

Catholic Faith Communities United in the Love of Jesus



St. Augustine - Peru
Mass Times
 Saturdays 4:30 pm
 Sundays 9:30 am
 Tuesdays & Fridays 8:00 am



St. Alexander's - Morrisonville
Mass Times
 Saturdays 4:00 pm
 Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am
 Weekdays 9:30 am



St. James - Cadyville
Mass Times
 Sundays 9:00 am

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter



May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

"She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness. She walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us." ... Pope Francis

May is also dedicated to recognizing moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, mothers-to-be and all women who in and through their lives encompass the qualities of motherhood. It's also important to realize that MOTHER'S DAY – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 8TH – can be difficult or painful for women who struggle with infertility, the loss of a child or children, or who are estranged from their own mothers or families.



WELCOME TO FULL COMMUNION IN THE CHURCH!
Catechumens: Andrea Felix (white shawl), Richard Briggs (white shawl) and **Candidate:** Connor Fresn (green) received their Sacraments at St. Alexander's Easter Vigil. Look at their marvelous smiles! Richard's young daughter was also baptized!

PETER WAS DISTRESSED that Jesus had said to him a third time, Do you love me? and he said to Him, *Lord, you know everything; you know that I love You.* Jesus said to him, *Feed my sheep.*

HOW OFTEN do we actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love and recognition.

TODAY, TELL SOMEONE YOU LOVE THEM.
 Do it every day!



MASS Intentions

Weekend - Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 30th

4:00 pm (St. Alexander's)

4:30 pm (St. Augustine's) *Carl Kokes* by Rocky Harfield

Sunday, May 1st

7:30 am (St. Alexander's)

9:00 am (St. James)

9:30 am (St. Augustine's) *Doris Guay* by Family

10:30 (St. Alexander's)

Weekday Masses

Monday, May 2nd

9:00 am (St. Alexander's)

Tuesday, May 3rd

8:00 am (St. Augustine's) *Catholic Daughter's Members*

9:00 am (St. Alexander's)

Wednesday, May 4th

9:00 am (St. Alexander's)

Thursday, May 5th

9:00 pm (St. Alexander's)

Friday, May 6th

8:00 am (St. Augustine's) *Michael LePage* by Mom & Dad

9:00 am (St. Alexander's)

Next Weekend - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 7th

4:00 pm (St. Alexander's)

4:30 pm (St. Augustine's)

Sunday, May 8th

7:30 am (St. Alexander's)

9:00 am (St. James)

9:30 am (St. Augustine's) *Robert Halstead* by Theresa Venne

10:30 (St. Alexander's)



The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week In
Memory of

Clay Lombard

By Charlene Lombard



**Prayer
Chain**

Contact

Rose Blaise at

518-643-9040 or email

rblaise090650@gmail.com

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Religious Education Schedule

May	1st	Final RE Class
May	7th	9 am 1st Communion Rehearsal
May	8th	10:30 am - 1st Communion - Mass at St. Alexander's Church
May	13th	5 pm Confirmation Rehearsal
May	15th	3:00 pm Confirmation - Mass at St. Alexander's Church



On Your First Holy Communion

**OUR THREE PARISHES
AT ST. ALEXANDER
NEXT SUNDAY - MAY 8TH
10:30 A.M. MASS
LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

Our Parishes Celebrate This Joyful Day!
*There are few ceremonies as beautiful
and moving as when our parish children
receive the Sacrament of the Holy
Eucharist for the very first time. We
rejoice and pray that this special day
remains firmly etched in the memories
of these children and families!*

Remember our young people in prayer!

St. Alexander

Alayna Barnaby
Emilia Bowen
Brynn Giroux
Emma Kiroy
Parker LaDue
Benjamin LaFave
Nathan Landrie
Dominic Marro
Lexi Montalvo
Brady Terry

St. Augustine

Adalyn Bessette
Raphael De Boos
Solomon Gainer

St. James

Allie Garrow



WEEKEND OF April 24, 2022

STEWARDSHIP

\$2,813.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

215

ROGER'S HOUSE

\$1,457.17
Open daily

Monday - Friday
10 am to 2 pm and
Saturdays 9—noon

CLOSED SUNDAYS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Open daily

Monday - Friday
10 am to 2 pm

Thursday Evenings 6 - 8 pm

Saturdays 9—noon.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

SOUP KITCHEN MENU May 4th



St. Augustine's Church Soup Kitchen

Every Wednesday 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
There is always room at our table!

Spaghetti, Garden Salad,
Bread, Dessert

I will praise you,
Lord, for you have
rescued me



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Each year the North Country's Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies unite to conduct a charity fundraiser. This year they are raffling a prize valued at over \$16,000 - a 2022 TRACKER 4-wheel drive off-road vehicle complete with a 14 ft. Raddison canoe. Seton Catholic and a local pro-life organization are two of the raffle's charities.

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The Peru Knights will be in the church narthex next weekend with tickets. The drawing is on May 1st. For more information, call Grand Knight Cormac O'Callaghan at 518-643-0302.

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Charity Drive 2022

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Tickets \$25.00 ea. Book of 5 for \$ 100.00 PRIZE VALUE \$16,000.

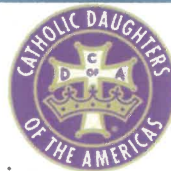


MOTHER'S DAY BASKET

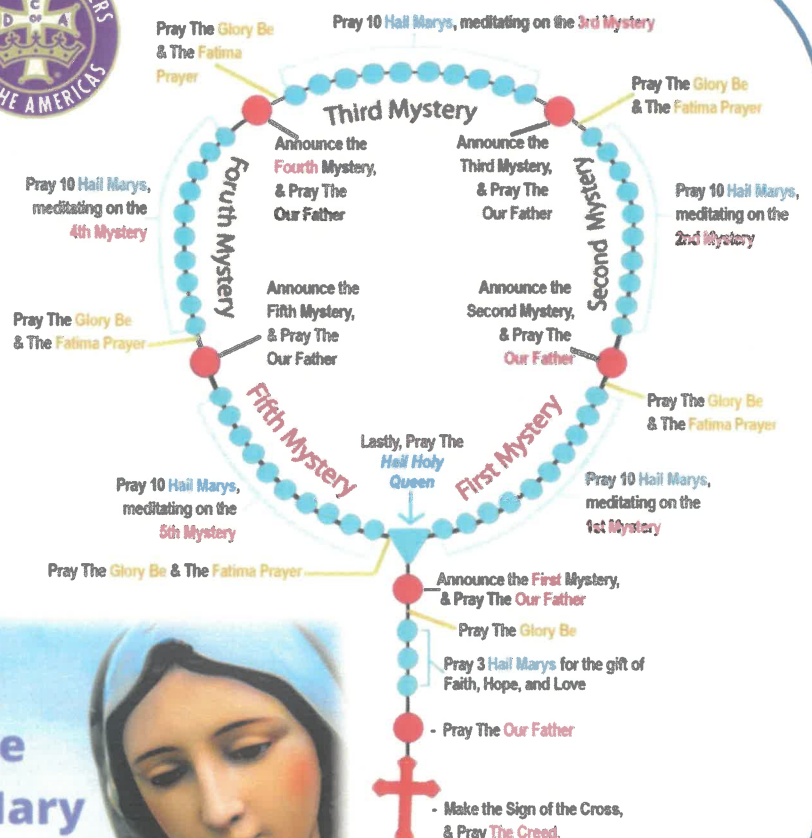
Catholic Daughters will be having a Mothers Day Basket Raffle coming up after Easter.

The basket will be full of lots of goodies for that special Mom. Over \$150.00 value. Dinner Gift Card, Wine & Glasses, Lottery Tickets, Jewelry,

Scarf, Movie Tickets, Candles and More.....



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be praying the rosary during the month of May, approximately 1/2 hour before the weekend masses. We invite and encourage all parishioners to join us in the prayers. Please remember to enter silently and reverently. Also, please avoid all unnecessary conversations. Thank you.



May is the
Month of Mary



WHO LOVES A PARADE?

On June 11th 2022 we will have a float in the Cadyville Field Days Parade. If you are interested in marching, please complete this form and return via collection basket or simply drop off at any of our three parish churches. We will also need help building the float. If you are interested, please contact me @ 518-593-7432 and I will let you know the days and times we will work on it. Thank you. Miss Rene'

Forms can be found at back of church

Name:

Parish:

T-Shirt size:

Contact number:

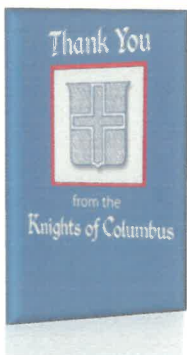


1st 2022 Applefest Update

The Applefest Committee met a few days ago to discuss the 2022 Applefest scheduled for Saturday, September 17. They discussed last year's successes, areas needing improvement, and the need for volunteers, especially committee chairpersons.

Our immediate need is chairpersons for games and volunteer recruitment. We need energetic, imaginative volunteers to oversee these vital activities. A chairperson, co-chairpersons, or families adopting an area of interest would be fantastic. We are open to new ideas and additional committee members.

If you're interested or you'd like to recommend someone, please call John Ryan at 518-643-9386 or email John at jtr45@charter.net.



The Knights Say "THANK YOU!"

Your Peru Knights of Columbus thank the many St. Augustine's parishioners who attended last Saturday's spaghetti dinner. We received many compliments for both the sauce, the large portions and our new salad. Joyce Breyette was our happy 50-50 winner. Joyce was kind enough to donate her \$48 winnings to our council. The Peru Youth Commission's summer program is one of our favorite local charitable donations.



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SPIRIT OF THE CHURCH**

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Diocese of Ogdensburg

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TO OBTAIN OR DONATE FOOD
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Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:00
By appointment 518-563-6301



**EVERY THURSDAY
TAKE-OUTS ONLY
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

CLOTHING STORE
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10 am to 2 pm

St. Joseph's Community Outreach Center
LENTEN ALMSGIVING
The Good People of our Three Parishes Gifted
\$8,597.00 as of April 19th



VFW AUXILIARY BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 7th
10 am - 2 pm
Peru Memorial VFW
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need of help!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Final Classes, This Sunday May 1st

CONFIRMATION I & II

Final Classes, This Sunday May 1st

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For Our Three Parishes

Next Sunday, May 8th

10:30 a.m. Mass – St. Alexander

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For Our Three Parishes

Sunday, May 15th

3:00 p.m. Mass, St. Alexander

*If you have questions, concerns, comments regarding any
Faith Formation Programs,
Please feel free to contact me at the Office*

Sr. Deepali

srdeepa@stalexanders.org 518-561-5039

SETON CATHOLIC (PRE-K — 12)

206 New York Rd., Plattsburgh, NY 12903
setonknights.org 518 – 561 – 4031



SETON GALA — UNDER THE BIG TOP
Saturday, May 7th — 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
VALCOUR BREWING COMPANY

4 Club
Seats @
Notre
Dame vs.
Boston
College

Seton
Gala
Live
Auction
Item
May 7th

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Includes
parking,
food,
drinks
& house
rental



Live Auction Items
2022 Seton Gala

Billy Joel Concert
(2 SETS) 4 Box Seats
@ Notre Dame
Stadium
June 25, 2022



Accommodations Included!

Tickets — Contact Susan
spellerin @ setonknights.org
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MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL NEXT SUNDAY MAY 8TH

We Create Hope
When We First Provide Help
May 2022

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

AS SPRING RETURNS to the North Country, we are grateful for the help Catholic Charities has received from our generous donors during the past year. The pandemic has been a real challenge. Individuals and families who have never been in dire need now experience poverty for the first time. With unemployment and daily poverty reaching more deeply into our North Country communities, our charitable response needs to be greater than ever.

AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF JESUS and as a Church in action, we have always worked together to respond to those in need and offer guidance through quality services designed to respect the dignity of each person. Inspired by the Gospel, the many programs and services that are offered by Catholic Charities throughout our diocese, focus on building a just and compassionate society that embraces the gifts given to us by Christ.

AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY 2022, we ask your help once again. We need our volunteers, our supporters, and our benefactors to journey with us on this continuing mission of charity and justice. It is your financial gift to Catholic Charities that provides the resources that allow Catholic Charities to respond.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFICES FOR CLINTON & ESSEX COUNTIES

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Community Outreach Center
The former St. Joseph's
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Plattsburgh NY 12901
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Catholic
Charities
Diocese of Ogdensburg

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONTINUES TO SERVE the neediest and most underserved in our eight counties across northern New York. We cultivate hope through our food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless housing, migrant outreach, parenting education and financial assistance to individuals and families with the greatest of needs.

AS CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAS PROFESSED for over one hundred years, we create Hope when we first provide Help



Gratefully yours in Christ,
TERRY R. LAVALLEY
Bishop of Ogdensburg

We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

PSALM 100:3

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 8, 2022, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young women and men hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, consecrated virginity, societies of apostolic life or secular

institutes to continue service to the People of God in the North Country. For more information, please contact Rev. Christopher Carrara, Director of Vocations or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ, Vocation Coordinator, Diocese of Ogdensburg, 315-393-2920.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the harvest,
we raise our voice in prayer
begging for generous hearts
willing to respond to Your call
to labor in Your vineyard today.

The need for laborers –
for priests, deacons, and religious
in this local Church is great.

Provide us with men and women
who are eager to lay down their lives so that the people of the
North Country and beyond, may be
"Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled."

Through the intercession of Mary,
Queen of the Apostles,
grant a new outpouring of your Holy Spirit on our Diocesan
family, so that we may
truly grow as the Body of Christ.

This prayer we make
in the name of Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

~Bishop Terry R. LaValley



SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP
Guggenheim Youth Camp is accepting
registrations for Summer Sessions

Registration is open for the 2022
Summer Camp Season!

In joyful anticipation for the opportunity to resume
Summer Camp Guggenheim 2022, you may register
your child(ren) at this time. The Guggenheim

Summer Camp program runs from

July 3rd to August 12th.

The reasonable fee to attend a week long session is
\$375.00 and is made possible by
the Bishops Fund Appeal

Please keep in mind that the COVID pandemic is
still in process, and we will be following the
guidance of the CDC and NYSDOH with regards to
our camp COVID requirements.

If you have any questions and/or concerns please
feel free to reach out to Tom Semeraro, Diocesan
Director of Youth Ministry Tom can be reached by
phone at 315-393-2920 ext. 1415 or
email tsemeraro@rcdony.org.

To register please visit: <https://www.rcdony.org/>



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The Mater Dei College Foundation is pleased to offer a
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their senior year of high school and who currently reside in
the Diocese of Ogdensburg and are planning to attend a
Catholic College or University in the Fall. To request an
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Foundation Scholarship Chair at vmathews@rcdony.org.
Application deadline is June 1, 2022

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PLEDGE TO
HEAL

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, [religious, employees or volunteers, contact *Victims Assistance Coordinator*, Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terriannyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-651-2267 days; 518-569-0612 evenings; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrarra@rcdony.org phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the *Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service* at 800-276-1562 or w.ReportBishopAbuse.org.

Much food for thought!
Returning to the Pews: Top 5 Reasons

By Sister Nora Gatto, DC – The Tablet – Newspaper of the Diocese of Brooklyn – March 14, 2022

Would you bring your children to soccer practice but skip the big game on Saturday? Would you text your friends all throughout the week but not show up to share a meal with them? Would you promise a dear friend who falls ill that you're praying for them but then not visit them in person when you had the chance? Why then do we think that we really don't need to be together in person for Mass on Sunday?

I remember the exact spot in our church where I was standing when we realized that the Mass that had just concluded would be the last Mass before the COVID-forced shutdown. I said to those around me "We have taken this for granted."

Do you remember how you felt when you saw the posted signs on our locked church doors that said: "Closed by order of the government"? I do.

Hopefully, this is behind us now and our churches will remain open, welcoming us back. But something is still not quite right. Too many of our parishioners are missing. So ... **HERE ARE MY TOP FIVE REASONS TO RETURN TO THE PEWS:**

Reason #5 ...

Coming to Mass is not just for us as individuals but for all of us as a community of believers.

We support one another in prayer and come to Mass as who we are and with what we have to share. We care about each other. Just notice how quiet we get when, during the Prayer of the Faithful, we hear the names of the ill and recently deceased.

Reason #4 ...

Coming to Mass is for us as individuals too, for our souls to be nourished by word and sacrament.

We'll hear some of the best homilies that I have ever heard in my 45 years as a Daughter of Charity living in many different parishes throughout the country. So, no excuse here.

Reason #3 ...

We really need you and we miss you.

Consider being a lector, eucharistic minister, greeter, usher, member of the choir, or any of the many other opportunities to get involved, like the St. Vincent de Paul Outreach group. The more we are involved, the more connected we feel when we come on Sunday.

Reason #2 ...

Every Sunday is the big game —

the celebration of our faith and the fruit of our prayer throughout the week, just like our kids who practice soccer all week to prepare for the big game on Saturday. We come together on Sundays to celebrate the Mass together as the Best Versions of who we can be. It's not enough to be spiritual if we are not also religious. David Brooks, in his book entitled "The Second Mountain," explains this when he says, "Spiritual people may experience transcendence, but understand that for most people spirituality lasts and deepens only if it is lived out within that maddening community called organized religion. Spirituality is an emotion. Religion is an obligation. Spirituality soothes. Religion mobilizes. Spirituality is satisfied with itself. Religion is dissatisfied with the world." Brooks goes on to say, "the most complete definition of a commitment is this: falling in love with something and then building a structure of behavior around it for those moments when love falters."

Reason #1 ...

Because we need to receive Jesus in the Eucharist in order for our souls to be nourished, and unless we are ill and unable to come to church (in which case Eucharistic ministers can come to our homes) we need to be in the pews in order to partake of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus.

See you on Sunday!

Sister Nora Gatto is the pastoral associate at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Bayside, Diocese of Brooklyn

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith

May 2022

St. Augustine's Church

Fr. Alan Shnob, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Your turn

No parish can do the work of the Church without support from parishioners. For example, parishioners may bring Communion to the sick or infirm, clean the church, staff parish ministries, teach faith formation and give money to keep church facilities operating. It is this vital participation that brings the heart of Jesus to His people. Ask your pastor what your parish needs from you.

Sunday reminder

The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sunday and other holy days of obligation. It's the best way we regularly encounter Christ. We are also to abstain from work on Sunday that could interfere with the attention and worship due to God. God wants us to rest on Sunday to gather strength for the week ahead.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"

(Romans 12:9-10).



Virtues are the antidotes to sin

Virtues are good moral habits that shape our hearts to be like God's. They help us habitually do what is good. As the building blocks for Christian moral living, virtues help to counter sin. For example:

Humility: This virtue is the antidote to pride. Humility helps us to recognize that God is worthy of our worship and obedience. Rather than focusing on ourselves, humility helps us to be willing to focus on God, live according to His ways. Ideas for practicing this virtue include always taking the less important position, drawing attention to others rather than ourselves, learning to love simple things.

Forgiveness: The sin of anger is

defined as an uncontrolled feeling of hatred and wrath. Indulging in anger causes us to hold onto hateful feelings for others. The antidote is forgiveness.

When offended by someone, forgive quickly and work to heal the relationship. Refrain from gossip and avoid criticizing unless you can offer reasonable and useful solutions.

Gratitude and generosity go hand-in-hand. They remind us God is the source of all good, and that

everything good we have is a gift to be enjoyed and shared. Stop the "compare-despair" cycle of envy and greed. Limit your time on social media and impulse shopping. Name something you appreciate daily, or find a way to show kindness each day.



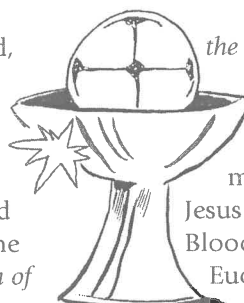
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call the Eucharist the "Real Presence?"

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This is my body...this is the cup of my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (*Catechism of*

the Catholic Church, #1375).

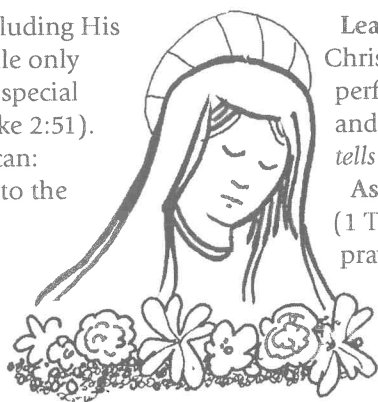
When we receive Communion, we're literally heart-to-Heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn't stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.



"Behold your mother" (John 19:27)

On the Cross, Jesus gave us everything, including His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). While only God is worthy of worship, Mary is accorded special honor in imitation of Jesus' love for her (Luke 2:51). To demonstrate honor and love for her, we can:

Call her "Mom." When we are baptized into the Church, Mary becomes our mother by grace (CCC #967), and we can address her with confidence and affection as her children. Mary wants the best for us. She always leads us to her Son by the quickest and safest route.



Learn from her. Want to know how to follow Christ faithfully – daily? Mary was the first – and the perfect – Christian. She continually trusted God and followed His will, and tells us, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Ask her for prayers. Christ is the one Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). However, she also receives our prayers for others. Because she is His mother and the Queen of Heaven, Mary's prayers are powerful. She will keep praying for us until we are in Heaven.

from Scripture

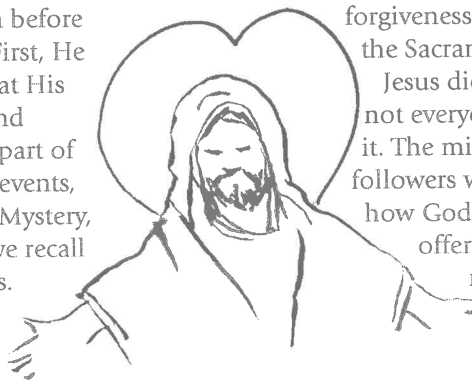
Luke 24:46-53, Our mission from God

This passage is Luke's version of the Ascension when Jesus ascends to His Father in Heaven. Jesus gave his disciples a mission before entering Heaven. First, He reminded them that His suffering, death, and Resurrection were part of God's plan. These events, called the Paschal Mystery, are so important we recall them at every Mass.

Then, Jesus sent His disciples out to call others to repentance and discipleship. Having heard about Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection for their salvation, the next logical step would be to repent

– literally, to "go beyond their usual way of thinking." People were and are invited to reconcile with God by the forgiveness of their sins through the Sacraments.

Jesus died for everyone, but not everyone knew about it. The mission of His first followers was to tell everyone how God saved them and to offer them, in Christ's name, a way forward: repentance and forgiveness. If we know Christ, His sacrifice, His love, and the eternal life He offers us, we are commanded to tell others, whether by word, deed, or living example.



Feasts & Celebrations

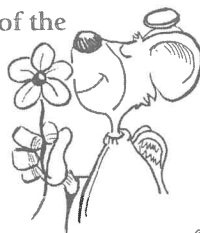
May 12 – St. Pancras (c. 304). Orphaned at an early age, he was brought by an uncle to Rome and, inspired by Christians, they converted. Both were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to idols during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. St. Pancras was only fourteen years old.

May 14 - St. Matthias (1st century). When the apostles met to choose Judas' successor, Peter said that the new Apostle must have followed Jesus from his baptism to his Ascension and

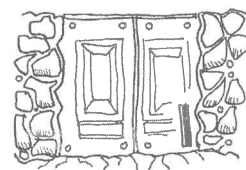
witnessed his Resurrection. St. Matthias was chosen by lots to fill Judas' place.

May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. After her sons died of illness, she became an Augustinian nun. She was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

May 29 - Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven.



Q & A What is the feast of our Lady of Loreto?



In 2019, Pope Francis set aside a day specially devoted to Our

Lady of Loreto. Loreto, Italy, is believed to be where the house in which Mary grew up is located. According to tradition, angels carried the house from Israel to Italy in the thirteenth century when the Holy Land was under attack.

Whether angels really transported the house, or a devout, wealthy family paid to have it moved, scientific findings have verified that the house itself is not from thirteenth-century Italy. The architectural style, construction, and the pollen granules found in the mortar are not characteristic of thirteen-century Italy, but of first-century Palestine.

We are not required to believe in the miraculous transportation of the House of Loreto, but the significance of this devotion still applies. We are reminded of her universal motherhood (John 19:27). We're encouraged to ask her intercession for families today, and to remember the importance of the family in God's saving plan.

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