

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 2023

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, May 21, 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 9:00 am Bob Kessling (d)
11:00 am Special Intention
7:00 pm Max and Angela Hofmeyer (d)

MONDAY, May 22, 2023

- 12:00 pm Melissa Hoffman (l)

TUESDAY, May 23, 2023

- 12:00 pm Thelma Ruhstaller (d)

- 12:30 pm Confessions

WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2023

- 12:00 pm Charles and Marian Heidel (d)

THURSDAY, May 25, 2023

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church, St. Gregory the VII, Pope

- 12:00 pm Maria Hoffman (l)

3:00 pm-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

(Confessions from 3:15...)

FRIDAY, May 26, 2023

St. Philip Neri, Priest

- 12:00 pm Norma Erhardt (d)

SATURDAY, May 27, 2023

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Confessions

- 4:30 pm Nola Hoffman (d)

SUNDAY, May 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Marie Rump (d)

- 11:00 am Luu Nguyen (d)

- 7:00 pm Don and Rose Ashcraft (d)

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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.

SERVERS

May 27/28

To Be Determined

LECTORS

May 27/28

To Be Determined

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 27/28

To Be Determined

May 14, 2023

\$6,997.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation “Go and make disciples of all nations!” Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from Christ; embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of the world! (Matthew 28:19)

Thought for the Day “Don’t be anxious about what you have, but about what you are.”

St. Pope Gregory the Great





Fr. Watkins' Desk

Memorial Day Masses: The Mass at St. Lawrence on Memorial Day will be at 8:30 a.m. NOT 12 Noon. Mass at St. Teresa will be at 7:00 a.m. and Mass at St. William will be 9:00 a.m.

Save the Date: Our Second Annual Summer Celebration is Saturday, August 12th this year! The evening will include dinner and an open bar, games, split the pot and the major award. More details and information to follow.

Lower Lot Reconstruction and paving will begin on June 1. Along with the repaving, the lot will have new water retention built underneath it. The lot will also be regraded and leveled out. We will lose the lower lot parking for weekend Masses in June. Additional details to follow.

Eucharistic Revival

JUNE 9-11, Behold the Lamb of God, 40-Hours Devotion and Family Campout
This is a unique weekend combining fun, fellowship, teaching, praise, worship and adoration. It is open to all, but caters to families with children. Guest Rooms available. Bring a Dish to share for Sat. evening meal, Cincinnati Chili, spaghetti and hot dogs provided, Breakfast on Sunday provided. Cost: A donation.

JUNE 19-22, The Eucharist Vacation Bible School, Ages 7-High School. Know Jesus Better and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Four Days (Mon-Thu) 9:30am-1:00pm Crafts, activities, Bible, Worship, Lunch. Cost: A donation.

JUNE 19-23 Family Vacation with the Lord (Includes VBS, guest rooms and more.)
Presentation Ministries Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Rd., Peebles, Ohio 45660 Register online at

www.presentationministries.com
or Call 513 373 2397



St. Lawrence School Presents the Class of 2023

Arianna Amison	Liliana Reynoso DeLeon
McKenzie Corbett	Jemilly Rivera Mendez
Jordan Curry	Alexander Roblero Aranda
Demsi Diaz-Jacinto	Hugo Romero-Silva
Kyle Eichhorn	Anthony Root
Samara Endress	Marshawn Sally
Ana Garrido Lopez	Ke'Mariya Simpson
Austin Hicks	Jaskyla Taylor
Joseph Huiet	Emmanuel Hollstegge
Roni Joachin Aguilar	Shane Perez Morales
Nevaeh Mann	Esmeralda Lopez Hernandez
Kyle Watkins	Lisandro Mendez Gonzalez
Brenaya Williams	Jefferson Mendez-Vasquez
Kyra Myers	Mili Morales Mendez
Josua Ngoie	Alejandro Ventura Puac
Madison Nettles	Prisbeth Victoria-Perez
Villian Nguyen	Jenifer Perez Perez
Byron Ortiz Santizo	Wendy Perez Mendoza



The Practice of Conformity to the Will of God

All sanctity consists in loving God; and the love of God consists in fulfilling his holy will. In this is our life: *And life in His good will*. And he who is always united with the will of God is always in peace; for the divine will takes away the bitterness of every cross. By saying, God wills it so, God has so willed, holy souls find peace in all their labors: *Whatsoever shall befall the just man, it shall not make him sad*. You say: Everything goes wrong with me; God sends me all kinds of misfortunes. Things go wrong with you, my friend, because you make them go wrong; if you were to be resigned to the will of God, all would go well, and for your good. The crosses which God sends you are misfortunes, because you make them misfortunes, if you would take them with resignation, they would no longer be misfortunes, but riches for paradise. Ven. Balthazar Alvarez says: "He who in his troubles resigns himself with peacefulness to the divine will, runs to God post-haste." Let us now come to the practice.

And first, let us resign ourselves in the sicknesses which befall us. Worldly people call illnesses misfortunes, but the saints call them visitations of God and favors. When we are ill we ought certainly to take remedies in order to be cured, but we should always be resigned to whatever God disposes. And if we pray for restoration to health, let it always be done with resignation, otherwise we shall not obtain the favor. But how much do we not gain when we are ill by offering to God all we suffer! He who loves God from his heart does not desire to be cured of his illness in order not to suffer, but he desires to please God by suffering. It was this love which made the scourge, the rack, and the burning pitch sweet

to the holy martyrs. We must also be especially resigned in mortal sickness. To accept death at such a time, in order that the will of God may be fulfilled, merits for us a reward similar to that of the martyrs, because they accepted death to please God. He who dies in union with the will of God makes a holy death; and the more closely he is united to it, the more holy death does he die. The Venerable Blosius declares that an act of perfect conformity to the will of God at the hour of death not only delivers us from hell, but also from purgatory.

Secondly, we must also unite ourselves to the will of God with regard to our *natural defects*, as want of talents, being of low birth, weak health, bad sight, want of ability for affairs, and the like. All that we have is the free gift of God. Might he not have made us a fly or a blade of grass? A hundred years ago we were anything but nothingness? And what more do we want? Let it suffice that God has given us the power of becoming saints. Although we may have little talent, poor health, and may be poor and abject, we may very well become saints through his grace if we have the will. Oh, how many unfortunate beings have been damned on account of their talents, their health, high birth, riches or beauty! Let us then be content with what God has done for us; and let us thank him always for the good things he has given us, and particularly for having called us to the holy faith; this is a great gift, and one for which few are found to thank God.

The Laurentian

Thirdly, we must resign ourselves in all adversities that may happen to us, as the loss of property, of our expectations, of our relative; and in the attacks and persecutions we may meet with from men. You will say: But God does not will sin; how is it that I must resign myself when someone calumniated me, wrongs me, attacks and defrauds me? That cannot happen by the will of God. What a deception is this! God does not will the sin of such a one; he permits it: but, on the other hand, he does will the adversity which you suffer by means of this person. So that it is our Lord himself who sends you that cross, though it comes to you by means of your neighbor; therefore even in these cases you must embrace the cross as coming from God. Nor let us seek to find out a reason for such treatment. St. Teresa says: "If you are willing to bear only those crosses for which you see a reason, perfection is not for you."

Fourthly, we must be resigned in aridity of soul; if, when we say our prayers, make our Communions, visit the Blessed Sacrament, etc., all seems to weary and give us no comfort, let us be satisfied in knowing that we please God, and that the less satisfaction we feel ourselves in our devotions the more pleasure do we give him. At no time can we know better our own insufficiency and misery than in the time of aridity; and therefore let us humble ourselves in our prayers, and put ourselves with resignation into God's hands, and say: "Lord, I do not deserve consolations; I desire nothing but that thou have pity on me; keep me in Thy grace, and do with me what Thou wilt." And so doing, we shall gain in one day of desolation than in a month of tears

and sensible devotion. And generally Speaking, this should be the continual tenor of our prayers, offering ourselves to God, that he may do with us as he pleases; saying to him in our prayers, our Communions, and in the visit: "My God, make me do Thy will." In doing the will of God we shall do everything, For this end let us accustom ourselves to have always on our lips the ejaculation: *Fiat voluntas tua!* "Thy will be done," even in the least things we do; for instance, if we snuff out a candle, break a glass, or stumble over something, let us always repeat; "May the will of God be done!" When we lose any of our possessions, or when one of our relatives dies, or anything else of the same sort happens to us, let us say: "O Lord, it is Thy will, it is my will also." And when we fear any temporal ill, let us say: "O Lord, I will whatever Thy willest." Thus we shall be very pleasing in the sight of God, and shall be always be in peace.

From "Preparation of Death"
by St. Alphonsus De Liguori

