

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, May 22, 2022

9:00 am Jacob Kordes (d)
11:00 am Maria Frenza (d)
2:30 pm Mass of Thanksgiving
(Celebrant Fr. Michael Willig)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, May 23, 2022

8:30 am Thelma Ruhstaller (d)

TUESDAY, May 24, 2022

8:30 am Paul Louis (d)

WEDNESDAY, May 25, 2022

St. Bede the Venerable, priest, Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin

8:30 am Joseph Listermann (d)

THURSDAY, May 26, 2022

8:30 am St. Philip Neri, priest

8:30 am Virginia Schmidt (l)

3:00-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, May 27, 2022

St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

8:30 am Nola Hoffman (d)

SATURDAY, May 28, 2022

8:30 am John Day (d)

3:00-4:00 pm Confession

4:30 am Joan Hoffman (d)

SUNDAY, May 29, 2022

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am Dick Meyer (d)

11:00 am Luu Nguyen (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

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.

Priority One Insulation
5178 Crookshank Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45238
Barry Kirby
513-922-0203

SERVERS

May 28/29

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

May 28/29

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 28/29

To Be Determined

May 15, 2022

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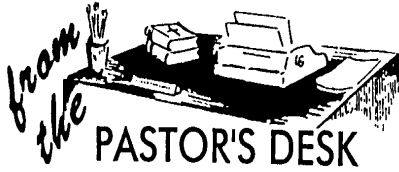
Vocation View God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence. (Revelations 21:1-5) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: "Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases." *by St. Rose of Lima*

Help Wanted: St. Lawrence Cafeteria is in need of a part time dishwasher, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Requires moderate physical effort such as: standing, carrying, bending, and lifting up to 25 pounds. If interested please call Denise Dugan at 513-309-3529.



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ad Orientem: The 11:00 Mass will be celebrated ad Orientem. This means that I will be facing the same way you are facing during the Opening and Closing prayers, the Offertory and Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3 – 5 p.m. Part of the time, during the first hour, I hear Confessions. Remember, you can gain a plenary indulgence by spending at least one half hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The requirements for gaining a plenary or partial indulgence are the performance of the indulgenced work and the fulfillment of three conditions: sacramental confession; Eucharistic communion; prayer for the pope's intentions. A further requirement for a plenary is the exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

St. Lawrence Summer Celebration:

SAVE THE DATE! We are planning to have a parish celebration after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, August 13th. Here are some more details.

At the Summer Celebration we will have the drawing for the Major Award. The Major Award raffle tickets will be coming in the mail, soon. There will be two early bird drawings, one in June and one in July. Like last year, there will be a catered dinner and bar. Also, a basket booth and split the pot. Some more things for the evening are also in the works. We will keep you posted as things develop.

Retirement Announcement After 21 years of teaching at St. Lawrence, Mr. Rick Hilvers has decided to retire! He has had a positive, loving impact on hundreds of students over the last two decades. Mr. Hilvers, may you have a happy and relaxing retirement. Thank you for your tireless dedication to the students of St. Lawrence. God bless you!

HEALING SERVICE

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center
5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood, Oh 45212
Phone 513-351-9800

May 25, 2022

Rosary: 6:45 P.M.

Mass: 7:15 P.M.

Healing Service after Mass
Come to Jesus for Healing

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR - Join Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 17-28, 2022. This pilgrimage will be a spiritual journey to the land where Jesus was born, where he preached and healed, suffered, died, and rose again. For more information and to register, go to www.catholiccincypilgrimage.com.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASSES - Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses.

- Saturday, August 13 at 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Dayton; Celebrant: Rev. Brian Phelps
- Sunday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati; Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr Please register to attend one of the masses by completing the online form at <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversarycertificate-request>.



The cross exemplifies every virtue

Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all the evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what he desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: *Greater love than His no man has, than to lay down His life for His friends.* Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if He gave His life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for His sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because *when He suffered He did not threaten; He was led like a sheep to the slaughter and He did not open His mouth.* Therefore Christ's patience on the cross was great. *In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before Him, bore His cross and despised the shame.*

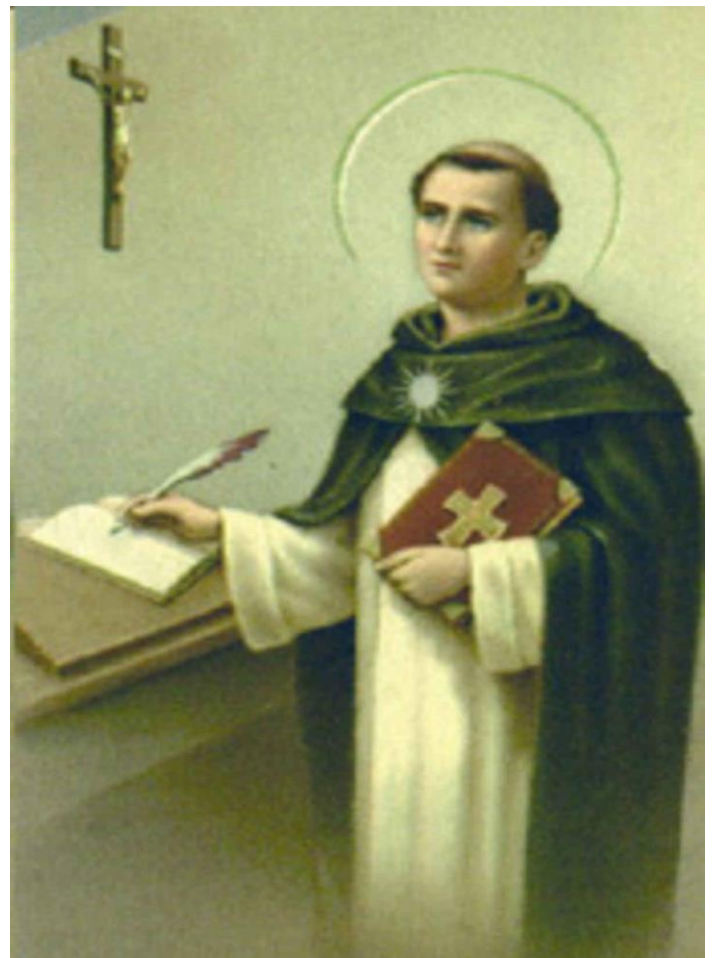
If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow Him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. *For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.*

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow Him who is *the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* Upon the cross He was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because *they divided my garments among themselves.* Nor to honors, for He experienced harsh words and scourging. Nor to greatness of rank, for *weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head.* Nor to anything delightful, for *in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*

by St. Thomas Aquinas



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The Easter Alleluia

Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice forever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our early life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by One who keeps His word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

Because there are these two periods of time—the one that now is, beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy—we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the *Alleluia* we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our Head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial—shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say *Alleluia*.

You say to your neighbor, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts.

by St. Augustine, bishop

