

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, May 17, 2020**

Nancy Moorman Reckers (d)
 Char Bauer (d)
 For the Parishioners

MONDAY, May 18, 2020

St. John I, Pope, Martyr
 Mary Jo Westendorf (d)

TUESDAY, May 19, 2020

Gus and Tony Rizzo (d)

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2020

St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest
 John W. Kinnemeyer(d)

THURSDAY, May 21, 2020

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest
 Herbert L. Bill, Sr. (d)

FRIDAY, May 22, 2020

St. Rita of Cascia
 Lucille Watkins (d)

SATURDAY, May 23, 2020

William Bauer (d)
 Special Intention

SUNDAY, May 24, 2020

Deanna McPhail (d)
 Thelma Ruhstaller (d)
 For the Parishioners

(Most of these intentions are being fulfilled by
 my offering Masses without a congregation)

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Thought for the Day: When you turn to God with blind trust and surrender yourself unconditionally and unreservedly to Him, entirely resolved to put aside your own hopes and fears; in short, determined to wish nothing except what he wishes and to wish all that He wishes. From this moment you will acquire perfect liberty and will never again be able to feel troubled or uneasy, and there is no power on earth capable of doing you violence or giving you a moment's unrest.

Fr. Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure, S.J.

SERVERS**May 23/24**

No Servers scheduled.

LECTORS**May 23/24**

No Lectors scheduled.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**May 23/24**

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

OFFERING

May 10, 2020 (received via mail) \$6,787.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

CONFESSION

- In the St. Joseph Sacristy – not in the confessional.
- The line starts at the Communion rail on St. Joseph side
- Please space yourselves 6 feet apart
- There is no light, so if door is open – confession is available

- Go in and close the door
- Stop at red cushion on floor
- Kneel or Stand
- When you leave, leave the door open

ENTRANCE

- Only the upper parking lot side door with the ramp is open during Prayer and Confession times.

PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY

when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND
CONFESSIONS ONLY**

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3:00pm to 5:00pm**

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**Please space yourselves at least 6 feet
apart.**

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul
of John Caine who recently passed away.

Vocation View: ‘If you love me, you
will keep my commandments.’ The Holy Spirit
gives us the courage to embrace our Faith with a
whole heart, but we must receive this gift in
humility. (John 14:15) If you want to talk about
your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan
Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at
dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Married
couples celebrating a significant wedding
anniversary (25,40,50,60,65,70,75) are invited to
request a congratulatory certificate from
Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Couples can
request a certificate in one of two ways:

1. Visit the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage &
Family Life Website at

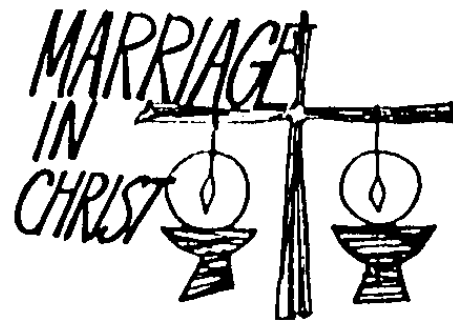
[http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-
office/family-life/](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-office/family-life/).

2. Call the Office for Marriage & Family Life
513-421-3131 ext.2601.

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATES MUST BE
MADE BEFORE JUNE 19.**

These certificates will be mailed to you from St.
Lawrence.

Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding
anniversary in 2020 are invited to attend the Golden
Anniversary Mass which will be held at St. Peter in
Chains Cathedral on Saturday, August 1st at
4:30pm.



(Please read the next two pages which are letters
from The Ohio Catholic Conference of Bishops
and Archbishop Schnurr regarding the restart of
Masses with a congregation.)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the “Responsible Restart Ohio Plan” is implemented during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, allowing a gradual return to work and lifting of some of the restrictions regarding consumer, retail and services, returning to operation, we your bishops, together with you, are anxious for the safe return to the public celebration of Mass/Liturgy. While making every effort to respect the spirit of the governor’s instructions, we want to begin in some way to make the public celebration of Mass/Liturgy available. To that end, we inform you that the bishops of Ohio have agreed that each diocese will determine a soft opening date later in May granting permission for the public celebration of weekday Mass/Liturgy, where it can be achieved safely and where pastorally possible, with less than 50 percent occupancy of the Church building, respecting social distancing. This plan provides for the possibility of the gradual return to the public celebration of Mass/Liturgy and prepares us for the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of 30/31 May, when Sunday Mass/Liturgy will be publicly celebrated.

During the next few weeks, we will be working with our pastors and diocesan pastoral staffs to prepare for a soft opening of public celebration of weekday Mass/Liturgy. To this end, we ask our pastors with their parish staffs to prepare to implement a rigorous effort to fulfill guidelines, which will be forthcoming from each Diocese/Eparchy, to include maintaining social distancing, recommendations to provide a safe environment, and instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass/Liturgy remains in effect. As your bishops, we continue to be cautious and concerned for those who are most at risk, the elderly and those with serious health issues. We also remain deeply concerned for our priests, many of whom we find in this category. We strongly urge those who are most vulnerable and their caregivers to stay at home, and we implore those who are not feeling well, or who fear that their own health or that of their family may be compromised, to refrain from coming to church

at this time. We thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we implement this gradual return to the public celebration of Mass/Liturgy.

Together, we continue to pray for all who are suffering from Covid-19, for all health care workers and first responders, for all the deceased and their families, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this pandemic. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust in the glorious hope of His Resurrection.

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr Archbishop of Cincinnati

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo

Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J. Bishop of Youngstown
Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton
Bishop of Steubenville

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan Bishop of Columbus

Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland

Most Rev. J. Michael Botean Romanian Eparchy of Canton

Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat

Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ Byzantine Eparchy of Parma

The Laurentian

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past eight weeks, the Bishops of Ohio have met on a regular basis to discuss recommendations and requirements put in place by the State of Ohio and the medical profession to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. Early in those discussions, we very reluctantly agreed that we had to suspend the public celebration of Mass for the safety of our parishioners and for the common good of our communities. These past weeks and months have been very difficult, but I am grateful to our priests, deacons, and lay leaders who continued to show genuine pastoral care for our people by staying in contact with parishioners in very creative ways. Many parishes live streamed Mass, connected with parishioners through phone calls, opened their churches for private devotions, offered spiritual reflections in online videos, etc. I am deeply, deeply grateful to all who have taken these initiatives. I am also grateful for all of you who have maintained spiritual closeness through these and other means and continued to live the Catholic faith in your homes.

On May 8, the Bishops of Ohio issued a statement by which we informed Catholics in the State of Ohio that, while making every effort to respect the spirit of the governor's "Responsible Restart Ohio Plan," we will begin to make the public celebration of Mass available once again. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, public Masses will begin on Monday, May 25.

At the same time, I must emphasize that this is not going to be "a return to normal." Health and safety requirements and recommendations must continue to be followed. Among these are social distancing, the use of face masks, and concern for the most vulnerable.

Because of social distancing, church capacity will be significantly reduced and the number of people who attend a particular Mass will have to be regulated and limited. Please remember that you have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, and that dispensation will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Thus, those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending any Mass that

is celebrated any day of the week. I am asking our pastors to make every effort to have a Mass celebrated publicly in every parish/region every day of the week beginning May 25.

Pastors, priests, deacons, parish staff, and volunteers are establishing respective guidelines for public health in each parish church. Please be respectful of these guidelines. Those who are elderly or vulnerable should continue to stay at home, mindful of the dispensation from the Sunday obligation. Parishes are asked to try to find ways to safely bring Holy Communion to shut-ins. People who are fearful that they may be putting their health, or the health of their family, at risk should likewise continue to remain at home.

On Sunday, May 3, the first Sunday of the month of May, a month dedicated in a special way to give honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, I re-consecrated our archdiocese to the maternal care of Mary. In the prayer of consecration, I prayed: "Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother ... In this time of pandemic, we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort ... bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord."

With the Blessed Virgin Mary interceding on our behalf we will get through these challenging times and draw nearer to her Son, the Good Shepherd.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr Archbishop of Cincinnati

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Durante las últimas ocho semanas, los Obispos de Ohio se han reunido regularmente para discutir recomendaciones y requisitos establecidos por el Estado de Ohio y la profesión médica para hacer frente a la pandemia de coronavirus. Al principio de esas discusiones, acordamos de muy mala gana que teníamos que suspender la celebración pública de la Misa por la seguridad de nuestros feligreses y por el bien común de nuestras comunidades. Estas últimas semanas y meses han sido muy difíciles, pero estoy agradecido con nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos y líderes laicos que continuaron mostrando un cuidado pastoral genuino para nuestra gente al mantenerse en contacto con los feligreses de maneras muy creativas. Muchas parroquias transmiten la Misa en vivo, se conectan con los feligreses a través de llamadas telefónicas, abren sus iglesias para devociones privadas, ofrecen reflexiones espirituales en videos en línea, etc. Estoy profundamente agradecido a todos los que han tomado estas iniciativas. También estoy agradecido por todos ustedes que han mantenido la cercanía espiritual a través de estos y otros medios y continuaron viviendo la fe Católica en sus hogares.

El 8 de Mayo, los Obispos de Ohio emitieron una declaración mediante la cual informamos a los Católicos en el estado de Ohio que, mientras hacemos todo lo posible para respetar el espíritu del “Plan de reinicio responsable de Ohio” del gobernador, comenzaremos a hacer la celebración pública de Misa disponible una vez más. En la Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati, las Misas públicas comenzarán el Lunes 25 de Mayo.

Al mismo tiempo, debo enfatizar que esto no va a ser “un regreso a la normalidad”. Deben seguirse los requisitos y recomendaciones de salud y seguridad. Entre estos se encuentran el distanciamiento social, el uso de máscaras faciales y la preocupación por los más vulnerables

Debido al distanciamiento social, la capacidad de la iglesia se reducirá significativamente y el número de

personas que asisten a una Misa en particular tendrá que ser regulado y limitado. Recuerde que se le ha dispensado de la obligación de asistir a la Misa Dominical, y esa dispensación se mantendrá vigente en el futuro previsible. Por lo tanto, aquellos que desean participar en la Misa y recibir la Sagrada Comunión pueden hacerlo asistiendo a cualquier Misa que se celebre cualquier día de la semana. Les pido a nuestros pastores que hagan todo lo posible para celebrar una Misa públicamente en cada parroquia/región todos los días de la semana a partir del 25 de Mayo.

Los pastores, sacerdotes, diáconos, personal parroquial y voluntarios están estableciendo pautas respectivas para la salud pública en cada iglesia parroquial. Por favor sea respetuoso con estas pautas. Las personas mayores o vulnerables deben continuar en casa, conscientes de la dispensa de la obligación Dominical. Se les pide a las parroquias que traten de encontrar formas de llevar de manera segura la Sagrada Comunión a los encerrados. Las personas que tienen miedo de poner en riesgo su salud o la de su familia también deben permanecer en sus hogares.

El Domingo 3 de Mayo, el primer Domingo del mes de Mayo, un mes dedicado de manera especial para honrar a la Santísima Virgen María, re-consagré nuestra arquidiócesis al cuidado materno de María. En la oración de consagración, recé: “Santísima Virgen María, Madre de la Iglesia y nuestra Madre ... En este tiempo de pandemia, venimos a ti, nuestro signo de esperanza y consuelo seguros ... pon a todos bajo tu protección y confía a todos a tu amado Hijo, Jesucristo, nuestro Señor”.

Con la Santísima Virgen María intercediendo en nuestro nombre, superaremos estos tiempos difíciles y nos acercaremos a su Hijo, el Buen Pastor.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Dennis M. Schnurr Arzobispo de Cincinnati

PASTOR'S DESK (CONTD)

I am thrilled that we will begin to celebrate Mass together on Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day). We will follow our normal daily Mass schedule of 8:30 am. For now, I am planning to follow our normal weekend Mass schedule as well. Once we begin having Mass, the Adoration and Confessions from 3 -5 in the afternoon will go away; except for Thursday which is our well established time for weekly Eucharistic Adoration.

For all Masses, we will observe health and safety guidelines. So, for example, we will observe social distancing, entrance doors will be propped open and wearing a mask will be encouraged but not required. Also, for now the Archbishop has dispensed everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

UPPER LOT REPAIR: Please be aware that over the next two weeks or so the upper lot is being repaired. So for now, if you are coming to church for Adoration and Confessions you may need to park on Carson or behind the rectory.

The Great Advantages to be Gained from Entire Conformity to the Divine Will

Our sanctification is God's aim in all His dealings with us. What would He not do for His own honor and our good if we would only let Him! The heavens make no resistance to the spirits that guide them and their motion is magnificent, orderly and useful; they declare aloud the glory of God and preserve order in the universe by their influence and the invariable succession of day and night. If they resisted this guidance and instead of following the motion set for them they followed a different one, they would soon fall into the utmost confusion and destroy the world. It is the same when the will of man lets himself be guided by God's will. Then all that is in this microcosm, this "little world," all the faculties of the soul and members of the body are in the most perfect harmony and regular motion. But man quickly loses all these advantages and falls into the utmost confusion once he opposes his will to God's and turns aside from it.

Man Sacrifices Himself By This Conformity

In what does the sanctification of man and his perfection consist? "Some," says St. Francis de Sales, "place it in austerity, others in giving to charity, others in frequenting the Sacraments, others in prayer. But for my part I know no other perfection than loving God with all one's heart. Without this love all the virtues are only a heap of stones." The truth of this cannot be doubted. The Scriptures are full of it. *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, thy whole soul and thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment*, Our Lord tells us. And St. Paul: *Above all these things, which is the bond of perfection.*

In the same way that virtue is ennobled and perfected by the love of God, "so likewise" says Rodriquez following St. Chrysostom, "the highest, purest and most excellent part of this love is absolute conformity to the Divine Will and having in all things no other will but God's." For, as theologians teach with Pseudo-Dionysius and St. Jerome, "the chief effect of love is to unite the hearts of those who love each other so that they have the same will." Hence the more we submit to God's designs for us, the more we advance towards perfection. When we resist we go backwards.

"Whoever makes a habit of prayer," says the great St. Teresa of Avila, "should think only of doing everything to conform his will to God's. Be assured that in this conformity consists the highest perfection we can attain, and those who practice it with the greatest care will be favored by God's greatest gift and will make the quickest progress in the interior life. Do not imagine there are other secrets, all our good consists in this."

From Trustful Surrender To Divine Providence.
Father Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure, S.J.
and St. Claude de la Colombiere. S.J.