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CHRIST THE KING CHURCH THEME FOR THE YEAR

LET US REJOICE, FOR NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD - cf Is 61.2

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays

8:00am-4:00pm

Saturdays

8:00am-12:00pm

Sundays

Closed

SUPPORT TO NEEDY PARISHIONERS

The Parish has made a special provision to support needy persons or families, in these difficult times.

Parishioners who genuinely need some support should contact their societal head or

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PRAYER FOR AN END TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Almighty and merciful Father, who shows your love to all creation, we come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**BEGINS ON FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 2020
AFTER MIDDAY MASS**

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

COMMENTARY ON READINGS

First Reading: Peter and John go up to Samaria to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on new converts that Philip, the Deacon, had instructed and baptized.
(Acts 8:5-8, 14-17)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 33)

“ Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!”

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!" **Res**

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name
Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam. **Res**

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever. **Res**

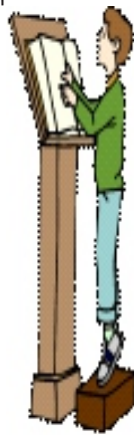
Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness! **Res**

Second Reading: Peter urges converts who suffer slander because of their Christian way of life, not to lose hope but be ready to defend the faith with courtesy, respect and clear conscience. (Peter 2:4-9)

Gospel: Jesus reminds His followers that soon He will not be with them visibly, and He assures them that through the Holy Spirit He will remain with the Church for ever.
(John 14:15-21)

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 6TH WEEK OF EASTER, YEAR A

Monday	St. John I Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149/Jn 15:26-16:4
Tuesday	St. Peter Celestine V Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	St. Bernadine of Siena Acts 17:15. 22 - 18:1/Ps 148/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	ASCENSION OF THE LORD Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20
Friday	St. Rita of Carcia Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	St. John Baptist De Rossi Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47/Jn 16:23b-28



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Paschal, a Spanish saint, was born in 1540. From the time he was seven, he worked as a shepherd. He never had the opportunity to go to school. Yet he taught himself to read and write. He did this mainly by asking everyone he met to help him. He wanted to learn to read religious books. As he tended sheep each day, he would also spend his time praying.

When he was twenty-four, Paschal became a Franciscan brother. Paschal was kind and easy to get along with. His companions liked him. They noticed that he often chose the hardest and most unpleasant chores. He was known for his spirit of penance. Yet he was a happy person. As a shepherd, Paschal had wished he could be in church, praying to Jesus. At that time, he couldn't. Now he could. He loved to keep Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament company. He considered it an honor to be a server at Mass.

Brother Paschal's two great loves were the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Mother. Every day Paschal prayed the rosary with great love. He also wrote beautiful prayers to our heavenly Mother.

Paschal made himself a little notebook out of some scraps of paper. In it, he wrote down some beautiful thoughts and prayers. After he died, his superior showed the little



ST. PASCHAL BAYLON

book to the archbishop. The archbishop read the book and said, "These simple souls are stealing heaven from us!"

Paschal died in 1592 at the age of fifty-two. He was proclaimed a saint by Pope Alexander VIII in 1690.

What does it take to be a saint? St. Paschal had the strength to live his religious vocation because of his devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Mother. Let's ask St. Paschal to help us grow closer to Jesus and Mary.

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THE TUESDAY TEACHING

THE CHURCH AND THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY



continuing from last week...

VOCATION

That leads me to my next point. One of the other things that make Catholic marriage different is that it is a Vocation.

Most of us tend to think that only Vocations to the priesthood or religious life are Vocations. That may be because the vast majority of people marry rather than live a life totally devoted to God. It may be because the Church has always affirmed that a Vocation to Consecrated Virginity or Celibacy is more exalted than a Vocation to the married state.

Nevertheless, it is very clear that the Church teaches that God has a plan for each of us which He invites us to participate in. He created us, He knows us through and through, and He has a special role for each of us in this life. A select few, He calls to live lives devoted entirely to Him so that we can all have a foretaste of how He wants us all to live in entire union with Him in Heaven. Many others He calls to be married, so that we have someone to help and to help us reach Heaven, and so that we can beget even more Saints.

But, whatever we are called to be, it is clear that God is calling us to some particular state in life. Each of us must pray hard to discern what our Vocation in life is. And once we have discerned it, we must embrace it wholeheartedly.

OK, now how much more dignified does marriage seem

already: it's not just something you fall into: God calls you to be married, He wants you to be married, and He wants you to use your marriage as the way you become a Saint!

SACRAMENT

The most important thing about Catholic marriage, the thing that sets it apart from all other relationships, from civil marriage, from Jewish and Islamic marriages, is that Catholic marriages are sacramental.

But before we look at what it means for Catholic marriage to be sacramental, it's worth looking a bit at the history of marriage and its inherent dignity and goodness even without it being a Sacrament.

Marriage has existed since the sixth day of Creation. The Book of Genesis tells us: "God created man in his image, He created him in the image of God, man and woman, He created them. God blessed them and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply!' ...

And God saw what he had done and said 'This is good'." "It is not good that man should be alone. I will give you a helpmate, who will be your companion." "This at last is flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone. She shall be called woman because she has been made from man. And this is why it is said that a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they shall become one flesh."

to be continued....

