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Sixth Sunday of Easter– May 9, 2021



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The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM (Choir), 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

Handicapped Accessible

Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions : Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

Websites:

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MAY 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**READING 1 ACTS 10: 25-26,
34-35, 44-48.**

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 98: 1, 2-
3, 3-4.**

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

READING 2 IJN 4:7-10.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.



ALLELUIA

JN 14: 23.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

JN 15: 9-17.

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”



Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

One day, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) had to travel to Seattle and solve a pungent problem. The Seattle orphanage of Mother Cabrini's congregation happened to be directly in the path of a planned city highway, and so she had to find another place for the orphans. She insisted on traveling by foot to examine each available property. Her sisters pleaded with her to spare both herself and them from the grueling pace she was setting. But despite her sixty-three years and her fragile health, she said, "You young ones are fatigued? Very well, I will search by myself."

After days of efforts without fruit, she was exhausted. She placed a map of Seattle before her spiritual daughters and pointed to a particular location. "Go to this section, look it over thoroughly and report to me your findings," she said. "But, Mother," responded a nun, "permit me to say that I doubt if there is anything suitable there. I know that section well, and there is nothing, just nothing there." Mother Cabrini answered, "Just the same, Daughter, go there, and then tell me what you have found."

That night the nuns gleefully returned to the convent and blurted out excitedly, "Oh, Mother, we went exactly where you told us to go, and found a little paradise on earth!" She gently listened to their exuberant description, and then said, "I knew it would be a beautiful place. I saw it all, in my dream last night." The following day she visited that very property. It was a villa at the top of a hill with a majestic view. The owner explained to her that the estate actually belonged to his wife, and that she would not part with the land for all the world's gold. Her daughters were deeply disappointed, but Mother Cabrini told them after they left, "That paradise will be for our orphans ... somehow or other."

Trekking down the hill to the village below, they began the journey back to the convent. Mother and daughters were exhausted. Darkness was descending, and at that hour the trolleys were few and far between. At first, St. Frances hesitated to hire a hack. It was expensive and they all took a vow of poverty. However, the fatigue of her daughters concerned her. As she was pondering the dilemma a chauffeur-driven lim-

ousine approached. It carried one passenger, a very well-dressed lady. Mother decided to raise her cane and signal. The lady had her car stopped and generously offered to drive them back to the convent.

On the way, Frances talked with the woman, and in the course of the conversation the lady learned that she was talking to the famous Mother Cabrini, whose work she had long appreciated. St. Frances talked of the beautiful parcel of land—the paradise perched on the hill—and mentioned how very much she had wanted it for her orphans. At the convent door she said to the lady, "I am grateful for your goodness, and pray that the Lord will always recompense tenfold whatever charity you perform." The lady's eyes filled with tears. She said, "Mother Cabrini, the property you saw today, the 'paradise' you speak of—I own it. I had never thought of parting with it. But, if I may be allowed to enter your Holy House for a moment and receive from your hands, a glass of water in the name of Our Lord, your little orphans shall have their 'paradise' with all my heart."

When Archbishop O'Dea visited the orphans in their new home he was flabbergasted. How did Mother Cabrini obtain such a windfall? She replied with a grin, "Your Excellency, I paid for it with three treasures: my love, a dream, and a glass of water in His name." (Anecdote taken from *Immigrant Saint: The Life of Mother Cabrini* by Pietro Di Donato, 1960).

I mention this story of a great spiritual mother because today is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day! Americans will ponder with appreciation and gladness their biological mothers. Rightly so. Today we do well to also consider all the wonderful spiritual mothers the good Lord has placed on our path. They may or may not have had a biological connection to us, but they have certainly inspired us and empowered us by means of their faith, hope and charity. God bless them always!

Father Eric



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Saturday, May 8:

5:00 Joyce Kennedy & Corinne A. O'Brien

Sunday, May 9:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
 9:00 Mary Mackey
 11:00 Eileen McGarry
 1:00 Thomas J, Virginia & Gerard Crane

Monday, May 10:

9:30 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

Tuesday, May 11:

9:30 John Smith

Wednesday, May 12:

9:30 Ralph Jr. & Joseph Munoz (Living)

Thursday, May 13:

9:30 Patricia M. Silvestri
 12:00 People of the Parish
 7:00 Aida Clarke

Friday, May 14:

9:30 Jaden Munoz & Isaiah Roland (Living)

Saturday, May 15:

9:30 Joseph LoBruno
 5:00 Teresa Santimauro

Sunday, May 16:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 People of the Parish
 11:00 Thomas Paulo
 1:00 Gerard Hoffman

Saturday, May 15:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, May 16:

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch
 9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe
 11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki
 1:00 PM Donald Maj

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 15:

5:00 PM Jason Suazo

Sunday, May 16:

7:00 Jacob Torres
 9:00 Stella Albano
 11:00 Abigail Cruz
 1:00 Elijah Greene

Collections:

May 2nd.....\$9,964.00
 May 2021 Monthly.....\$1,790.00

ATTENDANCE MAY 2ND: 560

CAPACITY FOR MASS : 210

Wedding Banns

III. Vincent Michael Fialla III & Christina Nicole Cafazzo

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Golden Jubilee Mass: Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be celebrating a special Golden Jubilee Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The Mass will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 6th, at 2:30 PM. During the Mass the couple will renew their vows and they are allowed to have two guests present at the Cathedral. Due to COVID restrictions the guests will sit outside the area reserved for couples. If any of our parishioners are celebrating their Golden Anniversary this year (married 1971) and wish to attend they need to contact The Rectory and make arrangements with the Office Manager no later than May 17th.

Newly Baptized: We ask that you pray for our newly baptized parishioners including; **John Frank Lambert, Dion Angelo Fernando, Athena Lynn Ramos, Rose Catherine Weaver, Anthony Joseph Naimoli, Christian Bowie Fronapfel, Taylor Rose Ferrara, Victor Daniel Flores III, Charles Thomas Mobilia, Javon Samuel Wood, Lorenzo John Romero, Terence Thomas Walsh, Peyton Rae Woodford & Savannah Grace DeNisco.** God bless them all and their parents.

COVID Surge India: In response to the recent surge in the Corona Virus cases in India Cardinal Dolan has asked parishes to raise funds for this emergency. Anyone who wishes to make donation can put it into the collection (make sure it is marked as India aid) or drop it off to the Rectory .

Ascension Thursday: Thursday, May 13th, is Ascension Thursday, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Sacred Heart Masses are at 9:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7 PM.

Save the Date!!

Sacred Heart Holy Name Communion

Breakfast Sunday, September 19th.

SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

MAY 14TH

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