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#### Mother's Day

I wish to extend to all the women in the parish a Happy Mother's day. Women at every stage of our life convey and share with us a maternal nature that is known to them.

I received a card with the following poem. I would like to dedicate and share this poem with all our mothers who gave us life and allowed us to grow into the people we are today.

#### A Litany to Mothers

In the rising of the sun and its going down, we remember them.

When we are weary and need strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

So long as we as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and the chill of the winter, we remember them.

In the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them. In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

And may your memories and stories be a joy to you. ---- From the <u>Rabbi's Manual</u>, Copyright 1988.pp.130-131.

Whether our mother's are living or deceased their down to earth advice seems to influence our lives no matter how old we are. My mother has been deceased now for five years yet her advice is the foundation of my life. A mother's advice is always simple in nature yet it invokes deeper reflection on our part.

My mother's advice was threefold, first and foremost always be a gentlemen, be respectful to all people and all of creation. Be thankful to God for all that He has bestowed upon you. Lastly, work hard and love what you do, be passionate about what you do.

Bon mot: All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my mother.--- Abraham Lincoln

Have a great day-Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony



MAY 8, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am Sunday

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm 8:00am Wednesday & Thursday

**Holy Day Masses** As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

Tuesday

2:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday

3:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

#### PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, May 9, 2022

1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team

Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

No Weekday Mass or Confession

9:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Adoration 6:00pm Rosary

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

No Weekday Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters Needlecrafters 6:00pm 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 12, 2022

No Weekday Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #3 6:00pm K of C Officer's Mtg. 6:30pm K of C General Mtg.

Friday, May 13, 2022

No events

Saturday, May 14, 2022

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 15, 2022

9:00am Mass

9:45am Heavenly Delights 10:00am Catechist Mtg.

11:30am Mass 12:15pm Baptisms



**Laurie Hall** Pastoral Associate Ext. 104

Today we honor all types of mothers who have loved us, believed in us, LHall@sjfparish.org protected us, and held us, those who have treated us with the tender loving care of our Lord. Let us give thanks today

for all our mothers, living and deceased. Let us also remember and pray for those who find Mother's Day painful, those who struggle with infertility, those who mourn the loss of children or mothers, or those whose relationship with their mother was difficult.

The following is a repeat from two years ago; I still find these blessings beautiful and wanted to reshare them with you:

I was looking for a blessing that acknowledges the joys and challenges of motherhood and found a website called Jesuitresource.org that had several prayers/blessings/poems that were appropriate. I am sharing two very different forms today as motherhood can be complicated for some. I pray that one of these will serve your needs today. For more, here is the website:

https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/ mothers-day-prayers

#### 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

#### To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy. To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

- Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church

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# CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

This year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) theme comes from the First Letter of Peter: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10). It's a call for hospitality and service, and to "let love for one another be intense."

The Catholic Services Appeal is an opportunity to celebrate the ways our Church in Detroit responds to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families. One parish alone could not meet these many needs. It is through the sharing of our gifts and our service that we, together, can be the Church Christ wants us to be.

Would you consider making a gift to this year's CSA?

Your generosity makes it possible for more than 170 ministries, services, and programs to love intensely and to bring the indescribable joy found in Christ to our communities.

You may now pledge your gift to our parish's CSA campaign online, using your debit or credit card, at <u>GiveCSA.org.</u> If you need information or have questions about the Catholic Services Appeal, please call the parish office or Archdiocese Donor Services at (313) 596-7400.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

#### Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

#### Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10

#### Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10: 22-30

#### Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

#### **Thursday**

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday

Acts1:15-17, 20-26; PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

#### Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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Happy Mother's Day! We honor ALL women and not simply those who have borne children. Why? There are





many women who never had children, not out of choice but because they couldn't or circumstances prevented it...and this should be celebrated too.

It has been 38 years since my own mom passed away on Sunday, May 6, 1984 at age 67. I was 28. Oddly enough, my mother-in-law, Maxine Dreger, died on Sunday, May 6 but in 2002. How strange is that? A few days before, when her health was deteriorating, I somehow knew Sunday would be the day; word came in between Masses. My dad also died on a Sunday, so I guess there must be a special meaning in there, somewhere, as they were all quite religious.

Growing up, our family had a going-to-church tradition at St. Rita's in Detroit: Dad and my brothers went to early Mass, Mom made breakfast, and I played the piano as she toiled (her request!). After we ate, I watched the weekly Shirley Temple movie at 11am. However, I only got to see half of it because Mom insisted on going to the 12 noon Mass. I didn't like that part, but loved going to church where we'd sit in the very first pew. Mom said, "You'll feel closer to God." No doubt I could clearly see all that the priest did to celebrate Mass...but sometimes I got

in trouble for turning around to watch what was coming from the choir loft. Apparently, God knew where to direct my interest!

What are your family traditions for attending church? I'd love to hear about them.





#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday May 10, 2022 May 11, 2022 May 12, 2022 May 14, 2022 May 15, 2022 7:00pm Mass 8:00am Mass 8:00am Mass 4:00pm Mass 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass Sacristan NO MASS NO MASS NO MASS Jan Sepanik Selma & Paul Volunteer Marzek Needed Lector NO MASS NO MASS NO MASS Linda Smith Brian Brennan **Robert Skwara**

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Michael Novak Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Supper "Do this in memory MNovak@sifparish.org Ext. 108

Jesus' words from the Last of me" invite us to enter into the mystery of Jesus' life, passion, death, and

Resurrection. These are not just separate events in Jesus' life but rather essential parts of the whole mystery of Christ's redemption and salvation, known as the Paschal Mystery.

To share in this mystery means we take on the pattern of Jesus' life, passion, death, and Resurrection as the pattern for our own lives. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are truly sharing in the sacrifice of Christ. Everything that happens in our own lives we take with us to the Eucharist and offer up in the gifts of bread and wine. As the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so are our lives transformed by the Spirit of God. As we leave Mass, we enter back into our everyday world more prepared to be Christ's presence for others.





# Congratulations to the First Holy Communion Class of 2022

Jase Alvaro, Eleanor Brown, Tyler Carter, Viviana Langley, Anthony Ljajcaj, Antonette Ljajcaj, Sophia Ljajcaj, Maziano Miller, Charlie Misho, Hailey Penberthy, Emilia Sarti, Kendall Soriano, Vanessa Soriano, Kimberly Storen, Logan Storen, Mark Storen

# **Baptism**

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes into our parish family following child who was baptized by Fr. Tony Sulkowski May 1, 2022:





#### **HEAVENLY DELIGHTS**

Join us once again on

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00am Mass for coffee, bagels, donuts, juice, and tea! This is a great time to build community and form new friendships! There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. We hope you can join us!

# ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army

Nicholas Brosowski, Army

Chris Burley, Navy

Shaun Chaplin, Air Force

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Marsha Hendzell

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Norma O'Connor

**Michael Puzio** 

Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 9, 2022

No Mass
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

No Mass
Wednesday, May 11, 2022

No Mass
Thursday, May 12, 2022

No Mass
Friday, May 13, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, May 14, 2022

4:00pm Dec. Anthony J. D'Angelo (D'Angelo Family)

Dec. Herbert Dempz (Dempz & Aaron Families)
Dec. Isabelle McLaughlin (Dempz & Aaron Families)
Dec. Josephine Andreski (Paul & Betty Waleke)

Dec. Helen Roby (Appleton Family)

Dec. Helen Kroll (Family)

Sunday, May 15, 2022

9:00am For the Parishioners

Dec. Walter & Nancy Aaron (Family) Liv. Valentin Vacaj (Mom, Maria)

11:30am Dec. Frank Miruzzi (Dorothy Weglarz)

Dec. Irene Tallerico (St. Jane Frances Usher's Club)





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## **SACRAMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S BAPTISM** 

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

#### RECONCILIATION

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule one-time or regular visits.

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