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5TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
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Dear Faithful,

“Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only.” Words so simple in theory and yet so often difficult to put into practice! This is the sobering and salutary counsel given to us on this Fifth Sunday after Easter by St. James, known as “The Apostle of good works.” It is his epistle, read in today’s Mass, which reminds us that if our faith does not lead us to the performance of good works, it is dead in itself. May we always therefore be on the look-out for those opportunities to serve our neighbor when they present themselves.

One of the particular joys of this month, and that which we experience this Sunday immediately before the Mass, is the **May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother**. As is the custom in many Catholic lands, the First Communicants are given a special place in this ceremony, standing close by as she is crowned and then laying roses at her feet. Afterwards, we invite all the children and all the mothers to do likewise and lay down roses for Our Lady.

May these roses be for us a most beautiful reminder that if we wish to be accepted by Jesus, we must go to Him through Mary. God the Father willed from all eternity that the human race only be redeemed by His Son if He would have Mary’s consent to the plan. He has given Our Lady this exalted role as an intercessor between Himself and the rest of the human race. Would we contradict the Divine Wisdom?

A special congratulations to our thirteen First Communicants this Sunday! Without exception, they have prepared well, seriously applying themselves to their lessons in the Faith, with a particular emphasis on this fundamental truth: when we receive the Holy Eucharist, we are receiving Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, really and substantially present under the appearance of bread. Just a few days prior, each of them took an oral examination to prove their knowledge. They all did marvelously! **An important reminder: there is a plenary indulgence available to all who assist at a Mass of First Holy Communion, under the usual conditions.**

Two little words are so necessary in life and yet, we so often neglect them. These are the words **“Thank you.”** Everything that this apostolate is able to offer, most importantly the worship offered to God in the Sacred Liturgy, is facilitated in some way by the generous sacrifices of dedicated volunteers; from help with the bulletin, to constructing the Altar of Repose during Holy Week, training the altar servers, preparing floral arrangements, and offering time, talents and energy in the choir, and so much more, we are blessed with a number of faithful servants who have made their own the words of St. Paul: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast and unmoveable; always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

This Sunday, therefore, we take the opportunity to say with all sincerity and gratitude: Thank you for all you do! It truly makes all the difference. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all our volunteers.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Benjamin Norman

DID YOU KNOW?

ASCENSION AND PASCHAL CANDLE

The glorious Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord will soon be upon us (Thursday, May 13). As some of you are no doubt aware, it is during the Mass of the Ascension, after the Gospel, that the Paschal Candle is extinguished. This recalls Our Lord’s departure from earth and triumphal entry into Heaven. Are you familiar with the history of this candle? It’s origins date back at least to the era of Saint Augustine and St. Ambrose (the 5th century). The Catholic Encyclopedia sheds this light on the candle’s symbolism:

“In the virgin wax a later symbolism recognized the most pure flesh which Christ derived from His blessed Mother, in the wick the human soul of Christ, and in the flame the divinity of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.



Incense detail on this year’s Paschal Candle.

Moreover, the five grains of incense set cross-wise in the candle recalled the sacred wounds retained in Christ’s glorified body and the lighting of the candle with new fire itself served as a lively image of the resurrection.”

Please note: this Thursday May 13 is the Feast of the Ascension, traditionally a Holy Day of Obligation. **There will be a Low Mass at 6:30 am and a Low Mass with organ at 12 noon.**

Have you considered joining either our male or female Gregorian Chant scholas?

Pope Saint Pius X defined this heavenly chant as the supreme model for sacred music, and it’s not hard to hear why. When this chant is executed with care, attention, and above all in a spirit of prayer, it can convert hearts. Perhaps you have a voice to contribute to the beauty of our worship! If interested, please contact me for more information.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 5/9	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	5th Sunday After Easter <i>2nd Class/ White</i> 12:30 Mass: Procession, May Crowning & First Holy Communion	Canon Norman	Frank Smith <i>by Lillian Jimenez</i>
	12:30 pm <i>Low Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Leon Leckaszewski† <i>by Brigitte Desimone</i>
Mon., 5/10	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Antoninus, Bishop and Confessor <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Father Staal	For the mothers listed in the parish book
Tue., 5/11	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Ss. Philip and James, Apostles <i>2nd Class/ Red</i>	Canon Norman	Barbara Powell† <i>by Anne St. Lezin</i>
Wed., 5/12	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Vigil of the Ascension <i>2nd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	For the mothers listed in the parish book
Thurs., 5/13	6:30 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Ascension Thursday <i>1st Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Doug Zeitz <i>by Ellen Duenas</i>
	12:00 noon <i>Low Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Monica Roberts <i>by Mara Roberts</i>
Fri., 5/14	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Boniface, Martyr <i>4th Class/ Red</i>	Canon Norman	For the mothers listed in the parish book
Sat., 5/15	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Lillian & John Matly <i>by Matly Family</i>
Sun., 5/16	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Sunday After Ascension <i>2nd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Johanna Sargent† <i>by Catherine Willis</i>
	12:30 pm <i>Low Mass</i>		Canon Norman	For the mothers listed in the parish book

SACRAMENTS

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each Mass, and also during the Adoration after the 6 pm Mass each Friday.

Please contact Canon Norman if you are in need of or have questions regarding reception of any of the Sacraments.

CATECHISM CLASSES (ON ZOOM)

(Zoom link available from Canon Norman upon request)

Youth Class: Tuesdays 4:00pm

Adult Class: Saturdays 2:30pm

EMAIL LIST OF THE APOSTOLATE

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PRAYER LISTS

In your kindness, please keep these requests in your prayers. Thank you. (To be added to this list, please send an email to oakland@institute-christ-king.org)

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Nancy Duenas	Gigi Cunningham
Dario Gonzalez	Rose Stone	Paula Case
Timothy Paul Irving	Veronica Seder	Lianne Claver
Eurydice Buenger	Elizabeth Pawek	Paulann Dymond
Marie-Terese Karel-Michaen		Diane Kasdan
Msr. David Link	Catherine Rose Eich	Courtney Shoda

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Barbara Powell	Pauline Marie Longchamp	Pedro Barreto
Walter Wagoner	Rosary Gilheany	Cecilia Ramos

Requiescant in pace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13—Ascension of Our Lord

May 23—Pentecost Sunday

INSTITUTE RETREATS AND SUMMER CAMP DATES

For more information and details, please contact Canon Norman.

Society of the Sacred Heart Retreat, Wausau, WI, June 11–13

Young Adult Annual Retreat (age 18-35, single/couple)

National Shrine of St. Therese, Darien IL, June 25–28

Register for the following youth camps in Wisconsin at:

form.jotform.com/icksp/institute-summer-camps-2021

St. Michael Camp (young men ages 14-17) June 7–11

Immaculate Conception Camp (young ladies, 14-17) July 5–9

St. Dominic Savio Camp (boys age 9-13) July 12-16

St. Therese Camp (girls ages 9-13) July 19-23

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