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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the Week of May 28, 2017

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab /Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5, 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/

Liturgy Schedule

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday - 9:30 a.m. at Community of Saints School

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.
and by appointment

Prayer Line

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A MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTION



Women and men who belong to the Order of Preachers have a great love and respect for the dead. For eight centuries, Dominicans have had customs and practices that turn their prayers to those who have died. For example, on every anniversary of a

Sister's or Brother's death, we remember them in prayer by name. Dominican women pray suffrages for the members of their community for eight days after their death. All Dominican men of a province celebrate a Mass for their brother when he dies. Dominicans celebrate the *Feast of All Saints Of the Order of Preachers* on November 7 and we celebrate the *Anniversary of Deceased Sisters and Brothers of the Order* on November 8.

Our great love and respect for the dead is part of our Dominican spirituality that we offer to the bigger world. Our Dominican brother, Thomas Aquinas, writes that we Christians are bound together not simply by faith, but also by the grace-given virtue of love. In death, our bond of love is not broken, life is changed, not ended. It is changed in that those who have died have entrusted to us what they themselves received, cared for, and enriched. This encourages me to look at the power of death and the power of love during this Memorial Day weekend.

Death is a universal power. It has an effect on everyone. Smart or foolish, rich or poor, young or old death takes all of us by the hand. I think it is interesting how parents often try to protect their children from the universal power of death. When I was four, my grandfather died. I still remember my parents taking me and my younger brother to a babysitter rather than to his funeral. For some reason, I suppose, my parents did not know that the universal power of death would still touch my life especially with grandpa was no longer there to hug me, to let me hold and listen to his railroad pocket watch, and on occasion for him to slip a piece of his favorite *Black-Jack* gum into the pocket of my overalls.

Death is an indestructible power. It can never be overcome in this world. For centuries, people have looked for the fountain of youth. There are stories about the Greek Alexander the Great, the Muslim Al-Kidhr, and the Christian, Ponce de Leon all looking for the fountain of youth so that death could be conquered. People can go to the best doctors, to the best hospitals, to seek the best treatments but there comes a time when we have to say our time on earth has come to an end.

Death is a mysterious power. It strikes when we least expect it. I have stood in hospital rooms with families when doctors have told them that death was just around the corner for a family member. But thankfully the sick family member recovered and was sent home. I have also been with families whose loved ones have been taken suddenly by death leaving everyone confused and angry.

So how do we deal with this universal, this indestructible, this mysterious power we know as death? I think we are called to understand death as Jesus understood death through the power of love.

Death is universal but so is love. There is not a person who does not need to be loved and who does not need to love someone else. Jesus wept when he heard about the death of Lazarus. Jairus, a synagogue official who would have nothing to do with Jesus, searched him out when his daughter was dying. The sorrow of the widow Nain for her son stopped Jesus from passing her by. And it was God's love for us that brought about the resurrection of Jesus and the destruction of death.

Death is powerful but love is more powerful. We have the technology to destroy cities, countries, and the entire earth but we cannot destroy love. Love is constantly overcoming hatred, animosity, and despair. It is love that suddenly and powerfully directs and guides people at times of war and at times of peace. In the medieval world, it was believed that love actually set the universe in motion. And in 1958 Perry Como put this belief to music when he sang, "*love makes the world go round, love makes the world go round!*"

Death is mysterious but love is so much more mysterious. Somehow and somewhere love appears when it is most needed. We share a simple meal of soup and bread. Human organs are donated by unknown individuals or their families. Adult children care for their parents who once cared for them. People, like Jesus and the saints, share and give their lives as examples of love for us all and a promise of eternal life.

We gather on Memorial Day not to recognize the universal, the great, and the mysterious power we know as death but to celebrate the power of God's love over death. As St. Paul writes, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. We gather here today because the love between God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is the same love between God and us. It is the same love between us and the ones we love who have died. It is this powerful love that conquers death and brings us to remember and to pray for those who have died not just on Memorial Day but on every day.

News and Events

Bells at Saint Matthew

The Church Bells at Saint Matthew rang on May 25 in memory of Jerry Schilinger. The Church Bells at Saint Matthew will ring on Tuesday, May 30th, Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th to commemorate Father Thomas McCabe's 25th anniversary of priesthood. Many blessings to you Father McCabe.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday, May 21, 2017 eight children received their First Holy Communion. The children were joined by proud parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members as they received Holy Communion for their first time. May our First Communicants continue to grow in their love of Our Lord Jesus Christ as they receive Him at Mass each week. Receiving Holy Communion were: Leo Louis Anderson, Marcus-J Deskins, Shane Xavier Isaacson, Kayson Richard Jossart, Amari Muhammad, Jaslynn Dizon Ortiz, Graciela Antonia Romo-Cherrier, Brodrick Louis Tesch.



MEMORIAL/LABOR DAY MASS & SUMMER MASS TIMES

On Memorial Day, May 29, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. Beginning June 6, weekday Masses will be on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** at 8:00 am.
On Labor Day, September 4, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. Beginning September 6, weekday Masses will return to **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**, at 8:00 am.
Funeral Masses will be celebrated as needed throughout the summer.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Our benefit was a huge success last weekend! We had over 100 people attend, guests included staff members, staff's family and friends, school parents and their friends and family, and parishioners of our sponsoring parishes. Cossetta's did an amazing job preparing our dinner. Our guest speakers shared their experience of Catholic education, as well as one's amazing experience at Community of Saints.

We honored staff who has been with us for the past five years: Amy Brown, JoEllen Flak, Katie Hartz, Bridget Kramer, Doug Lieser, Sue Maher, Marge Milner, Athena Novack, Sandi Popp and Barb Ruhlmann-thank you for your service! We also shared five highlights to celebrate: a fully accredited, Parent Aware Preschool Program, a new playground, enhanced technology integration in our classrooms, tuition assistance partnership expansion, and the servant leadership that shines through in our Catholic Identity. We sincerely thank the many volunteers and donors who helped make this event possible!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 5-21-17

Parish			
Plate	\$943	School	\$300
Envelopes	\$2,374	Food Shelf	\$81
Electronic Giving	\$1,268	Rice Bowl	\$7.12
Ascension	\$35	Alums & Friends	\$25
Vigil Lights	\$37		
Lights	\$1,270		
Hall Rental	\$1,485		
Bells	\$10		
Coffee Sunday	\$29		
Statue Sale	\$500	Total	\$413.12
Total	\$7,914		Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27
 4:00 pm David Andrews†
Sunday, May 28
 10:00 am Our Parish
Monday, May 29
 9:00 am Michael & Mary Martinez†
Wednesday, May 31
 8:00 am Pat Charles†
Friday, June 2
 8:00 am Ron Hallgren†
 Sarah Gubash†
Saturday, June 3
 4:00 pm John & Dorothy Stevens†
Sunday, June 4
 10:00 am Our Parish
 Ted & Connie Rivera†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 27
 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, May 28 Ascension of the Lord
 9:00 am Choir Practice
 First Holy Communion
 11:00 am Coffee Sunday (final until fall) SH
Tuesday May 30 - Friday - June 2
 5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH
Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed Mass at 9:00 am
Tuesday, May 30
Wednesday, May 31 Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC
Thursday, June 1
 9:30 am COS Student Mass at
 COS Chapel
Friday, June 2
Saturday, June 3
 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, June 4 Pentecost Sunday
Wear Something Red For Pentecost
 9:00 am Choir Practice (final until fall)
 10:00 am Mass

Children's Corner

Hail Mary Word Search

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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search above.

Hail Mary,
 Full of Grace,
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit
 of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
 Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners now,
 and at the hour of death.
 Amen.

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