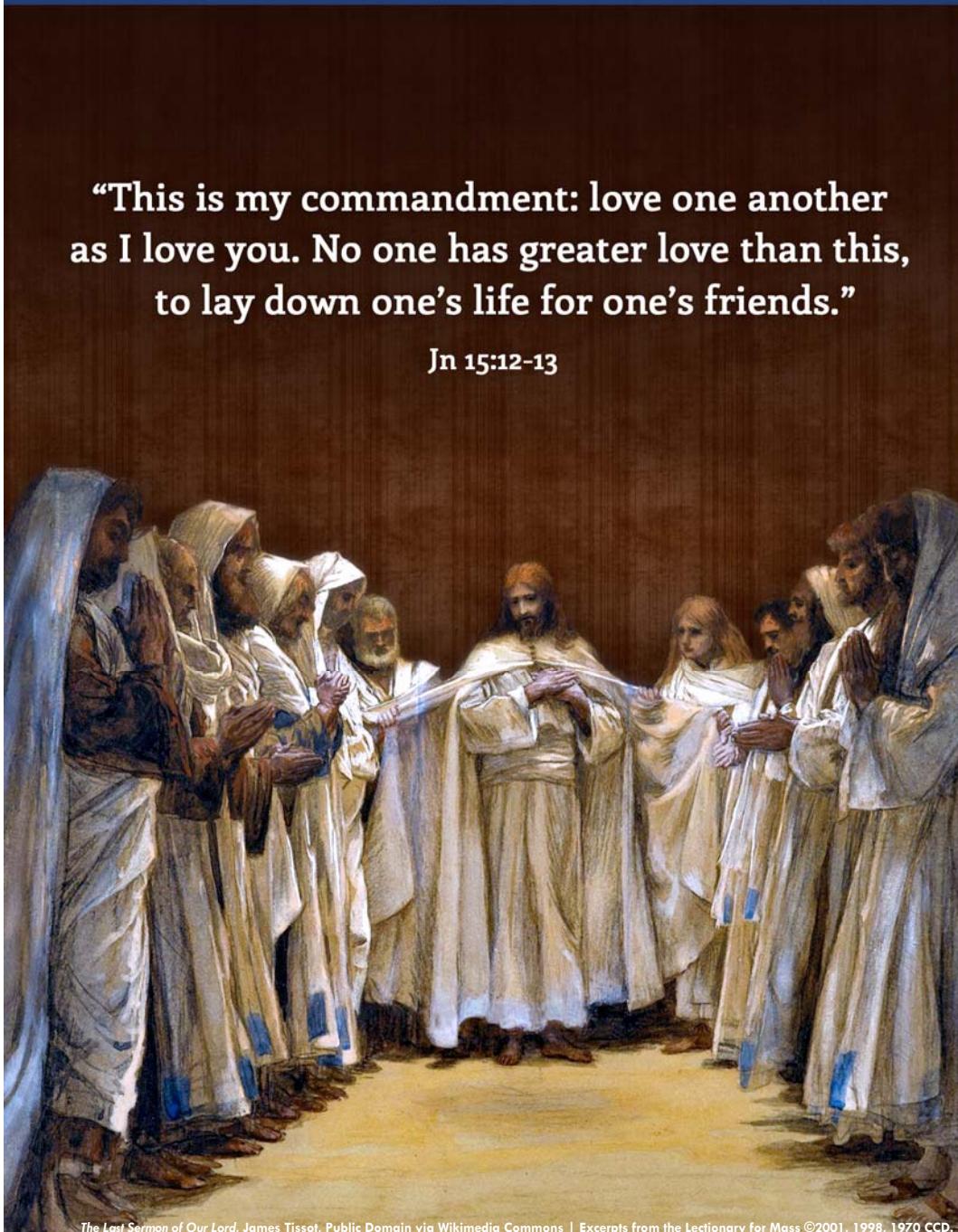




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May 9, 2021

6th Sunday  
of Easter

**Mass Schedule**

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	(Spanish) 12:00 pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm

**San Damiano Chapel**

Eucharistic Adoration open  
to scheduled adorers only.



**Our Mission**

*The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and  
celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples  
by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.*

# From the Pastor's Desk



## Remain

There are twelve times in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of St. John that the verb “remain” appears. Sometimes translated into English as “abide,” it originally comes from the Greek word μένω — pronounced meno — and has the connotation of staying in one place. (<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strong=G3306&t=KJV>) During the Last Supper and the conversation that Jesus had with his twelve disciples it is interesting in God’s Providential Plan that the verb “remain” appears twelve times. With the exception of John the Beloved Disciple who remained with Jesus during His Passion and Crucifixion the others turned away, disappeared, denied knowing Him, and betrayed Him. To remain with the Lord sometimes entails intense suffering and for the disciples — and by extension I would include you and me as well — it is a daily challenge to do so.

In His great Mercy for us Jesus said, “Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love” (John 15:9-10). When we love our family members or friends we want to express it in tangible ways. My article in last week’s bulletin stressed the importance of putting love into practice and being more than just sentimental words. To love the Lord above all else is to faithfully obey and live out His commands. Rather than viewing them as restrictions on our freedom we can understand them as carefully-crafted ways in which God has designed us for flourishing at the personal and communal level.

Some practical ways to remain in the Love of Jesus include: Attending Mass on a weekly basis; dedicating time to Eucharistic Adoration; living a morally upright life; seeking forgiveness from others and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation; praying every single day; practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy; and reading from the Bible. May the Grace of the Risen Lord Jesus remain at work within our hearts and souls so that we would faithfully remain with Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds of love.

*“It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you and appointed you  
to go and bear fruit that will remain.”*

(JN 15:16A)

## This Week's Readings and Observances

### Sunday, May 9, 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

### Monday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday, May 11

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday, May 12, Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

### Friday, May 14, St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

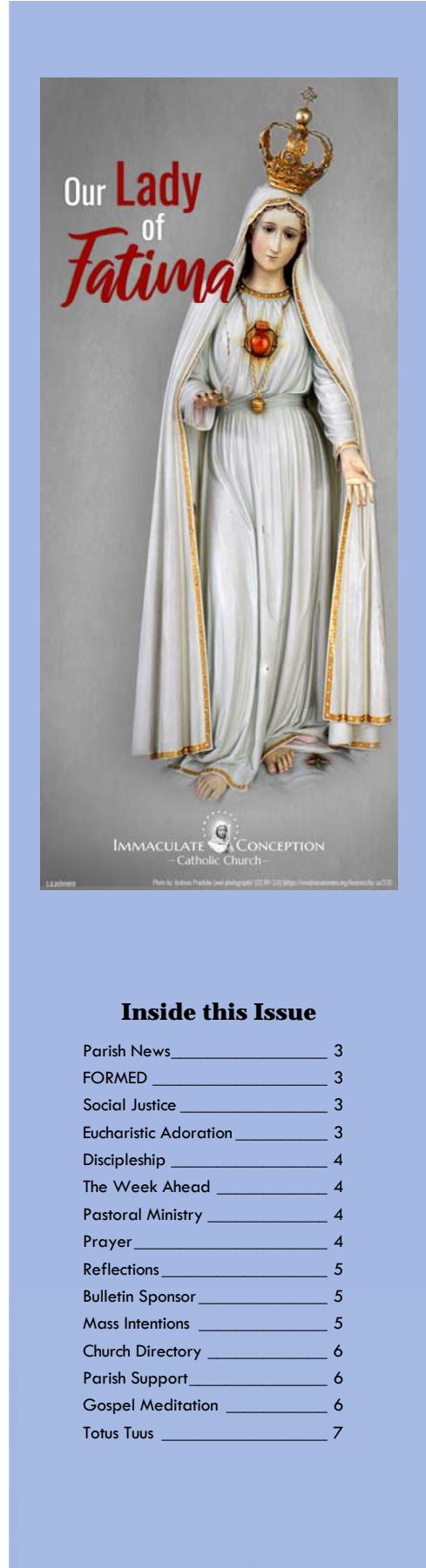
### Saturday, May 15, St. Isidore

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

### Sunday, May 16, The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 4:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/

Mk 16:15-20



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## Parish News

**Join us to Pray the Rosary**  
at Immaculate Conception throughout the month of May:

- In the church on Sundays after the 10:00 am Mass, led by the Council of Catholic Women. (Please remain in your seat, the Rosary will be prayed from the pulpit.)
- In front of the Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine on weekdays at 6:00 pm, led by the Knights of Columbus.



### High School Seniors

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? We are gathering names of students to invite to a Mass on Sunday, May 30 when we will recognize and pray for the graduates. Please contact Mary Nawrocki, Director of Faith Formation, at 763-788-9062 x 210 or [mnawrocki@immac-church.org](mailto:mnawrocki@immac-church.org) to request an invitation. Thank you!

### Blest Art this Weekend

The weekend of May 8 and 9, *Blest Art* will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine.

They invite you to visit their display, available after all Masses, of hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art, and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land to help support the many families who depend on this form of art for their living.

*Blest Art* gladly accepts cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that they do not ask for, nor do they accept, any donations.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



May 9, 2021

WATCH

**Fatima Gems** hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.

To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

## Social Justice

### Coins for Social Justice

The coin total for Sunday, April 25, 2021 was **\$159.04**. Thank you for your generosity! “The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9)

**Risen Savior Missions (RSM)** is an interfaith Christian charity based in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Our most recent donation of \$200.00 was sent to RSM. They take a holistic approach towards the problems of poverty. RSM addresses the basic needs of the poor first and foremost by implementing a practical program designed to reverse malnutrition. Food is the platform upon which to build livelihood. Once healthy nutrition is in place, RSM and its partners then feed the mind and evangelize the soul. They teach the poor about hygiene, sanitation, nutritious cooking, farming, manufacturing, microfinance and faith formation, and they participate in medical missions to address special health concerns and offer free solutions.



## Eucharistic Adoration

“Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.”  
(Psalm 98)

As we continue our Easter season celebration, consider signing up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in our San Damiano Adoration Chapel. Our chapel is available Monday through Friday.

There are a few regulations we must continue to follow:

- Only registered, scheduled adorers are allowed in the chapel (No walk in visitors will be admitted at this time)
- Masks are required
- All adorers are asked to sanitize any surfaces they touch during their adoration hour
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home

If you would like to register and schedule an adoration hour, or if you are an adorer unable to attend your scheduled hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Volunteers are needed to cover Mondays at noon, Wednesdays at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, and Fridays at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.



# Discipleship

## Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS / ©LPI

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, May 9

Blest Art Sale ..... 8:30 am - 1:00 pm  
First Eucharist Class ..... 10:45 am - 11:45 am  
Confirmation I - Group A ..... 10:45 am - 11:45 am

### Monday, May 10

Boy Scouts Meeting ..... 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm

### Tuesday, May 11

Serra Club Meeting ..... 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### Thursday, May 13

Funeral Mass for Linda Walker ..... 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Friday, May 14

Intercessory Prayer Ministry ..... 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Adoration ..... 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### Saturday, May 15

Baptism Class ..... 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Baptism of Adali Chiqui ..... 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
8th Grade Car Wash ..... 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

### Sunday, May 16

8th Grade Car Wash ..... 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
First Eucharist Class ..... 10:45 am - 11:45 am  
Pre Confirmation ..... 10:45 am - 11:45 am  
Confirmation I - Group B ..... 10:45 am - 11:45 am

# Pastoral Ministry



## Immaculate Conception Church ANOINTING MASS

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Presider: Father James Peterson

All are welcome!

## Growing Through Loss

The final session of our spring series is on Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 6:45 pm. Rev. Lisa Richardson Engen, Pastor will speak on *Where is God in Our Suffering* (includes a service of healing and hope). We will meet at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View and will follow their facility use policy during this pandemic. Childcare will not be provided for safety reasons. You are required to wear a face mask. *The educational presentations will be live streamed through YouTube entitled GTL North Suburban.*

## Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request — call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

## In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call 763-788-9062. For private prayer (eight individuals offer confidential prayer for requested needs) call Larene at 763-789-4246.

## Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially *Linda Walker*, all who have died from Covid-19 and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

## Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

Bea Alain	Steven Lauinger	Greg Sery
Paul Bona	Tom Leight Sr.	Martha Stwora
Robin Crisp	Janet Mihalik	Elaine Thunstrom
Mary Fredenburg	Teddy Miller	Sandra Tabor
Art Harris	Gina McMartin	Lois Weyers
Linda Kosloski	Shawn Moulzolf	Germaine Wolsfeld
Gerald Krawiecki	Katie Oftedahl	and all those on
Jeff LaFontaine	Diane Redmann	our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

## Dear Visitor

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki 763-788-9062 x 212.

## Prayer

### Intercessory Prayer

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intention:

*For the planning efforts for Totus Tuus (summer camp).*

# Reflections

## Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** *What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?*

**Answer:** The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

## Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

## Word of Life

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”



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8:00 am +Betty Amelse  
10:00 am +Margaret Getty  
12:00 pm IC Parish



### Tuesday, May 11

7:30 am +Marvin & Patricia Sowada,  
+Joanne Prestidge, +Victor Luna

### Wednesday, May 12

7:30 am +Josephine Gordy

### Thursday, May 13

8:30 am +Bob Meyers

### Friday, May 14

7:30 am +Herman & Helena Meemken,  
+Rudy Morales, +Lucy & Robert Estrada

### Saturday, May 15

5:00 pm +Slawko (Sid) Dupak

### Sunday, May 16

8:00 am +Harvey & Helen Boser  
10:00 am Steve Lauinger  
12:00 pm IC Parish

+Deceased

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Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the church.

### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

## Gospel Meditation



### Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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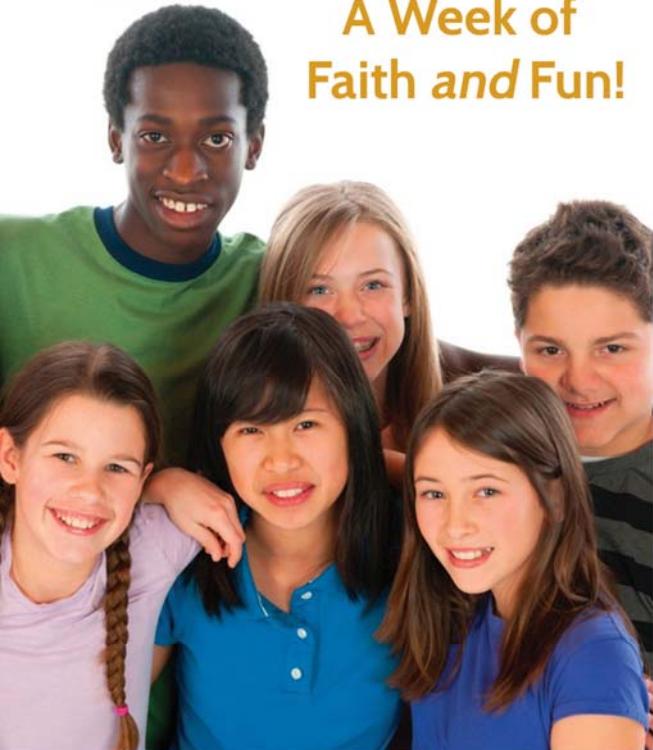
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# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 9, 2021

## Happy Mother's Day!

We wish all our mothers a happy and healthy Mother's Day!

Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and nourishment  
to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.  
Bless our mother.

Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, her family,  
may honor her always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



*The Gospel of Life*, 86

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## Our Lady of Fatima

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13.



Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.



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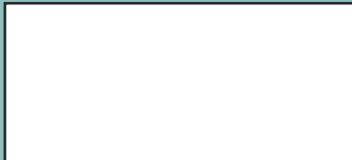
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