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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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The liturgy this week is offered for

THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF EUGENE ODDO
(GRANDFATHER OF MICHAEL MIDDENDORF)

AND

NELSON FRANCIS SLEEPER
(BROTHER OF DOTTIE FITZGERALD)

MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.
St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, Florida

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON
Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

THURSDAY, 5:30 P.M.
Our Lady Of Guadalupe Chapel
Ave Maria University Campus

CONFESSION
Fr. Paul is always available
before Divine Liturgy or by appointment

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or some special intention,
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Fr. Paul Tarabay at 734-578-6952

EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones, do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of (your) hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way. Praise be to God always.



MARY AND MONTH OF MAY

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God and spiritual mother of all. In the plan of salvation, the Blessed Virgin Mary holds a special place. By virtue of her role to be the mother of the Son of God by divine election, she was conceived immaculately – i.e., without the stain of original sin – and by fidelity to her son has been crowned queen of heaven and earth.

Everything Mary said and did leads to Christ. Who knows a child better than a mother? And what good and loving child does not know his or her mother and love her with all of his or her heart? Mary knew and loved Jesus like no one else on earth – and she loves each of her children, human beings, with similar affection and tenderness.

The Church, in its wisdom, asks its children to be especially devoted to Mother Mary during the month of May and to be particularly grateful for all of her care.

A MODEL FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

Mary, the most humble of all women, is a model for everyone, today, in the here and now. She is a model in a particular way for every woman, as expressed by Pope Francis.

"There is only one model for you, Mary: the woman of fidelity,

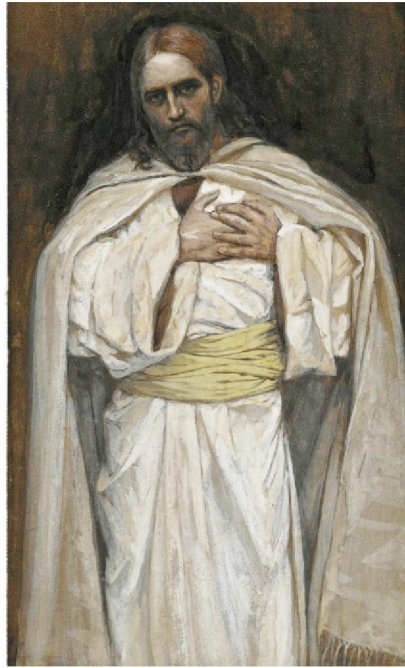
GOSPEL

JOHN 13:31-35



When he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. (If God is glorified in him,) God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



JAMES TISSOT. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (NOTRE-SEIGNEUR JÉSUS-CHRIST), 1886-1894. by James Tissot. THE Brooklyn Museum.

the one who did not understand what was happening to her but obeyed. The one who, as soon as she knew what her cousin needed took off [to help her], the Virgin of Promptness. The one who escaped as a refugee in a foreign country to save the life of her son," Pope Francis said during an April 2014 message to 20,000 young people gathered in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for a regional youth day.

THE FIRST DISCIPLE

Years later, during an Aug. 24, 2021, catechesis, Pope Francis called Mary "the first disciple of Jesus" and reminded us that "Mary is there, praying for us, praying for those who do not pray. Why? Because she is our mother."

The Virgin, through Jesus, has brought heaven closer to us and her life is the best proof that it is possible to reach it. Pope Francis said it best: "She shows us that heaven is within reach, if we too do not give in to sin, we praise God with humility, and we serve others with generosity" (Pope Francis, Angelus address on the solemnity of the Assumption, Aug. 15, 2022).

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LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 47
Collection: \$395.00

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 17 St. Serapion, C
- 18 St. Theodotos and the 7 Virgin-Martyrs, M
- 19 St. Philoterus, M
St. Cyriaca and Her Companions, V, M
- 20 St. Thalaleus of Lebanon, M
- 21 St. Constantine the Emperor and His Mother St. Helen, C
- 22 St. Rita of Cascia, C
- 23 St. Tobit the Righteous, C

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

There is nothing impossible to God.

I am not afraid to die. I know what it is to die. It is to close the eyes to the world and open them to God.

Saint Rita of Cascia (Feast Day May 22)

PARISHIONER SNAPSOTS FROM A BUSY WEEKEND!



A special Mother's Day blessing for all the mothers in our parish community, followed by light refreshments and fellowship. May Mary Queen of the world bring good health and blessings to all of our mothers



The graduation of Marta Maria Michael from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree, Cum Laude. She is the daughter of Thomas and Martha Michael.



The graduation of Julien Mourad from Ave Maria University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in politics, Magna Cum Laude. He is the son of Emile and Francie Mourad.



The baptism of Francis Middendorf at Ave Maria University. Francis is the son of Michael and Kayla Middendorf. Congratulations to baby Francis and the whole Middendorf family!



May God shower blessings on all of our parishioners during the coming week!

Dear Friends, we ask for **special prayers for the repose of the soul of Romanos Maher Bou Mitri**, uncle of Tony Bou Mitri. Romanos died last week in Lebanon. May the angels lead him to paradise. May his soul rest in the loving arms of our gentle God.

Eternal rest grant unto Him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.