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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:15 a.m. High Mass
Monday-Saturday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass
Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

*30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays
before both Masses) & First Fridays from
5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)*

Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6 p.m.
First Friday: Additional Mass at 6 p.m.,
preceded by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.
First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration
with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation &
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, May 1st

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

{*Good Shepherd Sunday*}

8:30 a.m. - Health & Blessings for Msgr. Pekar

requested by Edward Reyen

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, May 2nd

Saint Athanasius

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Harry & Mary Rowe

requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family

Tuesday, May 3rd

The Invention of the Holy Cross

7:45 a.m. - Audrey Mansen

requested by Gene & Donna Wirkus

Wednesday, May 4th

Saint Monica

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Marianne Bell

requested by Edward Reyen

First Thursday, May 5th

Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Sovereign High Priest

7:45 a.m. - Alexandra Koons

requested by Alex Koons

6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

First Friday, May 6th

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

7:45 a.m. - Msgr. Wach

requested by Canon Francis Xavier Altieri

5:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

6:00 p.m. - Benjamin Koons

requested by Alex Koons

First Saturday, May 7th

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

7:45 a.m. - Jane Clancy

requested by George & Nancy Whitmore

Sunday, May 8th

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Adeline Reyen

requested by Edward Reyen

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament



Upcoming Events

April 25th to May 6th

Canon Altieri away visiting his family

Sunday, May 1st

TODAY Biannual special collection for the seminary of the Institute of Christ the King

• First Holy Communion class after High Mass

Friday, May 6th

REGULAR FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

7:45 a.m. Low Mass

5:00 p.m. Adoration (Confessions between 5:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Low Mass

Saturday, May 7th

First Saturday Devotions after Mass

The First Communicants' First Confessions during Adoration, First Communion test and practice after devotions

Sunday, May 8th

May Crowning devotions at 10:15 a.m. followed by the 10:15 a.m. Mass, First Holy Communion

Thursday, May 26th

Ascension Thursday

Dear Faithful,

Welcome to the Month of May; the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What better way to start the month than by honoring Her Spouse, St. Joseph, today.

Next Sunday will be the May Crowning Devotions at the 10:15am Mass, thus beginning Mother's Day by celebrating our Heavenly Mother.

Next Sunday will also be First Communion for the children of our Parish.

-Canon Stein

N.B. Today there is a 2nd Collection for the Seminary of the Institute of Christ the King. There are marked envelopes in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!

THE HUMILITY OF MARY

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY surpassed all the Angels and Saints in perfection and merit; and of all creatures none as she was so pleasing to God. Who, indeed, ever possessed so ardent a charity and so profound a humility? Where shall we find humility equal to that which appeared in Mary when, in answer to Elizabeth, she confessed that the cause of her happiness was that the Lord had deigned to regard the humility of His handmaid, and that therefore all generations should call her blessed? *Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae; ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.*

Many Doctors of the Church are of the opinion that, when Mary said, “*the Lord hath regarded the humility of His handmaid,*” it was not her intention to speak of her virtue of humility, because, although she was profoundly humble, she did not believe herself to be so; but that she thought only of her lowly state, her baseness, and abjection as a creature of God, and of the nothingness from which she had been drawn. There are others, however, who hold a contrary, and perhaps more probable, opinion, and say that Our Lady intended to speak of her virtue of humility, being well aware that it was this virtue that had attracted Our Saviour to her chaste womb. We may well believe that Mary was aware that she possessed this virtue, and that she had no fear of losing it, being intimately persuaded that it was the effect of the grace of God within her and not of her own merits.

Indeed, we find the great Saint Paul acknowledging that he possessed the virtue of charity, and in such decisive terms as would seem in others presumptuous rather than humble. He writes:

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: “*For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.*” No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ~ ROMANS 8:35-39

Notice the confidence with which this great Apostle speaks when he protests that there is no power in the world, or in hell, that is capable of separating him from the charity of his God. He believed

that he possessed this virtue of charity; and in speaking thus he confided entirely in grace, and in his own merits by grace. The glorious Virgin knew well that the virtue of humility has more power to attract the Heart of God to our hearts than all other virtues. The Divine Spouse in the Canticles seems to signify this, when he expresses his admiration for the beauty of the footsteps of his beloved: “*How beautiful are thy steps in shoes, O Prince’s daughter!*” (CANT, VII. 1), and then enumerates her other beauties. Judith did not captivate Holofernes so much by the rare beauty of her countenance and the splendour of her attire as by her sandals, or her shoes, which were probably embroidered with gold.

In like manner the Eternal Father, considering the variety of virtues that adorned Our Lady, was in admiration of her beauty; but when He cast His eyes upon her sandals He was so pleased that He sent His Only Son to become Incarnate in her chaste womb. What is signified by these sandals or shoes of Mary but her humility? These articles are the least valuable part of our attire, and the soonest covered with dust. Now, the spirit of true humility continually abases the souls who possess it, and annihilates them in their own eyes, and keeps them under the feet of everyone. Such is the property of this virtue of humility, which is the foundation of the whole spiritual life. It was this lowliness that the Lord looked upon in the Most Holy Virgin with so much complacency, and this look of His formed her whole greatness: *Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae, ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.* All generations shall call her blessed because God had regarded her.

Whichever of the two significations given to these words: God hath regarded the humility of His Handmaid be accepted, we find that the Holy Virgin always spoke with so much humility as to leave no doubt whatever that she considered all her happiness to proceed from her Lord having looked upon her lowliness. On this account the words of the Spouse of the Canticles are applied to her: “*While the King was at his repose, my spikenard sent forth the odour thereof.*” The plant on which the spikenard grows does not grow up high like the cedars of Lebanon. But lowly as it is, it delights all by the sweetness it diffuses around. What a precious plant was the Most Holy Virgin, who never sought to exalt herself, although

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enriched by God with the most signal favours! She was always penetrated by the sense of her own abjection and nothingness; and in virtue of this humility she spread around, like the spikenard plant, so sweet a perfume that it ascended to the Throne of the Divine Majesty, and attracted the Son of God to descend and take flesh in her immaculate womb.

We see, then, how dear humility is to God! Our Saviour taught this truth in His memorable reply to the woman who exclaimed aloud: *“Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the paps that gave Thee suck.”* “Yea,” said Our Lord, *“rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.”* That is to say: *“My Mother is indeed blessed on account of having borne Me in her womb; but more blessed is she on account of the humility with which she listened to the words of My Heavenly Father, and kept them.”* And this He again taught when He said that they who heard the Word of God and practised it were to Him as His Mother and His Brethren.

~ excerpts from *A Month of Mary According to the Spirit of Saint Francis de Sales*, by Fr. Gaspar Gilli



New Institute Radio Program

Divine Mercy Radio, based out of North Carolina, is announcing a new radio production from the Institute Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

This radio series, called *Lessons in Latin: the History of the Parts of the Mass*, is a multi-part series sharing the beauty and the history of the parts of the Mass.

You can tune in ON-LINE (Catholic540am.org) or ON-APP (search “Divine Mercy Radio NC”).

The program airs at **11:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. Eastern time.** Tune in on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month to hear our program.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: SUNDAY MAY 8TH

Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communicants, who are preparing to receive Our Lord for the first time on Sunday, May 8th.

In order to show how important this moment is in the development of the spiritual life, please let the First Communicants receive Holy Communion first, and then proceed as normal.

SPECIAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

Every year on the second Sunday after Easter (“Good Shepherd Sunday”), a special collection is taken to support Saint Philip Neri Seminary, the house of priestly formation of the Institute of Christ the King, located in Gricigliano, Italy. This collection will be taken **Today, May 1st**. Thank you for your generous support and for your prayers for vocations and in particular for our seminarians. May God reward you.

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal has now begun. This is an important way for the Oratory to take part in the life of the diocese at large and to show our gratitude for the bishop’s continued support of our community. If you have not yet participated please consider making an offering.

2022 Bishop’s Appeal as of 4/22/22

Parish Goal:	\$11,000
Total Pledged:	\$6,620 (60%)
Donors to Date:	27

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your mobile phone.



May 1st 2022

Saint Joseph