

For instance, the prayer to St. Michael, or grace before meals. Pious practices completed, we don't obsess about evil spirits. Eve paid too much attention to the serpent. On the one hand the evil spirits wish to be ignored, so that their evil influence has greater effect. On the other hand, as their goal is to be worshipped and adored by all mankind, a time of grand revelation is also part of their strategy. We thwart the first design by believing in and fighting their presence, and we thwart the second by showing a healthy disrespect and refusal to be afraid.

What is central to the faith? The fatherhood of God and our adoption as his children, with everything which follows from this, including the spiritual motherhood of the BVM. Some people wish to fight evil spirits in order to receive greater worldly goods: ease, power, fame, prestige, money, etc. This wrong-headed motivation is seen even in the earliest days of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles.

How do we keep the right attitude? Some guideposts are the following: 1) We are our own worst enemy, not the evil spirits. 2) We have been given power over evil spirits, through our membership in the mystical body of the church—not to do “exorcisms” but to take control of our life through the ordinary means of salvation. 3) The sacraments are more important and powerful than sacramentals. 4) An ounce of prevention—both natural and supernatural—is worth a pound of

cure. 5) Humility is the foundation of all genuine victories.

Thank you for your financial and material support of the parish. May God reward you, Fr. Novokowsky, FSSP



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**“...charity cover-
eth a multitude of
sins.”**

(Peter 4. 8)



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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am (Low)

11 am (High)

4:30 pm (Low)

Monday 7 am & 9 am

Tuesday 7 am & 9 am

Wednesday 7 am & 6 pm

Thursday 7 am & 9 am

Friday 7 am & 6 pm

Saturday 9 am

♦ **Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665**

♦ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses, Saturdays - 10:00 to 12 noon**

♦ Novena & Benediction: Wed. evenings.

♦ **Holy Days:** look for announcement

♦ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 8 am until noon, First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm.

♦ Other Sacraments: please call the office.

MASS SCHEDULE — INTENTIONS — REQUESTED BY		
Sun. May 13 Sun. After the Ascension (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Private Intention 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Celebrant's Intention	RM
Mon. May 14 Feria after Ascension (4th Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Sophie Grenchus †	CS
Tues. May 15 St. John Baptist de la Salle (3rd Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Private Intention	DV
Wed. May 16 St. Ubaldus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Karin Haley † 6 pm Gary & Teresa Meza	LH AM
Thurs. May 17 St. Paschal Baylon (3rd Cl.)	7 am Janet M. Stepp † 9 am Luna Lara	JS TD
Fri. May 18 St. Venantius (3rd Cl.)	7 am Phoenix Vance 6 pm Isabel Clements	BH CB
Sat. May 19 Vigil of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	9 am David Howe	CAS
Sun. May 20 Pentecost Sunday (1st Cl.)	8:30 am Charles LaPaglia † 11 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Celebrant's Intention	JL
Mon. May 21 Mon. After Pentecost (1st Cl.)	7 am Thatcher & Sophie Franke 9 am Barbara Vermillion †	CP BO
Tues. May 22 Tues. After Pentecost (1st Cl.)	7 am Celebrant's Intention 9 am Celebrant's Intention	
Wed. May 23 Ember Wednesday of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	6 pm Matthew L. Dahlem †	MD
Thurs. May 24 Thurs. After Pentecost (1st Cl.)	9 am Colleen Simoncelli	CS
Fri. May 25 Ember Friday of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	7 am Private Intention 6 pm Celebrant's Intention	DV
Sat. May 26 Ember Saturday of Pentecost (1st Cl.)	9 am To Do God's Will	CV

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Andrew Priddy, Dorothy McKinley, Jeff Hamm, Theresa Jones, Chelsea Bicknell-Rivera, Holly Straight, Charlie Adams, Evan Jones, Sharon Curry, Kora Glover, Trish McGovern, Toni Liberatore, The Patrowicz Family, Betty Proffitt, Zachary Tanner, Virginia Craig, Justine Madigan, Joe Bush, Natalie McNeil, Margaret Latimer, Joe Guerrero, Bosco Sanctafamilia, Charles Furlough, Angela Rhys-Sonnenschein, Ed Peters, Karen Evans, Bob Martin, Patricia Willard, Elizabeth Storm, Jeanette LaPaglia, Cathy Van Pelt, Barbara Reith, Diane Hayes, Andria Morris, Gerard Lajoie, Betty Faina, Kathleen Stells, Julie Trexler, Theresa Trexler, Bobby Overman, Dick and Nan Wray, Mary Zacharias, Casey Bouchard, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan.

In your charity, please remember the repose of the souls of all the faithfully departed. Requiescant in pace.

TODAY is the final day of Religious Education classes.

Treasure Swap—May 27

Bring your unwanted items (clean and in good condition) to Fr. Adrian Hall on Fri., May 25 or Sat., May 26. Come back Sun., May 27 and find your treasure. Bring your husbands.

First Holy Communion Schedule

- First Holy Confessions—Sun., May 13 at 9:45 am
- First Holy Communion—Sun., May 20 at the 11:00 High Mass

First Holy Communion Reception

All are invited Sun., May 20 to this outdoor celebration (weather permitting). Bring a lawn chair; everything else will be provided.

Altar Server Training

Sat., May 19, 1 pm—4 pm. Bring your play clothes.

Upcoming Events

- May 13**—Last Day of Religious Education
- May 19**—Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests
- May 20**—First Holy Communion & Reception
- May 27**—Treasure Swap Sunday
- June 3**—Corpus Christi Procession

Online Donations Transition

Due to circumstances outside our control, we must change vendors for our donations through the website. This will require everyone to create a new account and reschedule their recurring gifts. Thank you for your patience during this transition. More details to follow.

2018 Annual Parish Yard Sale

Sat., 16 June, 8 am—2 pm. Set up will be at 7 am the morning of the sale. Tables are \$25 each. Parish organizations receive a free table. Volunteers are always needed and most appreciated. Call Mike Rowland 745-7844 or the Parish Office. You are absolutely forbidden to drop any item off before Sunday, June 10 at 12 noon.

Young Adult Bible Study

Every Tuesday, 6 pm in the Parish Library. All young adults ages 18-30 welcome! For more information: patrickinrva@gmail.com

New Lighthouse Media CD

The Incredible Mind of G.K. Chesterton

Dale Ahlquist shares how the literary giant of the 20th century predicted many of the societal ills of our day and pointed out the remedies for them.

Sunday Offertory

	Collection	Budget	Surplus/(Deficit)
Operations			
Sun. 5/6	\$7,892	\$7,700	\$192
YTD	\$363,571	\$346,500	\$17,074
Capital Improvements			
Sun. 5/6	\$1,729	\$1,250	\$479
YTD	\$73,323	\$56,250	\$17,073
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity!</i>			

Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,
Extra special occasion: Next Sunday we have an unusual event. Along with the tremendous blessing of 15 First Holy Communicants, we have two being Baptized and Confirmed. The baptism will happen between the morning Masses (9:45 am) and the Confirmation will take place immediately after the last gospel in the High Mass.

E-giving: We are forced to end our relationship with our current company as of June 30, 2018. In two weeks we are going to publish detailed instructions for a smooth switch to a new company. This will necessitate some effort on your part, to dismantle your current arrangements and establish new ones, for which we apologize. The hassle of switching may be worth it in the end: the new company promises better service. In sum: June will be a period of transition where both systems will work, and on July 1, only the new system will function.

Pendulum swings: There's a modern *obsession* with evil spirits. After the 1960's—and still in some quarters—they don't even exist; today—in some quarters—they're the explanation for everything. Neither position is correct, but there's a grain of truth in both. While it is clear that the truth is in the middle, it is not easy to describe what the middle is exactly. The extreme positions are attractive because they lend themselves to a comfortable and easy description.

Our Lord, in his Sermon on the Mount (Mt: 4, 5 and 6), makes no direct reference to evil spirits. This is significant. That said, the Lord's Prayer, taught to us in the same sermon, makes reference to evil: "deliver us from evil." The catechism says this can be interpreted as "deliver us from the evil one." Of course, both meanings are there. In this we see the middle ground approach: evil spirits are NOT central to the faith. Fighting them, however, is an important side issue, so we pray to be delivered.

Evil spirits are important in how they might affect us negatively. Since they are always around, we always make Catholic preparations against them.