



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

May 6-7, 2017

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Pentecost Guilt-Trip

"When they heard this, they were deeply shaken."

There were two outpourings of the Holy Spirit at the first Christian Pentecost. At nine AM, one-hundred and twenty people received the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:15; 2:15). Later in the afternoon, three thousand people received the Spirit (Acts 2:41). Between these two great events, a pivotal question was asked by many in the crowd. This question was provoked by the realization that Jesus was Lord, God, and Messiah and that they had killed Him by crucifixion (Acts 2:36). In the midst of the first Christian Pentecost, many people suddenly came to realize that they had killed God. They were deeply shaken by this (Acts 2:37). "They asked Peter and the other apostles, 'What are we to do?' " (Acts 2:37)

To receive a new Pentecost, we need the Holy Spirit to first convict us of our sins, prove us wrong about sin, justice, and condemnation (Jn 16:8), and pierce our hearts with the realization that we, through our sins, were part of the mob that killed God. St. Francis of Assisi preached: "Nor did demons crucify Him; it is you who have crucified Him and crucify Him still, when you delight in your vices and sins" (Catechism, 598)

Prayer: We must stop denying reality. We were guilty of murdering God. This guilt should immediately lead to repentance, freedom from guilt, and the outpouring of the Spirit in a new Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of conviction, guilt, and repentance!

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration:7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Saturday, April 29 -----5:30p.m. Tom Britten By Kay & Cobb Britten
Sunday, April 30-----11.00 a.m... + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten
Monday, May 01----7:30 a.m.---- + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten
Wednesday, May 03---6:00pm----- + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten
Thursday, May 04----7:30a.m.--- + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten
Friday, May 05-----7:30a.m.---- + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten

Stewardship Reports

Individual.....\$ 1320.00
Loose.....\$ 292.00
Children.....\$ 25.00
Total.....\$1637.00
Building Fund
Individual.....\$275.00
Loose.....\$ 20.00
Total.....\$ 295.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Leroy Littlefield, Anna Marie Wink and John Blackwell

Family Chalice Program

May 6-7 Rodney and Michele Bohr
May 13-14 Jason and Vanessa Eugea Family
May 20/21 Nick Ashford Family
May 27/28 Keith, Kathleen, and Hallie Barkley
June 3/4 Pam and Cassie Ashford
June10/11 Wayne, Adela, and Staci Kotara

Birthdays

May 8th Isabel Britten
May 11th K'Leigh Keesee & Nicole Kuehler
May 12th Tucker Hinson

Anniversaries

May 7th Donald and Nila Burgin
May 8th Rodney and Michele Bohr

Church Cleaning for May

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joanie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Diane Bruso

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Kate

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Bill Homer

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Owen and Braxton

Lectors: Gary Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Cody and Carrigan

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Grace and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Lauren and Stephen

Lectors: Cari Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten

Announcements:

Mass Schedule:

May 21st – Graduation at 8:30 a.m. Mass

Christian Mothers: May 7th immediately after Mass will have installation of new members. We ask all members to stay in support of these new members: Marissa Clement, Melanie Hinson, Dayna Britten, Krista Johnson and Melanie King.

Parish Council: Meeting Wednesday May 10th at 7:30p.m. in the Parish Hall.

TYM: Thank you to everyone that supported the Flower sale and Breakfast, we sold everything! May breakfast will be May 14th Mother's day. We are trying something new, so bring your Mom and eat with us!

New York trip May payment needs to be paid by May 21st. If you have already paid thank you, if you need to catch up please do!

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

What are the origins of the May Crowning? The origins of the May Crowning are hard to pinpoint, although devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary originates in the earliest days of the church. Concerning the significance of the month of May, toward the end of the 18th century, Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus (in Rome) instituted the practice of dedicating this month to our Blessed Mother. His desire was to promote devotion to Mary among the students as a way to counteract infidelity and immorality. From Rome, the May devotion spread throughout the Jesuit colleges, and eventually throughout the whole church.

May probably seemed most appropriate because the liturgical calendars, former and present, mark several feast days honoring our Blessed Mother: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles (the Saturday following the Ascension); Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (May 13); Our Lady of Fatima (May 13); Mary, Help of Christians (May 24); Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces (May 31); and the Visitation (May 31).

The May devotions also were energized by the four authenticated apparitions of our Blessed Mother. In 1830, Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure and instructed her to have the Miraculous Medal struck with the inscription, “Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.” In 1846, she appeared to the children of La Salette, France, and tearfully lamented the lax practice of the faith. In 1858, she appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, identifying herself as the “Immaculate Conception.” Finally, she appeared to the three children at Fatima May 13, 1917, where she instructed the people to pray the rosary daily for peace.

Regarding the crowning, the image of Mary (as well as Jesus) wearing a gold crown is found in the earliest forms of iconography, especially in the Eastern Churches. In the West, the pious practice of publicly crowning an image of the Blessed Mother gained popularity in the 19th century. In Rome, the image known as *Salus Populi Romani* — of our Blessed Mother holding the Child Jesus — is enshrined at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Tradition holds that St. Luke painted the image. Pope Clement VIII (1592-1605) added two crowns to the icon, which were at some point later lost. Nevertheless, on Aug. 15, 1838, the Feast of the Assumption, Pope Gregory XVI with great solemnity, again added the crowns, and thereupon the practice of crowning the image of the Blessed Mother became popular, especially during the month of May.

The Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, to help celebrate the Marian Year declared by Pope St. John Paul II in 1987 to prepare for the new millenium, issued a ritual, *Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, which captures the significance of this pious practice. Month of May be sure to honor our Blessed Mother in our hearts and our homes. The recitation of the family rosary each day, images of our Blessed Mother, having a special shrine in our yard, and having our own family May Crowning are wonderful ways not only to foster devotion and faith, but also to draw us closer to the heart of Our Savior.