



Today’s readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: “My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: “love one another as I have loved you.” It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

We must look at the context in which Jesus makes this statement. It is the Last Supper. Judas has just stepped out discreetly to turn Jesus over to the authorities who will have Him bound, tortured, and crucified.

Furthermore, exactly how does He call us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

No wonder we find Paul and Barnabas “strengthening” and “exhorting” the early disciples in our First Reading by saying, “it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.”

Notice they don’t say “one or two” hardships or even “the occasional hardship”. They say “many” hardships. So, it should not surprise us when we encounter challenges as we embrace stewardship, as a way of life. If it’s demanding, we should take heart because it means we are doing it right!

Why is this? Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of “self” by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid those inevitable challenging moments this kind of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way.

Consider these words from Revelation found in our Second Reading today. “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning or pain, for the old order has passed away... Behold, I make all things new.”

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord’s footsteps and in loving as He loves.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May 8, 2022

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Mass Intentions.....	\$ 220.00
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*Second Collection - May 21 - 22:
Helping Hands Fund*



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our great King.
 - ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

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This week... More about the Mass - As y'all know (*I hope*), the Mass is divided into two main parts: the **Liturgy of the Word** and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.

Before we start 'talking' about the Liturgy of the Word...

I'd like to mention the part most people forget about... That time before the Mass begins...

That **quiet** time where we, the faithful, come together in the building we call church.

As I said last week... It's **not** the time to visit with friends / family and catch up on the week or month's events... Exchange pleasantries? – ok – but not long, drawn-out / loud conversations. This is the time for us to ready ourselves for that which we are about to experience... to quiet our mind... and get ready to meet Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Our Celebration / Mass begins with the **Liturgy of the Word**:

We begin with an introductory hymn and the **procession to the altar**... Father, Deacon, altar servers, and sometimes, the 'Corporate Group' (*Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Guadalupanos, etc.*) for whom the Mass is being said.

When the procession reaches the altar... those in procession bow in reverence to the Tabernacle (*where the Body of Christ resides in the form of consecrated bread*) and the altar, our holy place of sacrifice.

Father and Deacon approach the altar and reverence it with a Kiss and all take their appropriate places.

Father then leads the people in our first prayer... the sign of the cross...

and **greet**s everyone in the name of the Lord... after which he may briefly introduce the Mass.

We are then all invited to participate in the **Penitential Rite**.

True worship requires repentance of sin and reconciliation with God and each other.

In the Penitential Rite our Venial sins are forgiven (**How cool is that!?!?**). The penitential rite, however, is not the same as the Sacrament of Reconciliation... Mortal Sins must be reconciled / forgiven in the Confessional.

The **Gloria**, a hymn of praise glorifying God, is then sung or recited (*except during Advent and Lent*).

The Gloria comes from the Christmas narrative in Luke's Gospel... from the angels song.

After we all sing God's praise, Father then offers an **Opening Prayer, or Collect**.

He '**collects**' the prayers of the faithful and offers them to God. The Collect sets the theme for the Mass.

Next comes the readings: Sunday readings are selected based on a 3-year cycle (*weekday readings on a 2-year cycle*).

Over the course of that 3 years we hear most of the Gospels, Apostolic Letters, Psalms and Books from the Prophets.

The congregation sits as the Lector proclaims the:

First Reading – usually taken from the Old Testament followed by a

Responsorial Psalm (which may be read or sung); and a

Second Reading – from the New Testament (*usually one of the letters from the Apostles giving advice to the early Church*).

After these readings, all stand and we sing what is called the **Alleluia Verse** (the word *Alleluia* is from the

Old Testament and means "Yhwh be praised"). The Alleluia Verse precedes the proclamation of the **Gospel** – or

Good News - of Jesus Christ... Which is proclaimed by the Deacon, if present, or Father.

Then comes the fun part... Everybody is seated and Father, or the deacon, delivers a **homily**; usually thematically

based on the readings, explaining their relevance in our everyday lives. After the homily there may be a short time

where all reflect on the readings, the homily, and their meaning and application to our lives.

Mass continues then with our **Profession of Faith – the Nicene Creed** – that presents the basic tenets of our faith...

things that we all **MUST** believe as Catholics. The Creed was formulated during the Council of Nicea in 325 AD

(*hence its name*). It has been used as the profession of our faith for nearly 1,700 years!

Next time you recite it during Mass... listen to your words. Think about what you're saying. **This is what we believe!**

The Liturgy of the Word then concludes with our **Prayers of the Faithful –or- General Intercessions** where we pray

for our needs as local Church, and our brothers and sisters in the worldwide Church.

After this, the Ushers pass the **collection** baskets where we, the faithful, donate in support of the everyday operation of

our parish and, sometimes in a 2nd collection, to a special cause or appeal (in the '*old days*' the collection may have

included chickens, eggs, goats, etc. Now, we simply contribute money – **DO NOT** bring a chicken!).

Well... that's all the room for today.

Next Time... We'll continue with the **Liturgy of the Eucharist!**

'till then... God Bless- DT.



Grupo de Oración
Familias compartiendo la palabra



20 mayo Cristo Jesus
27 mayo El Espiritu y la iglesia en los últimos tiempos

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.
Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756



St. Thomas More English
Prayer Group



May 26 **Nine Days to the Holy Spirit:** "You will grieve for a time, but your grief will be turned into joy."
(John 16:20)

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A NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



We ought to pray and invoke the Holy Spirit, for each of us greatly needs His protection and His help. The more a man is deficient in wisdom, weak in strength, borne down with trouble, prone to sin, so ought he the more fly to Him Who is the never ceasing Fount of Light, Strength, Consolation and Holiness.” – Pope Leo XIII



The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the directions of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

The Church grants a **Partial Indulgence** to those who participate in a public novena before the feast of Christmas or Pentecost, or the Immaculate Conception. (*The Enchiridion of Indulgences*, Issued by the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, 1968, #34)



Though this novena can be prayed any time of year, it is traditionally prayed from the Friday after Ascension Thursday (*this year May 27th*) until the Saturday before Pentecost.



Next Week: a link to the Novena Prayers

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

*Is God a real Being for you?
or simply an idea to be entertained?*

Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life.

God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation.

He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history.

If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives.

Sometimes it takes us a little time.

After all, even Jesus’ closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.

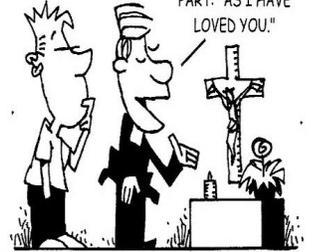
So... Think about it... *Who is God for you?*

SO WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT A NEW COMMANDMENT? LOVING ONE ANOTHER IS AN OLD COMMANDMENT.

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HERE'S THE NEW PART: "AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."



SCHOOL NEWS

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Don't Miss the Bus!!

**Casino Bus Trip
Monday, May 30th...**

Our Guadalupanos are planning a trip to the Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino in Eagle Pass!

Pickup and Drop-off - STM School Parking Lot.
(arrive early - Bus leaves promptly at 6:30 am)

Come join us for a good time!
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This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, May 15, 2022
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass - *Church*
 8:30 am Coro Alegria Funraiser - *Church Carport*
 9:00 am Guadalupano General Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

Monday, May 16, 2022
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*
 7:00 pm Finance Council Mtg - *RMR*

Tuesday, May 17, 2022
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*
 CDA General Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

Wednesday, May 18, 2022
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*

Thursday, May 19, 2022
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, May 20, 2022
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 5:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - *Carolan Hall*
 6:30 pm Guitar / Choir Practice - *RMR*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, May 21, 2022
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

Sunday, May 22, 2022
 8:30 am KC Breakfast - *Carolan Hall*
 10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 14, 2022
 8:00 am †Dora Litterio by Roman Family
 †All Souls by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Christina Dominguez by Dominguez Family
 †Alice Piarowski by Phyllis Byington

Sunday, May 15, 2022
 8:00 am †Felix Guerra, Sr by Guadalupanos
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno
 by Morales / Briseno Families
 †Melinda Barrera & Antonio Alonzo by T.S.Garza
 12:00 pm †Servando Castillo by Castillo Family
 †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet

Monday, May 16, 2022
 8:00 am †Diana & Herman Castellon
 †Those Aborted by Kim Nguyen

Tuesday, May 17, 2022
 8:00 am †Guadalupe Aguilar by Anita Gaytan
 All Orphans by Kim Nguyen

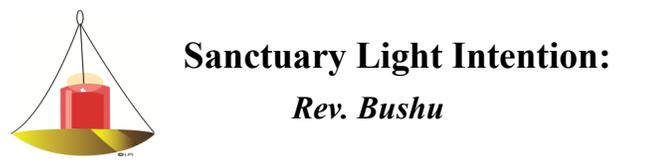
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
 8:00 am †Guadalupe & Mike Segovia by T.S.Garza
 †Those Aborted by Kim Nguyen

Thursday, May 19, 2022 (Communion Svc)
 8:00 am All Ordained Clergy and Religious
 †Hung Duc Doan
 †Elena Serow

Friday, May 20, 2022
 8:00 am †Abigail Rovayo by Acosta Family
 All Orphans by Kim Nguyen

Saturday, May 21, 2022
 8:00 am Birthday - *Maria Mata* by Her Children
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 5:00 pm †Rebecca Perez by Richard & Dorothy Perez
 †Antonio Cortez & Frances Gutierrez by Debra Cortez

Sunday, May 22, 2022
 8:00 am †Dolores & Rick Lundin by T.S.Garza
 †Those Aborted by Kim Nguyen
 10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Teresa Clark
 †Robert Piarowski by Phyllis Byington
 12:00 pm †Carrington Michael Brown by Family
 †Yolanda Reyes by Diana Ramirez



Lecturas de la Semana del 16 - 22 mayo

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Sal 114:1-4,15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 144:10-13,21; Jn 14:27-31
Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 121:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Jueves: Hch 15:7-21; Sal 95:1-3,10; Jn 15:9-11
Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 56:8-10,12; Jn 15:12-17
Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 99:1-3,5; Jn 15:18-21
Domingo: Hch 15:1-2,22-29; Sal 66:2-3,5,6,8;
 Ap 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Readings for the week of May 16 - 22

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4,15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13,21; Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3,10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10,12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3,5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8;
 Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 21, 2022

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol - IN)
 Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, May 22, 2022

8 am Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, DC John, (+1 Vol-IN)
 Lector - P.Klar

10 am Altar Servers - (Volunteers)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Briseno,
 R.Davis
 Lector - M.Torres

12 pm Altar Servers - (Volunteers)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, D+F.Malacara
 Lector - A.Chavez / L.Lopez