

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



Sunday is

A DAY OF REST
From *“Living the Gift of Sunday”*

FROM THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH

Throughout the week, our lives are filled with busyness, social media, and tending to the day-to-day necessities of life. Distractions are constant. We need rest to be able to relax our bodies, clear our minds and refresh our spirits. Taking time away from work, shopping, and our daily routines is essential for our spiritual, mental, and physical wellbeing.

With the current emphasis upon being busy at home and work and the emphasis upon new forms of electronic communication, busyness is everywhere. There truly needs to be a sacred space and time which the job cannot penetrate. Consider the words of Saint Augustine, “Great art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Thy power, and of Thy wisdom, there is no end...Thou movest us to delight in praising Thee; for Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee (*Confessions*).”

Catholic recommendations to rest on Sunday do not hinder participation in “ordinary and innocent occupations.” In the spirit of the Sabbath, Catholics ought to observe a day of rest from servile work, which also becomes “a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money” (CCC, 2172).

“Just as God ‘rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done,’ human life has a rhythm of work and rest. The institution of the Lord’s Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives” (CCC, 2184).

People are not a slave to work (in all its many forms); work is, rather, the servant of humankind, wherein, by cooperation with God’s grace, we fulfill our obligation to provide for material goods for all. Nonetheless, these goods are not ends in themselves, but tools we employ, as the Catechism says, to cultivate our lives of faith for the good of ourselves, our families, and our world. We need adequate time to rest from labor to fulfill these goals, and to render due thanks to the God from Whom all gifts come.

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MISSION / VISION STATEMENT: WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY—called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service* and other ***Spirit-led*** activities. We dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to install, in our parish community the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

PASTOR Fr. Anthony Rapozo

In Residence Fr. John Gabriel

DEACONS Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

Dcn. Mike Browning

*FULL Parish Clergy & Staff Directory available
on our website.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 8AM Monday – Saturday

Sunday: 5PM (Saturday Vigil), 7AM, 9AM,
11AM & 6PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30PM

PARISH RECTORY HOURS

Monday Closed

Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM – 12PM,
1PM - 4PM
Closed 12PM – 1PM
for lunch

Closed *Saturday, Sunday, Holidays*

Please call the office for all other inquiries:
Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
Funeral, Homebound Communion & Marriage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

APR 20/21

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,648.90
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,765.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 504.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 305.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 281.00
Stewardship	\$ 100.00
Easter	\$ 5,006.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 190.00
Candles	\$ 480.00
Flowers	\$ 3.50
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 5,614.14
Joseph Dutton	\$ 10.00
Mother's Day	\$ 888.50
Father's Day	\$ 25.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 168.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 3.50
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 27,992.54

LIVE IT!

- What is one thing you could make time for on Sunday that you don't have time for the rest of the week? It might be something you do with family or friends or by yourself, i.e. take a walk or bike ride, watch a movie, read.
- Look for ways to clear your Sunday of unnecessary work and busyness. Rather than filling the day with shopping, cleaning, and organizing, focus on prayer, family, and leisure.
- Take a break from the iPhone, television, stereo and computer, and let your mind rest in silence. "Be Still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11). Moreover, post a message regarding your electronic sabbatical to encourage others to do the same. Visit a library or bookstore to select a book or audiobook and set aside quiet time for a journey of imagination. Parents or older siblings might even take turns reading the story to younger children.

"Living the Gift of Sunday" - commissioned and designed by Archbishop Listecki of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

By Catholic Stewardship Consultants

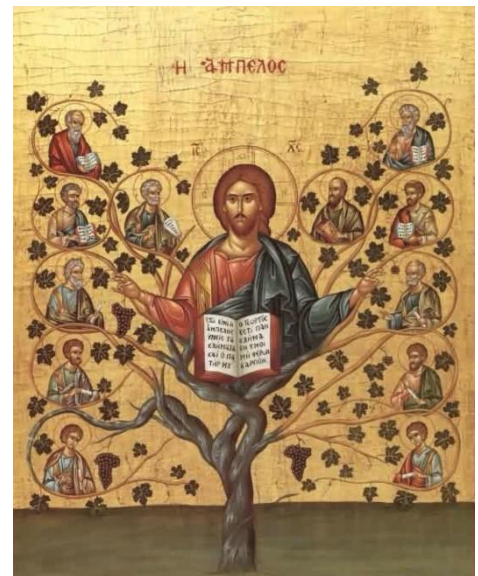
Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?' The more we try to produce god effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day-to-day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord. When we live a life like that – as a branch never separated from its vine – God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.



"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

~ JOHN 15:13



Mary: The Mother of God

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple “yes” and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you’ll know and love her Son even more. And you’ll discover the truth behind Mary’s Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and role as intercessor.

Friday, May 3, 2024 | 6:30 PM | One Community Center

JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Responsorial Psalm: 99:1,2-3, 3-4

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARLY REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES K TO 5. Please visit our parish website for an online link. Click on Religious Education → K - Grade 5.

This weekend, 4/27-4/28, RE Registration forms will be available after all Masses on the church lanai.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS OFFERING: Honor your mother, living or deceased, this Mother's Day, May 12th by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published in the May 5th bulletin.

Please PRINT LEGIBLY. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **The deadline to submit your mother's name for publication is Sunday, April 28.**

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend **May 4/5**, for debt reduction. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the **One Community Center**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate on our parish website, online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Next weekend, **May 4/5**, **The PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** is sponsoring Free Blood Pressure screenings after all Sunday Morning Masses on the OCC lanai.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION will be participating in **CROWNING OF THE STATUE OF MARY** in the church on **May 5th** at 9am Mass.

MILES CHRISTI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY group meets on Saturdays, 10 am to 12:00 pm. We will not meet on Saturday, May 4th. We will resume on May 5th.

WOMEN'S GUILD CROWNING OF THE STATUE OF MARY in the Courtyard **Saturday, May 11, 2024**, after the 5pm Mass. Fellowship to follow at the One Community Center.

RE FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST CONFESSION RETREAT is **MANDATORY**. It's on **Saturday, May 11th**, 9am - 1pm. Please meet in the Church.

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA on **Monday, May 13th** at **6:30 pm** Mass.

The FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION MASS is on **Saturday May 18, 2024**, at 9:00 am with Bishop Larry Silva. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass.

The HOLY GHOST FEAST MASS is on **Sunday, May 19, 2024** at 9am followed by luncheon in the OCC. Please register on our parish website to attend. All are welcome.

SJAE LIBRARY TEAM: Get ready for summer vacation! Your SJAE Library Team will be on summer vacation from June through August so stop by the Library Tables on May 11-12 to check out your summer reading! Books/resources checked out in May do not have to be returned until September – so take advantage and **STOCK UP** on good religious reading.

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING YOUR DAUGHTER(S) for the **3rd Annual Holy Ghost Feast Celebration** on May 19th, at our 9 AM Mass and reception. If your daughter was selected in the past, they are not eligible again. The nomination forms are available at the main entrance of the church. **The deadline to submit the nomination form is May 5th at 6pm** Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 29, 2024	Saturday	May 4, 2024
8 AM	Ellen Borling (RIP) Cary Constantino (RIP)	8 AM	All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Tuesday	April 30, 2024	5 PM	Milton Tani (RIP)
8AM	Mrs. Florence P. Albano (RIP) Maria P. Pascual (Healing)		
Wednesday	May 1, 2024	Sunday	May 5 2024
8 AM	Suzanna Foster (RIP) Maria Pascual (Healing)	7 AM	Iris Marie Piilani Kaluakini (RIP)
Thursday	May 2, 2024	9 AM	For the People
8 AM	Maria Tumpap (RIP) Anita Dominguera (RIP) Death Anniversary	11 AM	Tony Bamek (Death Anniversary)
Friday	May 3, 2024	6 PM	Ashley Baker (Healing)
8 AM	Feliciano Dona (RIP) Francisco Gueco (Birthday Blessing)		

Respect Life: “Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion.... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”



HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Richard Guillory, Patrice Wilson, Gene Lumantas, Clarita Martinez, Jim Walsh, Lita Guerrero, Florida Badua, Allene Ishikawa, Dominador Rulloda, Cherissalyn & Tuputasi Gaopoa, Nicole Guerrero, Lourdes Amasol, Dr. Luis Raguton, Manny Rodil, Aida Antolin & Barbara Ursal.

DECEASED

Margaret Nakamura, Wendell Perry, Gary Garcia, Daniel Ariola, Maxima Looney, Suzanna Foster, Ruth Hartzel, Angela Topinio, Diane Kotch, Florence P. Albano, Julian Rillamas Jr., Vivencia Mamaril, Salvador Ganzon Jr & Sr, Philip Chircop Sr., George Szczepkowski, Robert Ane & Sam Rombaoa.