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The Message

May 13th, 2007

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reflections

We want to do it right. We want to honor Christ by imitating Him. As this Sunday's Gospel reading points out, to love Jesus means to live by His commandments and teachings. God dwells in us when we do this. This isn't easy. Every day, stuff happens that challenges our ability to keep His word and imitate His ways. We forget or we don't know what Jesus would have done in a similar situation. People afflict us with their faults and failings and unloving behaviors, and we fumble around in uncertainty and guesswork and sinful reactions. There is no list in scripture that spells out clearly how to follow Christ in each and every circumstance: "If such-and-such occurs, apply Godly Principle #127."

This is why Jesus assured us that He'd give us His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is here to remind us of Jesus and His holy ways every time we face another challenging situation, from the moment we wake up in the morning till the moment we're sleeping again. So then, our problem is not that we don't know how to keep the commandments of Christ. Our problem is that we forget to rely on the Holy Spirit who teaches us how to keep the commandments. We have God's full assistance, but we react to life's challenges as if we have to handle it by ourselves.

Here's a spiritual exercise that can help you remember to stay open-eared to the instructions of the Holy Spirit: Sanctify each hour. Set your watch to beep an alarm at the top of each hour. Whenever it beeps, say a few words thanking the Holy Spirit for being with you and guiding you through the next sixty minutes. After doing this for several weeks, you'll become automatically and constantly aware of the nearness of God and His instructions.



Treasures from our Tradition

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. This encouragement for creativity has deep roots in our tradition, and some attempts at reform show great promise. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross. The faithful walk a path recalling the events of Christ's passion, a contemplative

experience increasingly enriched these days by scripture and song. There are fourteen stations in the usual configuration, although in recent years, a fifteenth station of the Empty Tomb has been added. Why stop there? Why not develop a similar journey structured on the theme of the appearances of the Risen Lord?

Over the last decade, a Via Lucis, or "Way of Light," has developed as a companion to the Via Crucis. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with stations recalling the Apostles' wait with Mary for the advent of the Spirit, and with Pentecost. This is fertile ground indeed for the genius of artists, musicians, preachers, and liturgists. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Eastertime!

Words of Life

“The rate and number of abortions in the United States continue to decline, most notably among teens. Many teenagers are wisely choosing to abstain from sexual activity—motivated both by religious and moral values, and the desire to protect themselves from the epidemic of sexually-transmitted diseases that today afflict some sixty million Americans. To be free of disease, to be free of the fear of an ill-timed pregnancy, to be free of a broken heart—this is the freedom that we want for our young people, and we rejoice that it is unfolding.”

Cardinal Justin Rigali, homily at the Vigil Mass for Life, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Jan. 21, 2007



Banns of Marriage

- First Announcement:** June 1st Wedding
Mr. Antonino DiDomenico & Miss Sabrina Cavallino
- First Announcement:** June 2nd Wedding
Mr. Sam Cole & Miss Cassandra Scovel
- First Announcement:** June 2nd Wedding
Mr. Anthony Spagnoli & Miss Lauren Schlitters
- Third Announcement:** May 19th Wedding
Mr. Robert Filipp & Miss Johanna Capling

Mass Schedule & Intentions

4:00 PM Saturday - May 12th, 2007

- † Marie Jozwiak Adams by Edwin Adams
- † IHM Sister Conradine Konefke by Helen Ziebron
- † Helen Wapinski by Helen Ziebron
- † Catherine Ciupek by Loretta Ciupek
- † Eleanor Sitek by Loretta Sitek
- † Anna Ginnis by Loretta Sitek
- † Helen Kulakowski by Loretta Sitek

10:30 AM Sunday - May 13th, 2007

- † Kathryn Gangala by Family
- † Gloria Lamberti by Norman Lamberti
- † Helen Larski by Joan Kitka
- † George Pourcho by Wife & Children
- † Valentine, Josephine, Walter & Lillian Wilk by Wilk Family
- † Louis, Cecelia & Jack Sulla, Chris Billand by Sulla Family
- † Ann Misztura by Family
- † Agnes Bukowski by Daughters, Joy & Phyllis
- † Celia Zuchowski by Leona & Edward Nasternak
- † Walter Janowski by Wife, Vicky
- † Harry Kochanski by Wife, Christine
- † Mary Cypher by Children
- † Mary Wiercioch by Marilyn, Rose & Jeff

12:00 Noon Friday - May 18th, 2007

- † Verle Witek by Barbara & Ed Horiski

2:00 PM Saturday - May 19th, 2007 Wedding of Mr. Robert Filipp & Miss Johanna Capling

4:00 PM Saturday - May 19th, 2007

- † Jennie Kloss by Kloss Family
- † Marie Jozwiak Adams by Edwin Jozwiak
- † Micheal Hemele by Pam Creech
- † Eleanor Sitek (5th Anniv.) by Loretta Sitek

10:30 AM Sunday - May 20th, 2007

- † William, Crystal, Tom Blach by Sophia David
- † Marlene Krall by Bob Krall
- † Walter Janowski by Wife, Vicky
- † Harry Kochanski by Wife, Christine

12:00 Noon Friday - May 25th, 2007

For all Parishioners and Benefactors

Papal Paparazzi

Vatican photographers stand out from other media shutterbugs, not just because they're always dressed in ironed dark suits and ties, but because, coolly clicking away, they are the ones standing right next to the pope. The job of the four official papal photographers is to create a visual record of the pope's activities and important Vatican events. For the past 30 years, papal photographers have captured and preserved thousands of unforgettable scenes. These photos and more are on display April 25-May 27 at a special exhibit near St. Peter's Basilica, to celebrate the photo service's 30th anniversary and the second anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's election.

In 2005 after his election, Pope Benedict was not used to being trailed by cameramen and having bulbs flash and shutters click at his every move. However, Pope Benedict is much more comfortable now with his personal paparazzi. Pope Benedict is also the first pope to have granted the Vatican's television and photography crews wide permission to film him in his private apartments, showing "without mystery, without secrets that the day in the life of a pope is made up of a lot of work and simplicity,"

Catholic News Service - May 4, 2007

Pope Benedict's Prayer Intention for May

"That, following the example of the Virgin Mary, all Christians should allow themselves to be guided by the word of God and always remain attentive to the signs of the Lord in his own life."

A Family Perspective

"I am going away and I will come back." Goodbyes are some of the most painful family moments. After each family separation, we are eventually reunited. These goodbyes prepare us for our death and resurrection and are the basis for our hope of future reunion.

by Bud Ozar

Meetings/Activities

Spring Flower Planting

Saturday, May 12th
9:00 AM
SHM Parish grounds

Mother's Day Breakfast:

Sunday, May 13th
12:00 Noon SHM Hall

Knights of Columbus:

Monday, May 14th
SHM Parish Hall

Officers: 6:00 PM

Members: 7:00 PM

SHM Reunion & Dinner Dance:

Saturday, May 19th
6:00 to 11:00 PM
American Polish Century Club

Dinner - Filipino Cuisine

Sunday, May 20th
1:00 PM St. Josaphat Parish Hall

MaiFest! Dinner

Sunday, May 20th
12:30 to 3:00 PM
St. Joseph Parish Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carl Sikula	May 13 th
Luke Gorniak	May 14 th
Frances Topolewski	May 15 th
Frank Granica	May 15 th
Dennis Felcyn	May 15 th
Douglas Woodcock	May 16 th
Sarah Kuszak	May 18 th

Please pray for:



Norm Lamberti	Mary Mercatante
Phil Ziezulewicz	Ann Flaga
Cora Jones	John Adamo
Mike Kapusniak	Cathy Strzalkowski
Joanne Erickson	Katie Paratore
Shauna Barge	Virginia Marecki
Lucille Lasky	Bob Jozwiak
Mike Soltis	Pamela Yanoski
Ed Drzewiecki	Betty Granica
	Marie Czerny
	18 Seriously ill
	friends of Ed Malik

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Ministries

Saturday, May 12th, 4:00 PM

Masters of Ceremonies:

Tony Ziebron

Lector: Amy Papernik

Extraordinary Minister:

Tony Ziebron

Ushers: Ray Kuszak
Jerry Covatch Frank Granica
Stan Pirino Bob Bisaro

Sunday, May 13th, 10:30 AM

Master of Ceremonies:

Ted Rost

Lector: Joseph Ivers

Extraordinary Minister:

Ted Rost

Ushers: Steve Weber
Chris Urban Judith Courtright
Frank Burns Barbara Pallante

Saturday, May 19th, 4:00 PM

Masters of Ceremonies:

Gerald Mrowczynski

Lector: Judith Covatch

Extraordinary Minister:

Gerald Mrowczynski

Ushers: Ray Kuszak
Jerry Covatch Frank Granica
Stan Pirino Bob Bisaro

Sunday, May 20th, 10:30 AM

Master of Ceremonies:

Michael Bukowski

Lector: Joan Kitka

Extraordinary Minister:

Michael Bukowski

Ushers: Steve Weber
John Zeck Jeanette Zeck
Frank Burns Gene Sniezyk

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Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:30 AM

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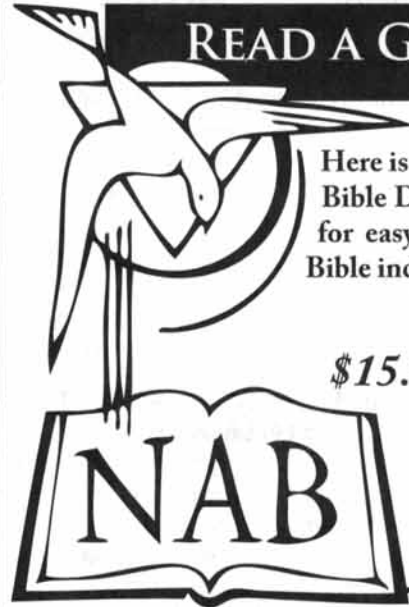
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