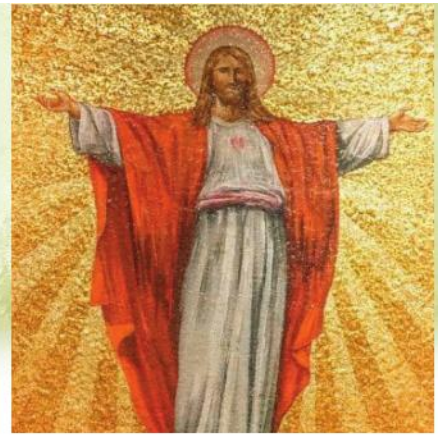


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just finished a challenging, 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle a parishioner loaned me. The speed with which I managed this (4 days) illustrates one of those crazy, odd talents the good Lord gave me. What interests me, however, is not the speed but the motivation I had to finish this puzzle. I devoted a lot of my free time over the last few days to it. Why?

You can find lots of books on motivation and lots of approaches. I found it helpful to break things down into categories.

Enjoyment: I'm clearly motivated to do some things simply because I enjoy them. Riding my bicycle falls into this category as did this puzzle since I find enjoyment in challenges.

Things that are good for me: There are things I do that I know are good for me and I do them primarily for that reason. Some I may also enjoy but generally these things are not in the enjoyment category. Non-cycling exercise (weights, running, etc.) fit here as are things my doctor tells me I need to do like being careful about my diet.

Things that are good for others: I'm often motivated by the fact that what I'm doing will benefit others. Emergency calls, for example, can be inconvenient and yet I gladly respond because I know how helpful it is to the person and their families.

Things I must do: These are things that I don't enjoy and, from my perspective, have little value to me or anyone else. Some parish paperwork falls into this category.

Finally, there are **things I rarely do** simply because I can't find the motivation to do them.

Where this gets interesting (and helpful) is to consider what it would take to move something from one category to a better one. In seminary I moved running from the "good for me" to the "enjoyment" category by running with a few friends. The companionship got me out the door when thoughts of running's benefits would not have. Anticipating the benefit a task will have on others can sometimes push it to the enjoyment category as well.

I suspect there are lots of tricks and techniques like this available to us and so allow me to leave you to consider Bible study, prayer, Mass attendance, and other practices of our faith. What motivates you to do them? Is there some way to improve that motivation?

In Christ,
Fr. Kevin

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 20

4:00 p.m. †Carrie Scalzi

6:00 p.m. Ricardo & Salvador Perez

Sunday, May 21

7:30 a.m. †Anparo Quezon

9:30 a.m. †The Barbuti Family

11:30 a.m. For our parishioners

Monday, May 22

8:00 a.m. Marlene Clark

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 a.m. †Barbara Ashner

Wednesday, May 24

8:15 a.m. †Gloria Stinviarni

6 p.m. For the recently departed

Thursday, May 25

8:00 a.m. †Nancy Lee Bohlen

Friday, May 26

8:00 a.m. †Helyn Mezerowski

Saturday, May 27

8:00 a.m. Rita Belcastro

4:00 p.m. For our parishioners

6:00 p.m. Ignacio Perez Hernandez

Sunday, May 28

7:30 a.m. For those who have died in service to their country

9:30 a.m. †Piper Schmiedl

11:30 a.m. Mary Barbuti

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns for the healing of Ryan Buck, Jr.

Our Stewardship

May 13-14

Offertory: \$9,884.00

Utility Fund: \$1,139.00

His Heart: \$249.00

Other: \$844.00

Total: \$12,116.00

Attendance: 1,065

Yes, you made this possible!

Last Sunday, we celebrated a special Mass for our 2nd graders who received their First Communion. Congratulations to Alexandra, Lillian, Juliana, Ethan, Patrick, Ahrmarie, Daniel, Xavier, Grethel, Max, John, Guishard, Grace, Melanie, Gabriel, Ximena, Adrianna, Emily, Kristiana, Liliana, Dylan, Jayce, and Nicholas! Thanks too to their parents and our school and Faith Formation teachers that prepared them for this great moment.

Last Monday, Bishop Emeritus Robert Lynch conferred sacraments on 16 students at Morning Star, including 3 baptisms, and 2 professions of faith. Congratulations to Eli, Alexander, Tryan Makalya, Addy, David, Gonzalo, Sherlyn, Peter, Jack, Samantha, Tyler, Deanna, Nathan, Kolt, and Therese!

This Sunday, Bishop Emeritus Robert Lynch will confirm our 8th graders - Kiara, Jessica, Noah, Jasmine, Karla, Stash, Gybsen, Alana, Alexis, Omar, Luke, and Gio.

And, yes, you did make all that possible. Your tithes and offerings each week allow us to offer the preparation classes - everything from buying the materials to keeping the lights and AC going. Those things don't sound particularly glamorous, but they make beautiful moments like we've experienced these past two weeks possible.

Finally, thanks to everyone who pitched in to make it all go smoothly. A special shout out to Laurie, Keith, and Soloman who helped me prep the confirmation students. They were amazing!

Fr. Kevin



Did You Know...

your summer reading book is waiting for you in the parish library?

Summer is a great time to read a book (or three!) and we have a wonderful selection for you to consider. After Mass today, take a few minutes to browse through Sacred Heart's Lending Library located just off the narthex. A book on prayer or daily devotions? We have those. Something about living the Christian Life? Have that. Church History or Church beliefs? Have those as well as biographies, religious non-fiction, Bibles, Bible study books, and more!

Remember there is no formal check-out process. Simply take the book(s) you want and bring them back when you finish with them.

this Sunday is Fr. Brad's and Fr. Kevin's ordination anniversary?

You wouldn't know it from looking at them, but both of our priests were ordained on May 21, 2016 and so are celebrating 7 years of priesthood. Thanks for supporting our priests with your encouraging words and especially your prayers.

(By the way... If you contributed to the Catholic Ministry Appeal from 2010 to 2016 you helped fund their seminary formation! Gifts given this year will help men currently in formation. Invest in future priests by giving at GivetoMinistry.dosp.org.)



you don't have to wait until September to read articles like what you'll find in the Gulf Coast Catholic Magazine?

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Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am

Wed: 8:15am & 6pm

(Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm *(Spanish)* *(Rosary prayed in Spanish at 5:30pm)*

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am *(live-streamed)*, &

11:30am

(Rosary prayed at 7am)

Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 5:15-5:45pm *(Spanish)*

(If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment)

Morning Devotions

Monday & Thursday at 9am

(livestreamed):

Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.

Our Chapel is Open for Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am-5pm

Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

First Friday:

Exposition: 8:30am-8pm

Masses: 8am and 8pm

First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am (includes Adoration)

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

Livestreamed liturgies and devotions can be found at sacredheartpinellaspark.com (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).

This Week at Sacred Heart

If you need information about a group or ministry listed, call the office. We'd be happy to get you connected to them!

Sunday, May 21st: The Ascension of the Lord

- Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20
- Confirmation Mass, 2pm, with Bishop Parkes

Monday, May 22nd:

- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; *Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!*
- Legion of Mary, 9am, Marian Room
- Beyond Our Walls prayer group, 5:30pm, chapel. Each week we pray individually for requests we receive throughout the week. Have a request? Cards are available in the narthex.
- Junior Legion of Mary, 6pm, Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 23rd:

- Fr. Kevin's Bible study, 9-10:15am. (**Note:** no evening session this week)
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am

Wednesday, May 24th:

- Bingo, noon, Parish Hall (doors open at 10am, first game at noon)
- Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm
- Spanish Prayer Group, 7pm Retreat House

Thursday, May 25th:

- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; *Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!*
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House

Friday, May 26th:

- Last day of school for our students!

Sunday, May 28th: Pentecost

- Vigil readings: Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39
- Sunday readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:7-13; John 20:19-23

This Sunday!

Help the Columbiettes with their annual Baby Shower Drive and support two local organizations that assist mothers. Babycycle is a diaper bank serving low-income mothers in Pinellas Park and Alpha House in St. Petersburg serves homeless pregnant mothers and their babies.

If you forgot, please drop off one of the following items to the office early this week: diapers, wipes, baby clothing, baby bottles, baby food and baby formula. Monetary donations are also welcome. The ladies of the Columbiettes appreciate your support of these two worthy organizations.

Mark Your Calendars

Grief Matters

The **Grief Matters** team invites you to take part in free monthly conversations on special topics related to grief. These programs are an extension of the **Grief Matters Community Forums**. The conversations are held online through Microsoft Teams and take place from **12 to 1pm**.

Thursday, May 18 - Navigating Special Days: Birthdays, Anniversaries and More. Special days following a loved one's death can be challenging to navigate. Explore ways to honor and remember your loved one and care for yourself as special days approach.

Thursday, June 15 - Myths About Grief: Things We Have Been Told. Our conversation will dispel some of the myths about grief. We'll look at the reality of what our experiences teach us.

Thursday, July 13 - Pet Loss: Honoring the Experience. Pets are family to those who mourn their deaths. Find space to validate your experience of grief when your family pet dies.

Join the Conversation. To register, email: bereavement@baycare.org or call (727) 462-7995.

Memorial Day Mass

Join us on Monday, May 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., for the Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 11801 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater. Bishop Gregory Parkes will be the main celebrant.

Please join us for this special Mass, as we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country and all the souls of the faithful departed. All are welcome!

View the Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit

You are invited to view the Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit on **Friday, June 2nd from 5-8pm in Bethany Hall at St. Matthew's Catholic Church**. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served and you can arrive and leave at any time. Come explore the many miraculous ways Christ has revealed Himself throughout the world through the Eucharist!

Can't come Friday for this special viewing? The exhibit will also be open: Saturday from 10:30am to 11:30am and from 5pm to 7pm; Sunday after all Masses until 2pm.



Blessed Acutis died at age 15 in 2006 from cancer. He prioritized his life around the Eucharist leading him to create a website documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. This exhibit reflects his work.

Eucharistic Healing Retreat

Elisheba House invites you to Your Hearts Desire: A Eucharistic Healing Retreat for adults. The retreat will be held June 16-17 at the Hampton Inn in Trinity, FL. The cost to attend is \$50 (Group rates are available. Hotel not included). Bring your weary hearts and encounter the healing presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Register today at: www.elishebahouse.com/retreats.html



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

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A Message from Pope Francis

This is an excerpt from Pope Francis' Wednesday, December 13, 2017, General Audience, on the Mass. You can read the entire talk at vatican.va. Click on Audiences, 2017, and choose the one for Dec. 13th.

[T]oday we ask ourselves: why go to Sunday Mass?

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2177). We Christians go to Sunday Mass to encounter the Risen Lord, or better still to allow ourselves to be encountered by him, to hear his Word, to nourish ourselves at his table, and thus to become the Church, that is, his mystical living Body in the world.

Some secularized societies have lost the Christian sense of Sunday illuminated by the Eucharist. This is a shame! In these contexts it is necessary to revive this awareness, to recover the meaning of the celebration, the meaning of the joy, of the parish community, of solidarity, of the rest which restores body and soul (cf. CCC, nn. 2177-2178). Of all these values, the Eucharist is our guide, Sunday after Sunday.

The Sunday abstention from work did not exist in the early centuries: it is a specific contribution of Christianity. According to biblical tradition Jews rest on the Sabbath, while in Roman society a day of the week was not provided for abstention from servile labour. It was the Christian awareness of living as children and not as slaves, inspired by the Eucharist, which has made Sunday — almost universally — the day of rest.

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason we Christians go to encounter the Lord on Sunday, in the Eucharistic celebration.

How can we respond to those who say that it is of no use going to Mass, even on Sunday, because the important thing is to live well, to love our neighbour? It is true that the quality of Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, as Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35); but how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the energy necessary to do so, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible source of the Eucharist? We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from him. We are reminded of this by the Church's prayer, which is addressed to God in this way: "although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation" (Roman Missal, Common Preface iv).

Our Parish Prayer List

Sheryl Acunal	Debbie Hogan	Neil Petrocci
Robert Anderson	Jenny Holland	Daniel, Sylvia, & Stella
Genevieve Aziz	Bill Holmes	Przywalny
Rita Bahler	Jean & Gary Hossman	Ryan Richards
Mary Barbuti	Amy Iketani	Taliah Richards
Kenneth Barcomb	Janet Jacob	Nicole Rizzo
Ryan Buck Jr.	David Johnson	Judy & Mark Rucker
Judy Cardone	Elija Johnson	Janet Schaumann
Melina Carmen Chase	Elizabeth Jurado	Maryanne Sirrianna
Maryloo Carrico	Deanne Karner	Patricia Slaymaker
Sean Casey	Liam & Jeanne Kennedy	Jeanne Slofkin
Paul & Gail Catalona	Dolores Kenney	Fred & George
Bill Cauchon	Barbara Klasek	Sontheimer
Kathy Chabot	Tony Lociech	Helen Sullivan
Joseph I. Chase	Anna Kumari	Norman & Leonette
Marlene Clark	Charlotte Laliberti	St. Germain
Bonnie Crisafulli	Gail Larson	Sherry Taylor
Una Daigle	Sharn Lundy	Gloria Unger
Rita Durish	Sheila Lutz	
Christina Fabb	George Maier	
Brooke & Brianna	Katie Malins	
Farnsworth	Connie Marmaro	
Anne Fiamengo	Mary Masterson	
Mitzi Federico	Jeff Odajewski	
Florence Garrido	Diane O'Neill	
Gail Griffin	Rinette Parece	
Mary Haisch	Antoinette Passero	

Bold indicates new name added to prayer list.

To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to fikevinyarnell@gmail.com



Pope Francis May Prayer Intention

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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