

**HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
SACRED HEART CHAPEL**

“I am the gate;

whoever
enters
through me
will be
saved.”

John 10:9



Pastor's Corner

Reflections from Father Joe

I remember one time someone asked me: "What are your three most important needs?" I forget what I answered but I didn't state the most obvious and the most accurate response: air, water, food. If I am deprived of any or all of these then nothing else matters. When I am provided with air, water and food I am then free to experience the other "needs" of my life. Certainly, the need for shelter, and clothing surface quickly. But what other needs arise within this, our human condition?

Now comes the interesting inner journey into who we are and what "passions" us. Each of us follows a unique path of "needs" for the fulfillment of our lives. But the need for something is often mixed up with what I "want." Could it be that part of our maturing into the fullness of who we are rests upon the willingness to ultimately determine our true "needs" and then honestly admit our "wants." When I quietly and gently admit to my "wants," I recognize that many of these arise from the bombardment of advertisement and the jealousy and envy toward the other. I have heard often enough the statement, "Our family was poor growing up but we didn't know it because everyone else was poor."

Would it be accurate to say that our surrounding environment is (certainly with exceptions) a major determiner influencing our needs and wants? Allowing myself the freedom to journey within, I open a window to a need and want deep within my soul. It is a driving force which left unbridled or unfulfilled leads to a life of confusion, emptiness, misguided judgments and actions and ultimately, deep sadness. This amazing force or drive or can we say passion is the often "un-awared" search for **acceptance and meaning** (could we say "love?") It is a vacuum within our very being that cries out but is not recognized. Our whole life is spent consciously or unconsciously laboring to satisfy this insatiable need and want.

Now we face the revealed apparently contradictory truth with which we don't quite want to agree: "For whoever wants to save *his life will lose it*. But whoever *loses his life for My sake will find it.*" (MT 15:25) Endlessly we seek to fill the void with anything and everything but fail miserably because to be fulfilled, to have a saved life, I must give myself away. We think we know, but again we hesitate to accept that: "Your Father *knows what you need* before you ask him." Do I really want to trust Him enough that I will: "*seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things (my needs) will be given to (me) as well?*" (Mt. 6:33)

Okay, maybe this is the answer to my needs. What about my wants? The answer is simple but oh, the effort and work required to absorb and believe. "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." On THIS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, may I take the time to continue or begin the spiritual journey which reveals the meaning and acceptance of my life as one of dying and rising, giving away and receiving, suffering and loving, rejecting the world's answers and accepting His.

Going Back to Mass

Our note from the diocese reads: "As Governor Justice has begun to announce plans to gradually re-open businesses and entities in our state, the chancery is working to develop a process and norms to safely reopen our churches and resume the public celebration of the Mass. More information will be shared with all of you as plans continue to be refined."

In the meantime, Holy Rosary Parish is preparing for this joyous day and we will inform you of the dates as soon as we are able. Watch your emails and Facebook postings for further details.



To our Parishioners: We hope you are all staying safe during this difficult time in our country. Please know that we are praying for you and for your families. If you are in need of food or other basic necessities, please call the rectory and we will be happy to help.

Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Charity Manspeaker, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Lorene Hardman, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Gerogetta Sears, Rue Thompson, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, Bill Baxa, P.T. Garton, John Egress, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortes.

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.

Please pray for our homebound

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Gerald Hackney, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Rosie Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Lorene Hardman, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus

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In Your Prayers This Week

Please pray for all of those on the front lines of the Covid Crisis: our healthcare workers and those who keep our hospitals running, necessary store employees, and emergency personnel. Pray also for our government, as they work through the opening of our country.

MAY CELEBRATIONS!

Do you have a birthday or special celebration in your family for MAY? Celebrate with your parish family! Just drop a note in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Joe. Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrate their birthdays in May:

- Lindsey Sayre May 1
- Kennedi Lewellyn May 3
- Makenzi Lewellyn May 3
- Dave Lewellyn May 3
- Georgette Sears May 3
- Micki Skiles May 6
- Sofia Rose Kesling May 7
- Emmett Paul Ball May 7
- Elaine Abel May 8
- Daniel Hyre May 17
- Rose DeProspero May 17
- Betty Coughlin May 18
- Morgan Knicely May 21
- Roseann Siggia-Walker May 20
- Lena Rose Walker May 24
- Linda Coyner May 25
- Shanna Ericsson May 27
- Will Lothes May 30
- Kassandra Dahman May 30



Readings for the Week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Eucharistic Liturgies

- Saturday, May 2** - Parishioners of Holy Rosary
- Sunday, May 3** - Rex Hardman
- Monday, May 4** - Sylvana Calligan
- Tuesday, May 5** - Promise & Valena
- Wednesday, May 6** - Josephine Golden
- Thursday, May 7** - Jane Baxter
- Friday, May 8** - Kevin Materne
- Saturday, May 9** - Deceased members of the Waschuck Family
- Sunday, May 10** - Holy Rosary Parishioners

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but

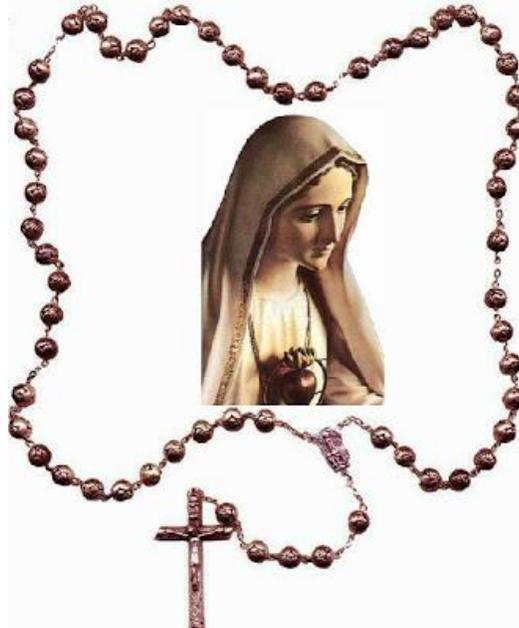
with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

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Pray the Rosary During the Month of May to Honor the Blessed Mother with Your Holy Rosary Family.

May is designated as dedicated to Mary, and one way to manifest our love and devotion to the Mother

of God is to pray her most holy Rosary. Each day in May, we will send you via email, a video of the Rosary, led by Fr. Joe McLaughlin and your fellow parishioners. The Mystery for the day will be featured. Let us pray together for our families, for the sick, for peace in the world, and for peace in our hearts.



Crosslines Note

Our parish has been helping Crosslines through our needy fund, and recently donated \$1,000 to help them through the Covid-19 crisis. We received a sweet note from

Kay Ways, office manager at Crosslines:

“On behalf of Crosslines, thank you for your ongoing gifts for our neighbors. We appreciate your kindness and assistance in helping those in need, and we thank you for your partnership with us. We pray you are healthy and safe throughout these uncertain days due to the Pandemic.”

Uncertain Marist Movement

“We know not the day or the hour!” This month of May usually celebrates many occasions in our church including praying the rosary, Mother's Day, First Communion, and graduations. We also scheduled a Marist Mass of Thanksgiving, which would honor all the Marists who have served here, and give us the opportunity to offer our best wishes to Father Joe and Brother Roy as they move to a new stage in their ministry. We will most certainly gather for this, but right now we are uncertain of the date or time. We will keep you posted!

Our Holy Rosary Graduates

Each year we honor our Holy Rosary High School graduates at mass. We have at least five faithful seniors (maybe more) and we still plan to have that celebration in their honor. We will schedule that mass as soon as we can. If you know of a high school senior, please call the rectory.