

A Message from Fr. Jim

This month of May has been packed full of grace! The May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin, Queen of Heaven and Earth, opened the floodgates of heaven for us. Then we celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord, calling us and reminding us of our true destiny and our true home; that all we endure on this side of eternity will be rewarded beyond our wildest imagination. We will reign, body and soul, with Jesus in heaven!

We celebrated the Feast of the Apostles of Philip, James, and Matthias encouraging us to be true followers of the God-Man. Those who surrendered all they had and all they were for the spreading of the Gospel of life and mercy and gaining the crown of victory; the treasure of everlasting life.

Pentecost, the Solemnity of God the Holy Spirit, He who has poured out His seven fold gifts so that we might know and love Divinity. The Holy Spirit, the gift of the Father and Son to humanity that we might rise above our self-centeredness and truly live as brothers and sisters of Jesus and each other.

Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity we celebrated God as God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! A Trinity of persons; one Divine essence. The Trinity is the first of the mysteries of the church, calling us into a personal relationship, with the one true God, rising above that of the natural realm.

What a great month this has been for those who have opened themselves to such treasures; and it's not over!

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ! For you who are more mature Corpus Christi!

Yes, we celebrate this great feast at every Mass and every time we come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament but we pause today, to reflect and worship Jesus with great Solemnity.

How much we are loved that Jesus' promise to His apostles and disciples of ages past continues even to us today! "I will be with you until the end of the ages."

When we pause to consider that by God's word, He created all things, By God's Word, you and I came into being, into existence; and by His Word, which is Truth itself, and God cannot deceive, by His Word Jesus is truly present with us today; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity; the source and summit of our Faith, the Blessed Sacrament; God Himself! Jesus, the Bread of Life, true God and true man; the Divine Physician, the Cure of all our ailments, the Lamb of God who takes away our sins, the Treasure of Treasures is truly in our Church, WOW!

Let us praise Him who the worldly do not know. Let us adore Him who is most humble! Let us love Him who became a prisoner of love for us in this most ineffable mystery. He who is God, He who longs to be with us so much! He conceals Himself in Sacramental form so that we might not fear His great and infinite power and might. He who humbles Himself to remain in our church! Let us come unto Him with confidence, with true faith, and with full trust. If we praise and worship the Blessed Sacrament as God, for in fact, the Blessed Sacrament is God, our lives would become radically different! We would rather quickly become more at peace, more forgiving, more accepting, more loving more divine, for we would become more like Him, with whom we spend time.

We celebrate on Friday the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the feast of human divine love through which mercy

flows to all humanity. The most adorable Heart which was pierced for love of you and me and through which the Sacraments and sacramental's of the Church have their efficacy and power calls each of us by name.

How is this possible in a world that does not believe and does not worship? The answer takes us once more to the beginning of the month of May, back to our Mother Mary.

We end this beautiful month of grace by contemplating and praying with the Mother of God by celebrating a double feast, The Visitation (the second joyful mystery) and Our Lady of All Nations.

Among the many things we can learn from the mystery of The Visitation is that we are called to serve one another. As Mary went to care for her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with her child, John the Baptist, so it is in loving and serving our neighbor we are most pleasing to God. Remember too, Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus teaches us Catholics that as we leave the church after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we too have Jesus inside of us. So we too are called, not only serve but to bring Jesus to those who we greet!

On that same day we celebrate Our Lady of All Nations. If there is ever a time in history we need this beautiful Mother of ours it is Now!

Under this title, Mary is invoked in a three fold manner: Mediatrix of all graces, Advocate of all people, and Co-Redemptrix. She, by whom all God's graces entered the world, in the person of Jesus, still pleads our cause to God, thus continuously Mary is our advocate before her son, Jesus Christ!

Mary pleads for the blessing of God to descend on all humanity. Mary is everyone's Mother; she loves all of Gods creature and desire that we would all return home safely.

Mary is Co-Redemptrix which means "with the Redeemer." Mary stood beneath the cross of Her Son offering all her sufferings in union with Her Son, Our Redeemer for the salvation of souls!

The early Church Fathers described Jesus and Mary as the new Adam and Eve. Just as Eve had a role with Adam in the fall of man, so Mary has a specific and unique role, with Jesus, in man's salvation.

Here is a most powerful prayer the world needs at this time in history, pray it and pray it often.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
Send now Your Spirit over the earth.
Let the Holy Spirit live
In the hearts of all nations,
that they may be preserved from degeneration,
disaster, and war.
May the Lady of All Nations,
The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Be our Advocate.
Amen

Wow, what a month! May God's graces continue to bless you and your family. Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

God Bless,
Fr. Jim