memorial mass will be here at St. Paul's at 12PM this Friday, May 20. Please pray for his rest in God's mercy and for the comfort of his family.

## Fifth Sunday Rosary for Families

The St. Paul Council, Knights of Columbus invites all families to join us and our families in praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament after the 10AM Mass on Sunday, May 29, 2022 followed by Benediction. Please join us in asking for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion in our country and the world, for peace in our families and country, for an end to the pandemic and healing of all affected by it.

## Pro-Life Rose Sale

Thank you to all who supported the Mother of Life Center. We collected \$378 to benefit the Catholic pro-life counseling services.

## 2022 Catholic Charity Appeal

The CCA is underway in our parish. To date, we have **\$12,020**. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support the 2022 Appeal. Thank you.

## GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – May 7/8

**\$3,324.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

## LIVING THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the Week

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually loving each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

## Kids Corner



## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus said, "Love each other as I have loved you." He died on the cross so that your sins and mine might be forgiven. Jesus was human like you and me. He shared his food with friends. He visited and healed the sick. He cried when his friends died. He told stories to help people learn about his father in Heaven. When you show love for others, Jesus smiles because he is very proud of you.

## Prayer

Lord, teach me to love and help others.

## Mission for the Week

I will take three cans of food to the church for the poor.