

May 7 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Catholic Parish

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MAS **SCHEDULES**

SATURDAY 3:15рм **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION** 3:30 PM - HOLY ROSARY 4:00 PM - HOLY MASS

SUNDAY 8:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 8:30AM- HOLY MASS 10:30 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 11:00AM- HOLY MASS

> REGULAR WEEKDAYS MONDAY-COMMUNION SERVICE TUESDAY-FRIDAY

ANNOUNCEMENT'S

Lawn Party income & expenses will be enlisted in the next weekend bulletin. Lawn Party Sponsors ads are in the insert

We have recitation of the Holy Rosary every day from Monday thru Friday @ 5:30pm. You're encouraged to come and pray the Rosary at Grotto.

Special words of appreciation and thanks to the People of the Parish, Lawn Party Core Committee, Parish Staff, Parish Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy committee, Al- tar Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxilia- ries, Daughters of Mary, McGill Toolan Kids All volunteers from Mobile & Outside Mobile, DJ, Country Store people, Choir, Bereavement committee who made our Lawn Party so colorful and joyful. Without you, this could have not been pos- sible. You did it. So, Many Thanks Wishing all the Mothers of our Parish a very happy Mother's Day

ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNI-**TY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

72. The parable begins with the robbers. Jesus chose to start when the robbery has already taken place, lest we dwell on the crime itself or the thieves who committed it. Yet we know them well. We have seen, descending on our world, the dark shadows of neglect and violence in the service of petty interests of power, gain and division. The real question is this: will we abandon the injured man and run

to take refuge from the violence, or will we pursue the thieves? Will the wounded man end up being the justification for our irreconcilable divisions, our cruel indifference, our intestine conflicts?

Foot Note : Summa Theologiae II-II, q. 27, a. 2, resp.

73. The parable then asks us to take a closer look at the passers-by. The nervous indifference that makes them pass to the other side of the road – whether innocently or not, whether the result of disdain or mere distraction – makes

the priest and the Levite a sad reflection of the growing gulf between ourselves and the world around us. There are many ways to pass by at a safe distance: we can retreat in-wards, ignore others, or be indifferent to their plight. Or simply look elsewhere, as in some countries, or certain sectors of them, where contempt is shown for the poor and their culture, and one looks the other way, as if a development plan imported from without could edge them out.

This is how some justify their indifference: the poor, whose pleas for help might touch their hearts, simply do not exist. The poor are beyond the scope of their interest

Foot Note : Cf. ibid., I-II, q. 26, a. 3, resp.

74. One detail about the passers-by does stand out: they were religious, devoted to the worship of God: a priest and

a Levite. This detail should not be overlooked. It shows that belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others. The guarantee of an authentic openness to

God, on the other hand, is a way of practising the faith that helps open our hearts to our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom expressed this pointedly when he challenged his Christian hearers: "Do you wish to honour the body of the Saviour? Do not despise it when it is naked.

Do not honour it in church with silk vestments while out-

side it is naked and numb with cold".[58] Paradoxically, those who claim to be unbelievers can sometimes put God's will into practice better than believers.

Foot Note : Ibid., q. 110, a. 1, resp.

75. "Robbers" usually find secret allies in those who "pass by and look the other way". There is a certain interplay between those who manipulate and cheat society, and those who, while claiming to be detached and impartial critics, live off that system and its benefits. There is a sad hypocrisy when the impunity of crime, the use of institutions for personal or corporate gain, and other evils apparently impossible to eradicate, are accompanied by a relentless criticism of everything, a constant

sowing of suspicion that results in distrust and confusion. The complaint that "everything is broken" is answered by the claim that "it can't be fixed", or "what can I do?" This feeds into disillusionment and despair, and hardly encourages a spirit of solidarity and generosity. Plunging people into despair closes a perfectly perverse circle: such is the agenda of the invisible dictatorship of hidden interests that have gained mastery over both resources and the possibility of thinking and

expressing opinions.

Foot Note : Message for the 2014 World Day of Peace (8 December 2013), 1: AAS 106 (2014), 22.

76. Let us turn at last to the injured man. There are times when we feel like him, badly hurt and left on side of the road. We can also feel helpless because our institutions are neglected and lack resources, or simply serve the interests of a few, with out and within. Indeed, "globalized society often has an elegant way of shifting its gaze. Under the guise of being politically correct or ideologically fashionable, we look at those who suffer without touching them. We televise live pictures of them, even speaking about them with euphemisms and

with apparent tolerance".[59] Foot Note : Cf. Angelus (29 December 2013): L'Osservatore Romano, 30-31 December 2013, p. 7; Address to the **Diplomatic Corps Accredited to the Holy See (12 January** 2015): AAS 107 (2015), 165.

77. Each day offers us a new opportunity, a new possibility. We should not expect everything from those who govern us, for that would be childish. We have the space we need for coresponsibility in creating and putting into place new processes and changes. Let us take an active part in renewing and su porting our troubled societies. Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment. Like the

chance traveller in the parable, we need only have a pure and

simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen We may often find ourselves succumbing to the mentality of the violent, the blindly ambitious, those who spread mistrust and lies. Others may continue to view politics or the economy as an arena for their own power plays. For our part, let us

foster what is good and place ourselves at its service. Foot Note : Message for the World Day of Persons with **Disabilities (3 December**

2019): L'Osservatore Romano, 4 December 2019, 7.

GOSPEL RFLECTION

Dear Brothers and sisters In Christ Jesus, The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disci ples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now

love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit-Amen

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy Pastor's Note on his 14th priestly Ordination anniversary

The priesthood is a call, gift, commitment, sacrifice, dedication & blessing from Christ to a relationship with Him which is grounded on discipleship & service to His people. I responded to Him as young seminarian at the age of 14. I was ordained as priest on May 10, 2010. The priest is blessed with his own fulfilment and sanctification. By the time Christ left Earth to return to the Father in heaven, he had called certain followers (the Apostles) to continue His Mission of establishing the Kingdom of God on Earth until that final day when He returns to us and He will be "all in all" (1 Cor 15:28). The priesthood is an extension of that work, and is therefore a continuation of the work of Christ in the world. I am very blessed by My Loving Lord who called me to follow him. My heart exalts in praise and thanksgiving to Him for giving you'll in to my life and to take care of the Parishioners through my priesthood. I want to thank you for accepting me & doing everything that I needed.

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, .,Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kait-lyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Man- dy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery,

Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr. Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O'Rourke, Perry

Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny

MASS OPENINGS 11 June 2023—Opening 15 June 2023—Opening 16 June 2023—Opening 18 June 2023—Opening 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, June 2023—Opening 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 June 2023—Opening

Our guest Priest Fr. Martin I., celebrates his 7th priestly ordination anniversary next Sunday. We wish him a Happy Anniversary; A pleasant and happy stay in the USA.