

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Way to the Father



In one of the most famous passages of the entire scriptures, the Good Shepherd tells his disciples, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Jesus Christ is the way to the Father, and having found our way to the Father, we too are sent to lead others to God as representatives of Christ.

"On entering the People of God through faith and Baptism, one receives a share in this people's unique, priestly vocation: 'Christ the Lord, high priest taken from among men, has made this new people "a kingdom of priests to God, his Father." The baptized, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood.' (CCC, 784)

"'The holy People of God shares also in Christ's prophetic office,' above all in the supernatural sense of faith that belongs to the whole People, lay and clergy, when it 'unfailingly adheres to this faith . . . once for all delivered to the saints,' and when it deepens its understanding and becomes Christ's witness in the midst of this world. (CCC, 785)

".... Only the one who 'came from the Father' can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. 'No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man.' Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the 'Father's house', to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. (CCC, 661)

"By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has 'opened' heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ. (CCC, 1026)

"To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ.' The elect live 'in Christ,' but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name. 'For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom.' (CCC, 1025)

"This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: 'no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.' (CCC, 1027)

"The symbol of the heavens refers us back to the mystery of the covenant we are living when we pray to our Father. He is in heaven, his dwelling place; the Father's house is our homeland. Sin has exiled us from the land of the covenant, but conversion of heart enables us to return to the Father, to heaven. In Christ, then, heaven and earth are reconciled, for the Son alone 'descended from heaven' and causes us to ascend there with him, by his Cross, Resurrection, and Ascension. (CCC, 2795)

Have a blessed week everyone!

## Fr. Bernardine



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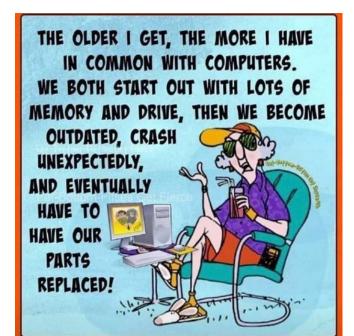
Remember all of our deceased loved ones in your prayers

Week of April 30, 2023 Offertory: \$646.00 Spanish Mass: \$354.00

Mark the Date. Sunday, May 21st, will be the Combined Mother's & Father's Day Breakfast. It will be in the school cafeteria immediately following the 10:00 mass.

### Please Make Note!

Pentecost is on Sunday, May 28th. There will be a tri-parish mass at St. Pius V @ 9:30 am. There will be NO vigil mass on Saturday, May 27th.



#### Mass Intentions for May 2023

5th-Fri. 9:00 am—Sick & Homebound parishioners of Holy Rosary
6th-Sat. 5:00 pm—Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion
7th-Sun.10:00 am—+Susan Meusel Holloway by Tim & Anne Meusel
Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

12th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan 13th-Sat. 5:00 pm—Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion 14th-Sun.10:00 am—All Mothers Living & Deceased Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

#### Why are You so Troubled?

Life can be troubling. Sometimes it is all we can do to train our child in the Christian faith, spend quality time with them, hold them when they are sick, and rejoice with them when they are successful. Only to watch as at 15 they turn away from the family, take a nose dive with their grades, and refuse to talk with us anymore.

When our Lord asks us why we are so troubled about life, we easily give Him lots of reasons, don't we? Like the disciples, we can say in agony, "But Lord, we don't know the way." We need direction, counsel, and comfort. And during troubling times, there is no greater gift He can give us than His presence and comfort. His promise to comfort us doesn't only refer to the afterlife. His comfort is available today to restore, to mend, and to heal the brokenness that life has laid upon us.

#### **Lector Schedule for May**

7th—Anne Meusel 14th—Donna Rettini 21st—Dorothy Parker 28th—Bobbo Lewis

#### May Birthdays

Yuli Vivas Cardenas—13th Felicity Lyles—15th Carolyn Occulto—25th Cesar Valdez—30th Anniversaries

Robert & Martha Lewis—3rd Tim & Anne Meusel—22nd



Tyler McConnell Andrew Rumschlag William Jack Wilson Lee Gutteridge

# **OTHER NEWS & EVENTS**

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator (904) 262-3200, ext. 129, or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-Abuse (800) 962-2873.

La Diócesis de San Agustín le da seria consideración a toda acusación de mala conducta sexual y dispone de todos dichos casos de manera pronta, completa y confidencial. Para reportar tal abuso, llame a: Coordinador Diocesano de Auxilio a Victimas (904) 262-3200, ext. 129 o Departamento de Niños y Familias del Estado de la Florida 1- (800) 962-2873.



"In the Eucharist Jesus does not give us a 'thing,' but himself; he offers his own body and pours out his own blood. He thus gives us the totality of his life and reveals the ultimate origin of this love" (7).



"En la Eucaristía Jesús no nos da una 'cosa', sino a sí mismo; Ofrece su propio cuerpo y derrama su propia sangre. Él nos da así la totalidad de su vida y revela el origen último de este amor" (7).

May 14 is Mother's Day!

Show your mother how much you appreciate her for all that she does by treating her to a special day. Join the staff of Marywood Retreat & Conference Center for a Mother's Day Brunch on May 14. The first seating will be available at 10 a.m. and the last seating is at 12:30 p.m. Adults are \$28 each and children from 2 to 12 are \$11 each.

For reservations, call Marywood at (904) 287-2525. Hope to see you and your mother there!

Now is the time to begin planning to attend the 2023 Florida Eucharistic Congress on June 9 in Gainesville at Queen of Peace and June 10 in Jacksonville at St. Joseph's. This year's speakers include Bishop Erik Pohlmeier, Paulist Father Steve Bell, Father Rafael Capó and Bishop Emeritus Felipe Estévez. Mass will be celebrated in both locations followed by a Eucharistic Procession with members of parishes and lay organizations taking to the streets to publicly witness the intimate presence of God in the world and in each other. Check out the schedule and event details, by visiting https://flec.dosafl.com.

# Stories of the Mother Teresa I Knew featuring Jim Towey, May 10

Jim Towey will give a presentation at 6:30 p.m. at the Bishop Kenny High School Carla Harris Performing Arts Center, 1055 Kingman Ave. in Jacksonville. He was a trusted advisor and devoted friend of Mother Teresa and will give an extraordinary firsthand account of the woman who became a saint. A former senior White House advisor, head of Florida's social services agency and founder of the nonprofit Aging with Dignity, Jim shines light on the practical lesson from Mother Teresa and how following her example in small ways makes our life better and more beautiful in all seasons of life, but especially our later years. Register by visiting https://tinyurl.com/3zacz4ed.