

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 27

8:00am: +Father, Mummy & Peter

5:00pm: Heidi Brown

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Pentecost

8:15am: +Rick Harris

11:15am: For the Parish, Frank Pacello

MONDAY, MAY 29

7:00am: +Daniel Conte

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:00am: Batchelder Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:00am: +Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JUNE 01

7:00am: Michelle Japa

FRIDAY, JUNE 02

7:00am: Debbie Prunty

SATURDAY, JUNE 03

8:00am: For the Unborn

5:00pm: +Katherine Balser

SUNDAY, JUNE 04

8:15am: For the Parish

11:15am: +Emma L. LaVergne Robert

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you are getting excited about the possibilities for revival as we prepare to celebrate Corpus Christi on June 10 and June 11. Weather permitting, we will have a Eucharistic Procession after each of the weekend Masses from the Fitchard Avenue entrance of the church, to Magnolia Street and back to the Beasley Avenue entrance to the church. Once inside the church, there will be one hour of silent adoration.



Part 2 of 5

The Four Invitations

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1324). In the Eucharist, we truly encounter the Lord Jesus and are plunged into his Paschal Mystery, and through this encounter our lives are transformed (*cf. Desiderio Desideravi*, nos. 10–11, 21). The Eucharist is not an object, but a person who is alive and transforms lives. The person of Jesus Christ is at the heart of this Eucharistic moment in the United States. This is the work of revival. It is not institutional work. We cannot demand revival, but we can invite it, pray for it and respond to it.

Beginning this summer, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, we arrive at the most pivotal year of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival called for by the bishops of the United States. God wants to bring revival to his Church through a rekindled relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, and this year, that invitation reaches the pews and beyond.

The purpose of the Year of Parish Revival is to discern how we might “heal, form, convert, unify and send” our parishioners through a “rekindled relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.” This playbook contains four pillars that uphold the movement of Eucharistic revival in the United States: reinvigorate worship, create moments of personal encounter, engage in robust formation and send Catholics forth as missionaries. These are for your discernment as you respond to revival already present in your community and foster it, create conditions and openness for new revival and establish a Eucharistic culture in your parish that sustains the fruits of revival.

Out of these four pillars, we present four invitations and “best-practices” for your implementation. If you are wondering, “What are we being asked to do to live out the Year of Parish Revival?” then these invitations will answer your question.

However, this is not prescriptive nor is it all-encompassing. Every parish is unique, and every pastoral setting requires its own response. This is a high call, as the primary touchpoint with the faith is at the local parish. Though we have many incredible movements and apostolates around the country, it is still in local parishes that the Mass is celebrated, and Jesus in the Eucharist is encountered and received.

This is the task of local parishes in this Year of Parish Revival: to revive their parishioners in their love with Jesus in the Eucharist and to send them forth to share this love with others. We must remember the power and responsibility of the local parish, especially in light of the jarring statistics about Eucharistic beliefs among Catholics. Seven in ten Catholics believe the Eucharist is merely a symbol, an encounter with an “it” instead of a “who.” This reality should break our hearts, not because of what it means for Mass attendance or stewardship, but because so many Catholics are missing the opportunity to know Jesus Christ.

As our hearts break, we should remain hopeful and empowered. We can directly impact these numbers. One thing is certain, though: in this movement of Eucharistic revival, the bishops of the United States are asking every parish to take one step further than their current efforts. The four Invitations can be adapted and expanded, depending on your context. The desired fruit is a Eucharistic encounter that leads to belief and becomes visible in practice.

Revival requires encounter, and that encounter needs to happen—this year and every year following—in parishes across our country. “The parish is not an outdated institution,” Pope Francis reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium*. An encounter with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord, is powerful because it changes us. It gives us our very character. The Year of Parish Revival offers pathways to encounter with, believe in, and worship Jesus in the Eucharist.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. Have a very blessed week.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



James McGee, Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, John Howard, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Cathy Filippo, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Michael Pesqueira, Jim Kollar, Emma Lang, Patricia Hendersen, Diane Goguen, Julie Algie, Matthew M., Selena M., Steven Weems, Serge Corvington, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Laura Velkei, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Emma Rose Montague, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Heidi Brown.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Renate at the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list. **Thank you, Fr. Joe**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ps 87:1-2, 3, 5-7 John 19:25-34	Friday	Sirach 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Mark 11:11-26
Tuesday	Sirach 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mark 10:28-31	Saturday	Sirach 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mark 11:27-33
Wednesday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a Ps Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Luke 1:39-56	Sunday	Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 Ps Daniel 3:52-55 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18
Thursday	Sirach 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mark 10:46-52	Holy Trinity	

A SPECIAL THANK YOU Last week's plant sale was a wonderful success. A great big thank you to Judy Morgida, who organized and gathered the many plants. I also want to thank the members of the Joyful Workers, St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, and all those who volunteered to help. I appreciate your time, energy and commitment. May God bless you with the best, Fr. Joe

HFS BOTTLECAP COLLECTION DISCONTINUED We are sad to announce that the bottlecap collection program for Huntsville city schools sponsored by the Huntsville Green Team is being discontinued. They recommend placing all plastic bottlecaps and bottles in your residential recycle bins, effective immediately.

We would like to thank all parishioners who have faithfully contributed to this program over the years.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HISTORY BOOK Thank you to those families who are participating in our book project. In response to requests from parishioners, we have extended our article submission deadline to June 15.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you attend Mass regularly at St. Joseph, you should be registered here. Single adults who no longer share an address with their parents should have their own separate registration. If you are planning to be married or are newly married, you are invited to join the parish. As a general rule, registration with a particular parish is important for any sacrament, such as baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, marriage and becoming a godparent.

BAPTISM: Baptismal preparation class is required for parents and godparents. We offer the class at the beginning of each quarter, or four times a year. Please call the parish office to register. If you are a godparent from another parish, you must provide a letter of good standing from your pastor.

MARRIAGE: Marriage preparation classes are required if you plan to be married at St. Joseph. The preparation time is six months. You must be registered in the parish, complete the marriage preparation classes, attend an Engaged Encounter day or weekend and supply all the necessary documentation.

FUNERAL: Please call the parish office before making arrangements with a funeral home to ensure that the church and pastor are available. Schedule an appointment with the pastor to plan the service.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

JUNE 03-JUNE 04, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Joey Ross, Henry Franzo
8:15am: Lucy Fried, David Pohl
11:15am: William Pacello

LECTORS

5:00pm: Mallory McDonald, Diane Hollingshead
8:15am: Gina Bain, Connie Abbott
11:15am: Joe Pohuski, Carol Crisel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Patty Ayala*, Matteo Ayala, Mack Yates, Geri Donnelly, Philip Graham
8:15am: Kevin Nash*, Michelle Nash, Laura Hall, Teri Lynch, Cecilia Bruton
11:15am: Bea Terry*, Gerald Wocken, Nelene Odutola, Jim Powell, Norma Whitehead

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

FORMATION CALENDAR

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 VBS registration closes this weekend, so sign up today. Thank you to all our volunteers and for all the generous donations. We would appreciate your prayers this week for a successful VBS!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2023-2024 Registration for RE has begun. There is also space on the VBS table to sign up for RE. We will need extra help this year, so please consider giving of your time and talent for this ministry. Thank you!

May 28

NO RCIA—Pentecost
LWC @ 8:15am & 11:15am Masses

June 1

VBS Orientation 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Our Lady Queen of the Universe

June 4

RCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish office building

June 5-9

VBS 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Our Lady Queen of the Universe

Holy Family School **Treasures** Of The **WORLD** Rummage Sale AND Thrift Shop

June 15,16,17
(Thursday—Saturday)
8am-5pm Thursday & Friday
7am-1pm Saturday
Fr. Messmer Center (Gym)

TREASURES OF THE WORLD INTERNET SALES have begun. Do you have items of greater value to donate, such as lawn equipment, appliances, jewelry or collectibles? Let us turn them into cash to build our new school. Stay tuned for more information.

TREASURES OF THE WORLD SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Help with sorting and pricing is critical to make this sale a success. Please consider lending us your time and text 256-783-8625, or email sjctreasuresale@yahoo.com to sign up.

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND TURKEY We are excited about our pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, *In the Footsteps of St. Paul*, September 16-27, 2024, hosted by Fr. Joe.

If you would like more information about this journey, please contact Karen or Ben Sundry at 757-504-8376 or 256-690-3630. Applications for the trip are available in the parish office.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, MAY 29

Parish office closed for Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 30

10:00am: Parish Staff meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

3:00pm: 5:00pm Mass Choir Practice (SJC)
6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, JUNE 01

6:00pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)

FRIDAY, JUNE 02

9:00am: 1st Friday Womens Group (LMR)
11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)

SATURDAY, JUNE 03

Hospitality after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 04

Hospitality after the 8:15 a.m. Mass
9:30am: RCIA (LMR/LIB)

Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym
SJC = St. Joseph Church
SFH = St. Francis Hall
LMR/LIB = RE Center
BEA = Beasley Hall
STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
BRZWY = Breezeway
VBC = Von Braun Center