

Sunday, May 5, 2013
5th Sunday after Easter



Sun. 5 May, 5th Sunday after Easter, II Class

8:30 am Mathew Zuiker
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Nicholas Macabales

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 6 May, St. John Before the Latin Gate, IV Class

7:00 am Wynette Sills
12:15 pm Roxanne Johnson Family

Tues. 7 May, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am †Jonan Sneeringer
10:30 am Blessing of the Fields & Rogation Mass (*At the Kaehler Farm*)
6:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. John Dunlap & Family

Wed. 8 May, Vigil of the Ascension, II Class

7:00 am Elizabeth Pierini
12:15 pm Gian Paolo Flores & Family

Thurs. 9 May, Ascension of the Lord, I Class

7:00 am †Irene Brennan
12:15 pm Suffering Souls in Purgatory
7:00 pm Pro Populo

Fri. 10 May, St. Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Fred Nicolini
12:15 pm Daryl Alvernaz
6:30 pm Joseph Harbaugh

Sat. 11 May, SS. Philip & James, Apostles, II Class

7:00 am Linda Alvernaz
9:00 am Carol Christ Family
10:30 am First Communion Children

Sun. 12 May, Sunday after the Ascension, II Class

8:30 am Catherine Fippin
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Anthony Nicolini

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Sick Calls

If anyone is in need of the Sacrament (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, leave a message, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehler Family, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Patricia Becker, Munsill Family, Sister Marie Jeanne, Elizabeth Pierini; Charles Cantoni, John Reyes; Lori Bates; Ken Taylor, Dr. Gerald Foy

...In Memoriam

†Ray Keller, †Elin Frances Terra, †Martha Robison,
†Gabriel Vargas, †Olympia Gonzalez, †Forrest Long,
†Jenna Telles, †Bernard Beronio, †Georgia Munsill
†Patricia Greco, †Draga Kozina

Important Upcoming Dates

May 7—Rogation Mass & Blessing of the Fields
May 9—Ascension of Our Lord
May 11—First Holy Communion
May 21—Chesterton Society Meeting
June 1—Ordinations in Nebraska
June 16-22—Camp Sacred Heart
July 8—12 Annual Parish Retreat (Preached by Fr. Goodwin)
Aug. 4—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast & Square Dance

Rogation Day—Blessing of the Fields
Procession & Mass at the Kaehler Farm, Tuesday, May 7th

Procession begins at 10:30 am followed by Mass and a potluck. Hamburgers, ice cream and drinks are provided. Family names ending in A-M please bring a green or fruit salad, N-Z please bring a macaroni or potato salad. Last names ending in A-Z who can't cook, please bring chips and salsa! Thank you. All welcome! Map with directions will be available.

First Holy Communion—May 11th
HELP NEEDED

Help is needed for the First Communion reception. Please sign up in the vestibule. This is a great opportunity to serve your parish and get to know some of your fellow parishioners.

“Holy Mass - Gate to Heaven”

2013 Annual Retreat—July 8—12
About 10 more spaces available—sign-up today!

Wedding Banns

Please pray for the following couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

Mark Kwasny & Danetta Souza (2)
Karen Reali & Mirco Terenzoni (2)
Anthony Jorin & Mariah Soto (2)

Wedding banns are published to provide notification of a couple's intent to marry. Any person who may know of an impediment or other reason why a particular couple should not be married has an opportunity to inform the Pastor.

Mother's Day Rose Sale –

On May 12, the Sacramento Life Center is sponsoring its annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. Beautiful, long-stemmed roses, individually packaged, will be available for a \$5.00 donation after all Masses. Please consider honoring a mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and/or friend and celebrating the sanctity of life by purchasing a rose on Mother's Day weekend. For more information about the Sacramento Life Center, visit their website: saclife.org

~ Summer Dress Code ~

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of strangers in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

Pope Francis: “It is not Possible to Find Jesus Outside the Church”

After my homily last Sunday, some troubles occurred and I am sorry for that. I would like to clarify some of the points I made by quotations from the teaching of the Church Herself. I found a connection between the Gospel and one of the daily homilies of our Holy Father.

Pope Francis said on April 23rd during his Mass: “And in this way the Church is increasingly a Mother, a Mother of many, many children: she becomes a Mother, ever more fully a Mother, a Mother who gives us faith, a Mother who gives us our identity. But Christian identity is not an identity card. Christian identity means being a member of the Church, since all these people belonged to the Church, to Mother Church, for apart from the Church it is not possible to find Jesus. The great Paul VI said: it is an absurd dichotomy to wish to live with Jesus but without the Church, to follow Jesus but without the Church, to love Jesus but without the Church (cf. *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 16). And that Mother Church who gives us Jesus also gives us an identity which is not simply a rubber stamp: it is membership. Identity means membership, belonging. Belonging to the Church: this is beautiful!”

Pope Pius XII in *Mystici Corporis* makes mention of the difficulties those outside the visible Church have to contend with: “We wish to repeat this solemn declaration in this Encyclical Letter in which We have proclaimed the praises of the “*great and glorious Body of Christ*” and from a heart overflowing with love We ask each and every one of them (those who are not in the Church) to correspond to the interior movements of grace, and to seek to withdraw from that state in which they cannot be sure of their salvation. For even though by an unconscious desire and longing they have a certain relationship with the Mystical Body of the Redeemer, they still remain deprived of those many heavenly gifts and helps which can only be enjoyed in the Catholic Church.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992) says in n°846: “Christ himself explicitly asserted the necessity of faith and Baptism, and thereby affirmed at the same time the necessity of the Church which men enter through Baptism as through a door. Hence they could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it.”

Taking the development of Pope Pius XII on visible and invisible members of the Church, I intended to elaborate saying that although one may be a member of the Church by the sacrament of Baptism, if he is in a state of mortal sin he cannot be saved unless he repents. On the other hand, one may be a non-Catholic who is unable to enter the Church by an invincible impediment, and yet, by following the natural law and believing in a unique God who helps us, can still be saved (Saint Thomas Aquinas in *De Veritate*, q14 aXI).

I said in my sermon that the easiest way to be saved is in the Church, but even Church membership is not a guarantee of salvation. Referring to *Mirari vos* n°13 by Pope Gregory XVI (08/25/1832): “With the admonition of the apostle that *there is one God, one faith, one baptism*”(Eph4, 5) may those fear who contrive the notion that the safe harbor of salvation is open to persons of any religion whatever. They should consider the testimony of Christ Himself that “*those who are not with Christ are against Him*,” (Lk 11, 23) and that they disperse unhappily who do not gather with Him.”

And again the Catechism of the Catholic Church continues- n° 847: “Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience - those too may achieve eternal salvation.”

The point I was trying to make, but unfortunately it did not come out clearly, was that if anyone is saved he is saved through the Catholic Church. Non-Catholics are not saved by their denominations; but rather they are saved by the grace that comes to them from the Catholic Church. It is worth quoting from the instruction *Dominus Iesus* n°22, published by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, 06/16/2000: “With the coming of the Saviour Jesus Christ, God has willed that the Church founded by him be the instrument for the salvation of *all* humanity (cf. *Acts* 17:30-31). This truth of faith does not lessen the sincere respect which the Church has for the religions of the world, but at the same time, it rules out, in a radical way, that mentality of indifferentism “characterized by a religious relativism which leads to the belief that ‘one religion is as good as another’”. If it is true that the followers of other religions can receive divine grace, it is also certain that *objectively speaking* they are in a gravely deficient situation in comparison with those who, in the Church, have the fullness of the means of salvation. However, “all the children of the Church should nevertheless remember that their exalted condition results, not from their own merits, but from the grace of Christ. If they fail to respond in thought, word, and deed to that grace, not only shall they not be saved, but they shall be more severely judged”.

I cannot say more than to recall the prayer of Pope Pius XI: “We desire that Our children should also know, not only those who belong to the Catholic community, but also those who are separated from Us: if these latter humbly beg light from heaven, there is no doubt but that they will recognize the one true Church of Jesus Christ and will, at last, enter it, being united with us in perfect charity.”

Fr. Hugues Beaugrand

