

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

Calendar

Saturday, May 13th

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Adeline Glynn, Robert Francis Grace, Joy Nalty Hodges, Mr & Mrs Joseph Simon, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, and Christopher Vanderbrook

Sunday, May 14th

Mother's Day

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass The Reverend John Arnone, Rose Annette Chisesi, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Joy Nalty Hodges, Earl LeCorgne, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Pilar Blasco Martinez, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Mary Ann Torina, Christopher Joseph Vanderbrook, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Vaughn Family, and the Intentions of Dr Mary Lystad, of Sister Ann Martinez MSC, and of Springer & James Favor

Monday, May 15th

St Isidore

6:30am Mass Emma Templet

Tuesday, May 16th

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families

4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass Christopher Bollino

Wednesday, May 17th

6:30am Mass William Allen

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, May 18th

St John I, Pope and martyr (pictured)

6:30am Mass Mary Wendt

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 19th

6:30am Mass The Reverend John Arnone

Saturday, May 20th

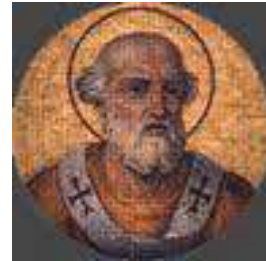
St Bernardine of Siena, priest

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Vetter Amadeo Taylor.

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

The Mass setting for the Easter Season is the *Mass of Renewal*, the Assembly Book of which is found in the pews.



Banns of Matrimony

Elizabeth Anne Siambrone & Gordon Charles Abboud



Amanda Jocelyn Yager & Ethan Taylor Popovich

Lay-Ministers Schedule for May 21st

4:00 pm

Lector: Brian Plauché

Eucharistic Ministers: Artie Baehr, Hunter Harris III, and Sandra Westfall

8:00 am

Lector: Linda Tufton

Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Rareshide, Rebecca Stahr, and David Wojciechowski

10:30 am

Lector: Mina Lanzas

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Maxine Fox, Lynne Howard, Mona Musser, Betsy Sterkx, and Charles Sterkx (loft)



"In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others' needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected.

"How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?"

Collection Report	April 30th	July 1st-April 30th
Total Collections	\$4,311.00	\$331,960.48
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	<u>\$294,126.36</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,373.69)	\$19,834.12
Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations		
Restoration Fund		\$2,847.03
Clarion Herald		\$10.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal		\$1,172.00

The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

May

1 st	The Rev. Ronald L. Calkins*
2 nd	The Rev. Antonio Serio*
3 rd	The Rev. Timothy D. Hedrick*
4 th	The Rev. Ray A. Hymel
5 th	The Rev. John J. Payne, JCL*
6 th	The Rev. Joseph Dau Nguyen*
7 th	The Rev. William H. Blank
8 th	The Rev. Harry J. Adams*
9 th	The Rev. Francis J. Carabello*
10 th	The Rev. Allen Weinert, CSsR
11 th	The Rev. Anthony Okwum, SSJ
12 th	The Rev. David Rabe*
13 th	The Rev. Richard Miles*
14 th	The Rev. Bernard Francis*
15 th	The Rev. Joseph Dang Vu, SDD*
16 th	The Rev. Charles Andrus, SSJ
17 th	The Rev. Paul D. Calamari
18 th	The Rev. Clayton "Beau" Charbonnet*
19 th	The Very Rev. Gregory Boquet, OSB*
20 th	The Rev. Justin Kauchak, OP
21 st	The Rev. Gerard Stapleton*
22 nd	The Rev. Raul Lobo*
23 rd	His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
24 th	The Rev. Norman O'Neal, SJ*
25 th	The Rev. Philip Neri Powell, OP
26 th	The Rev. Louis Molinelli, SDB*
27 th	The Rev. Peter M. Mongeon
28 th	The Rev. Gary P. Copping*
29 th	His Holiness Pope Francis
30 th	The Rev. James E. Schott*
31 st	The Rev. Francis Majors*

* birthday

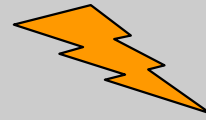
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Lightning Apologetics

by Phillip Bellini, DRE



Co-redemptrix—Mediatrice of All Graces—Advocate

Since this is the month of May and dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, I thought it might be good to meditate and understand these titles.

Our Blessed Mother is rightly venerated under many vivid and enduring titles. Taken compositely, these honors tell of her relationship with God and with us. Throughout the last two decades, there has been an increasing interest in three words used to honor Our Blessed Mother and describe her role in our regard: *Co-redemptrix*, *Mediatrice*, and *Advocate*.

Space does not permit either a thorough recital of the history of these titles or a complete account of their foundations in Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition, the Fathers of the Church, the Papal Magisterium, as well as the writings of the Saints, spiritual authors, and theologians that identify and explain these distinctions bestowed by God Himself on the Ever-Virgin. If you would like to go deeper please e-mail me and I'd be happy to recommend some books for you to study.

Co-redemptrix

Let's begin with Co-redemptrix. In his helpful *Introduction to Mary: The Heart of Marian Doctrine and Devotion*, Deacon Mark I. Miravalle, Professor of Theology and Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, offers a valuable explanation of this term:

"The title, 'Co-redemptrix,' refers to Mary's unique participation with and under her Divine Son Jesus Christ, in the historic Redemption of humanity. The prefix, 'Co,' comes from the Latin 'cum,' which means 'with.' The title of *Co-redemptrix* applied to the Mother of Jesus *never places Mary on a level of equality with Jesus Christ, the divine Lord of all, in the saving process of humanity's Redemption*. Rather, it denotes Mary's singular and unique *sharing with her Son* in the saving work of Redemption for the human family. The Mother of Jesus *participates* in the redemptive work of her *Savior Son, who alone could reconcile humanity with the Father in his glorious divinity and humanity*."

Mary's entire existence has been one of coöperation with the Lord. So it was on Calvary. She who was preserved by God from Original Sin at the moment of her conception and heard from the mouth of Simeon that "you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" accepted the salvific death of her Son not with a "hands-off" approach but instead by embracing it. The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council (1962–65), in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, painted this picture of Our Blessed Lady's collaboration with the Almighty, which included her heroic surrender to Christ's ignominious death:

"After this manner the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross, where she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, associated herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and *lovingly consenting* to the immolation of this victim which was born of her."

Mary uniquely participated in the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary and in the *acquisition* of the graces of Redemption for humanity (theologically referred to as "objective redemption"). Mary offered her Son and her maternal rights in relation to her Son to the Heavenly Father in perfect obedience to God's will and in atonement for the sins of the world. Mary's offering of her own Son on Calvary, along with her own motherly compassion, rights and suffering, offered in union with her Son for the salvation of the human family, merited more graces than any other created person. As Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed in his encyclical *On the Mystical Body*, Mary "offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father, together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and her motherly love, like a New Eve for all children of Adam."

Despite her enormous grief as she watched her Son die, Our Lady generously "yielded" Jesus to the purpose the Father through the Holy Spirit intended, namely the reconciliation of the human race to its Creator. Although what Mary did on Calvary was *secondary* and *subordinate* to what Christ did, it was, nevertheless, *necessary* because God made it so. In His unparalleled wisdom, the Lord required this all-encompassing—and real—sacrifice from Mary, who said her *fiat* with incredible trust in God as she had at the Annunciation. More coming next week and thanks to Catholics United for the Faith for use of their resources.

Next week: Mediatrice of All Graces.

Pray for the Sick

Ron Behler, Corey Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, Gilda & Albert Lasseigne, Leddie Lopez, Louise Martin, Dilia Martínez, Dilia Miller, Sophie Rodríguez, and William Youngblood.

We will have a Second Collection this week -end, for the Trinity Dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, DC.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, the Reverend Father James Garcia Ward, CM, former pastor of St Stephen Church, will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving, here at St Stephen's, at 2:00 pm. All are invited. A reception will follow, with a *piñata* for the children.

On June 10th, St Pius X parish will host a Facilitator *Training-Retreat* for the "Lord, Teach Me To Pray" (LTMTTP) prayer-series. (There is no charge.) It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a Facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the prayer-series, you are also invited. For information and registration, contact Carol Weiler, at 439-5933 or carolweiler@cox.net. To download a registration form, please visit www.lordteachmetoprayer.com.

The monthly pantry-request of "Love Thy Neighbor" (a project of our chapter of the Society of St Vincent de Paul) is, for May, canned-fruit. For June, the request is twelve-ounce cans of soup.

Pray for the Dead

The Reverend John Arnone, Shelley Baptiste, Rose Chisesi, Sister Josephine Cusimano DC, Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Gertrude Petit, and the Right Reverend Patrick Regan OSB.

Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain; LT John Tortorich; and LT Kate Tortorich.



News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the "Tridentine" (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church on Sunday, May 28th (**Sunday after the Ascension**), at 12:30 pm. The Intention will be for the repose of the soul of the Reverend John Arnone.

