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PREPARE A DWELLING PLACE AT HOME

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here - whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams - a true "domestic church." In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families, our domestic churches.

The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect "spot" for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making of our homes true "domestic churches" where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and our generous hospitality to all.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

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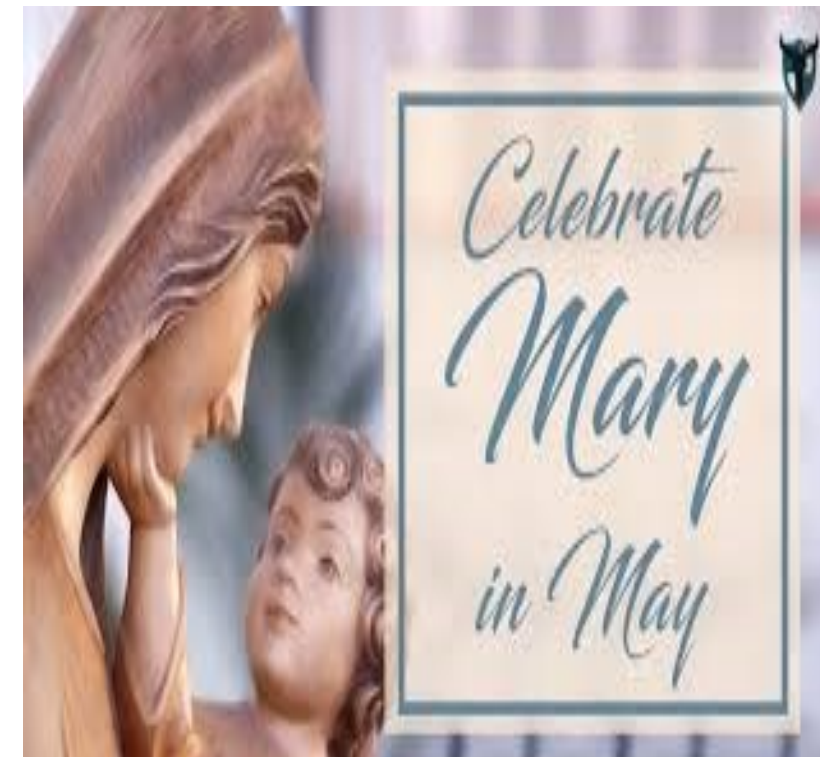
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May 10, 2020 - Year A
The 5th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2019

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	May 11	9:00 am	Intention available	
Tues	May 12	9:00 am	Intention available	
		10:00 am - 11:00 am	Zoom Bible Study	
Wed	May 13	9:00 am	Intention available	
Thurs	May 14	9:00 am	Intention available	
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Acts Women's Team Zoom Meeting	
Fri	May 15	9:00 am	+Mary Fedorik	by John & Mary Mojeski
			For the special intentions of Vern Dell (moved from May 17)	by Josie Dell
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Zoom Men's Support Group	
Sat	May 16		The 5th Sunday of Easter	
		5:00 pm	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 17	9:30 am	Live-Stream Mass from Gethsemane Centre Wellandport	
		10:30 am - 11:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Stream from Gethsemane Centre	
			(When Father Christopher is not invited for Sunday Mass at Gethsemane the parish Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 pm)	

ONLINE DAILY EUCHARIST

With no public weekday or weekend Masses we offer the following: We continue to keep Holy Sabbath. In an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times, I would like to invite you to join us online for daily Mass.

Vision TV Sun - 8:00 am

Mon - Fri - 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Salt + Light Sun - 11:00 am & 10:30 pm

Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

YesTV Sun - 10:30 am

Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet www.dailytvmass.com

www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

Mass each Sunday is streamed live from our Cathedral at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website or YouTube for viewing: www.saintcd.com

FINANCIAL GIVING DURING COVID-19

PANDEMIC

It has been highly recommended that we discontinue posting our weekly revenue online/parish website. We kindly ask you to mail in your church offering. We would ask you to discontinue dropping off your offering in the rectory mail box unless you call ahead and let Father Christopher know that you are dropping them off. The risk is too high leaving envelopes with cash in the mail box. You are encouraged to sanitize your hands before writing the cheque or inclosing cash. Please do not lick the envelope, rather use a cloth or sponge to dampen. Unfortunately, this self-isolation and physical distancing will remain for many weeks to come. We thank you for your cooperation with these new procedures.

Thank you and God bless.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Although we are unable to celebrate public Masses, the parish expenses for salaries, (we have maintained our staff in this pandemic) church insurance, property tax, clergy aid, maintenance, etc, all continue. While our primary concern is your spiritual and physical well-being, the weekly offertory gifts are very important for our parish.

We have been receiving "some" but not many weekly offerings through the mail or dropped off in the mail slot at the rectory, thank you. If at all possible if others could do the same it would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue the upkeep and maintenance of our parish. We all need to take co-responsibility of our parish and contribute as best we can.

In the case of any emergency do not hesitate to contact the parish office as we check our messages daily.

Though our buildings are closed, the church is still open! We are still leading others in faith although scattered rather than in a gathered way. This time of crisis requires us to maintain and strengthen our ability to minister to one another in the midst of heightened anxiety.

Thank you.

GOD WINKS AND SUNDAY HOMILY

A weekly publication God Winks along with Father Christopher's Sunday homily is available upon request by simply emailing him at:

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A PRAYER IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR MOTHERS

Good and Gentle God,
we pray in gratitude for our mothers
and for all the women of theory
who have joined with you
in the wonder of bringing forth new life.

You who became human through a woman,
grant to all mothers the courage they need
to face the uncertain future
that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live
and to be loved in return,
not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband,
family and friends
as they care for the physical
and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children
to sustain them through the trials
of motherhood.

Most of all, give them the wisdom
to turn to you for help
when they need it most.

♦ *Author Unknown*

Happy Mother's Day