



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica V Post Pascha

James 1:22-27; John 16: 23-30

17 May A.D. 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

usccb.org/bible/readings

Surréxit Dóminus vere, Allelúia!

I pray that all of you are persevering in keeping the Lord's Day holy at home each week as a family by, for example, watching Mass live and making a spiritual Communion, prayers for which are included in the bulletin each week.

As all of us prepare for a return to a normal state of affairs on May 25 with our worship at Mass please watch for new information by email, the bulletin and our parish web site. If you are physically vulnerable please remain at home.

I am edified by your love for the Lord and His portion of the mystical Body here at SFDS by your prayers, notes and financial gifts.

Happy Easter Season and, again, thank you for remaining devoted and prayerful parishioners from afar as we look forward to a swift return to regular parish life.

- Fr Cusick

Prayer for the Week

O God, from Whom all good things do come, grant to us thy humble servants that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

I believe that Thou, O Jesus, art in the Most Holy Sacrament! I love Thee and desire Thee! Come into my heart. I embrace Thee; oh, never leave me!

Stewardship

- **\$7K down payment church/hall oil tanks: \$1,058***
- **Offertory envelopes: \$424*** ("First Offering" envelope intended to defray this expense.)
- **Oyster fest virtual fundraiser: \$2870.00**

To designate a gift please place your check or cash in a plain envelope labeled with your offertory number or your name, the amount enclosed, and which expense you are designating. If using a check, please also include your offertory number and the designated expense in the memo line. Thank you. (*Total changed this week)

Sanctuary Lamp in Honor or Memory of Your Loved One

A \$25 contribution dedicates the lamp to the memory or intentions of a family member or loved one and helps defray the cost of altar and votive candles.

Sunday Sermon

The following admonition, from the Mozarabic Missal, was once read on the Fifth Sunday after Easter in the Gothic Church of Spain. The Christian faithful are enjoined to celebrate with holy modesty and restraint, and to avoid the snares of the devil. Let us take to heart these warnings, so particularly relevant today, as we eagerly anticipate a return to a relative normalcy in our social lives and our work:

Dearly beloved brethren! Let there be caution in your devotion, watchfulness in your festivity, modesty in your gladness. We should rejoice in that we have risen; but we should fear lest we may fall. We have been rescued from the death of old, and it behoves us to know how evil it was; we have been gifted with the new life, and we must cling to it as worthy of our love. To commit the sin we have been admonished to shun is not an error, but contempt. They that have been pardoned and relapsed, deserve the greater punishment; nor is there excuse for them that have been once ransomed if they again become slaves. The mercy of God implies power; and power, fear; and fear, chastisement. He would not have been merciful to man, unless he had first been angry with the devil. He strengthens us with his gratuitous gifts, that we may not be corrupted by our evil inclinations. No one spares another but with a hope of correction. Forgiveness can do no harm, when the offense is not repeated. He that pardoned us our sins, thereby admonished us to sin no more. Mercy has not been lost on us, if our conduct is what it should be. Grace has, indeed, made man the adopted child of God; but the devil is not yet shut up in hell. Sin, not nature, has been defeated. What we have gained is the power of fighting, not the privilege of inaction. Our enemy has been despoiled, not slain. His anger must be greatest against those who were once subject to his tyranny, but now are disenthralled. Faith has given us bulwarks; the Cross, armor; the Flesh (*assumed by Christ*), a standard: and his Blood, a banner: the battle then is to be fought. The God who willed us to have the battle, willed us to have the hope of victory. We have already received the gift of adoption; our conduct is to decide what sentence is to be passed upon us in judgment. In this world we have the promise of reward; in the next, our lot will be decided according to our works. Let us, therefore, be mindful of the tender mercy of our Lord, who, as the price of our ransom, gave not sums of silver or gold, nor granted princely favors, but subjected himself to the infamy of the Cross, and suffered his Body to be humbled even to being buried in a Tomb. He could give nothing greater or better. So that the more it cost him to redeem us, the more diligently should we serve him; and it is this he demands of us. Therefore, in order that the work of his Redemption be perfected in us, it behoves us to pray with constancy and perseverance.

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**Regular Monthly Bill and
Offertory Comparison
Numbers Coming Soon**

- Assessments
 - Health Care
 - Property Ins/Cath Standard
 - Fuel oil
 - Wifi Hotspot
 - Internet/Phones
 - Electric streetlight
 - Elect/AC Hall
 - Elect/AC Church
 - Elect/AC Rectory
 - Security System
 - Payroll
 - Payroll Taxes
 - Retirement ADW Matching
 - Pension/Life Ins
 - Priest Food
 - Pastor Retreat
 - ADW Priest Convocation
 - Misc. Parish/Rectory Exp
 - Bank Fees
 - Water Bill
 - Expense Total**
 - Offertory Total**
- Thank you for your generous support!*

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Betsy Behne, Irving Chappelle, Dorothy Hume, Linda Javor-ski, Ray Stublarec, Miles & Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church at Easter or to be confirmed next Spring will be offered at the rectory on Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45 and from 7:30-8:45 pm.

Classes are also offered in partnership with Sacred Heart Parish in LaPlata every Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm.

Children's Faith Formation

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence through the Church in our lives. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are welcome to enroll children for classes at the hall on Sundays at 10 am. Email Donna at markboat55@yahoo.com.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before enrolling children.

The Holy Sweeper Rotation is Currently on Hold



Holy Sweepers are the families and individuals who graciously keep our church clean and tidy. They clean once a week, for a two week period, on a rotating basis. The more Holy Sweepers in the rotation, the more time between each assignment.

If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please email Caitlin Sanders at braun.cait@gmail.com.

UPCOMING:

25 May- Public Masses scheduled to resume- details to follow

30/31 May- Feast of Pentecost: Public Sunday Masses scheduled to resume- details to follow

Mass Intentions and Schedule this Week



Sunday	17 May NP*	<i>Pro pópulo</i> †Patrick Landers	Sixth Sunday of Easter Dominica V Post Pascha
Monday	18 May NP	†Holy Souls	S Venantius (Rogation Day)
Tuesday	19 May NP	Intns Kim Family	S Peter Celestine (Rogation Day)
Wednesday	20 May 6:00 pm	Adoration	
	NP	Intns Sr. Veronica Hoffman	S Bernardine of Siena (Rogation Day)
Thursday	21 May NP	Intns Richard & Mary Cusick	Ascension of our Lord
Friday	22 May NP	Intns Rita Rochon Christensen	S Rita of Cascia
Saturday	23 May NP	Intns Jenny Scarlata	Our Lady, Queen of Apostles
Sunday	24 May NP	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Ascension of our Lord Sunday After the Ascension

** Mass in English

*No public Mass until further notice - per indication of Archbishop Gregory

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

Staff

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Sunday... 9:00am ** Traditional Latin 11:00am
Weekday Masses in Latin: See schedule in bulletin.
Saturday... 9:00am and Vigil of Sunday 5:30pm**
Holy Day Masses: 8:00am , 6:00pm** and, 7:00pm
Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment 6 months in advance.
Bulletin Deadline: Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call the rectory 301-274-3416. **New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it to Father or drop it in the collection basket.