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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:15 a.m. High Mass
Monday-Saturday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass
Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

*30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays
before both Masses) & First Fridays from
5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)*

Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6 p.m.
First Friday: Additional Mass at 6 p.m.,
preceded by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.
First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration
with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation &
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

May 8th 2022

Third Sunday after Easter

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, May 8th

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Adeline Reyen

requested by Edward Reyen

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, May 9th

Saint Gregory of Nazianzen

7:45 a.m. - Benjamin Koons

requested by Alex Koons

Tuesday, May 10th

Saint Antoninus

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Cebrelli Family

requested by Marian Adam

Wednesday, May 11th

Saints Philip & James, Apostles*

7:45 a.m. - Irene & John Dlugos

requested by Joe Dlugos

{* If you have an older missal, you can find the Propers on
the 1st of May, the traditional date of their feast}

Thursday, May 12th

Saints Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancratius

7:45 a.m. - Roderick Hamar & Lilian Gustilo

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6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

Friday, May 13th

Saint Robert Bellarmine

7:45 a.m. - Robert Kleros

requested by Grace Monks

Saturday, May 14th

Our Lady's Saturday

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen, Sr.

requested by Edward Reyen

Sunday, May 15th

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Alice C. McMahon

requested by Paul McMahon

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament



Upcoming Events

TODAY Sunday, May 8th

May Crowning devotions at 10:15 a.m. followed
by the High Mass with First Holy Communions

Friday, May 13th

Consecration to Our Lady

Sunday, May 15th

Solemn Consecration to Our Lady

Wednesday, May 26th

ASCENSION EVE

Visit of Msgr. Wach, founder and Prior General
of the Institute of Christ the King

6:30 p.m. Solemn High Mass

Come greet Msgr. Wach at the reception in the
Parish Hall following the Mass!

Thursday, May 26th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:45 a.m. Low Mass

6:00 p.m. High Mass

Saturday, June 4th

Pentecost Vigil ceremony beginning at 10:15 a.m.
*Please note that there will not be a 7:45 a.m. Low
Mass.*

Thursday, June 16th

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

High Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by outdoor
Eucharistic Procession

Friday, June 24th

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

High Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Act of
Reparation to the Sacred Heart & Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, July 7th

FEAST OF SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

*A plenary indulgence can be gained on the occasion of
our parish's patronal feast*

THE MONTH OF MARY: The Petition of Mary at the Marriage of Cana Was Full of Confidence

LET US ENDEAVOUR, by the Divine assistance, to discover all the lessons contained in the petition of Mary and in the answer of Jesus.

Mary turns to Jesus, and says to Him: *Vinum non habent* - "They have no wine;" and He replies: *Quid mihi, et tibi est, mulier? Nondum venit hora mea* - "Woman, what is there in common between Me and thee? My hour is not yet come."

This reply at first sight seems harsh, and it surprises us, coming from such a Son and addressed to such a Mother. Is it possible that so respectful a Son should reject with asperity a prayer made with so much reverence and humility by the most loving and the most loved of Mothers? Has the creature no part with her Creator from Whom she receives her being and her life? Has the Mother nothing to do with her Son, nor the Son with the Mother, from whom He received His Body and His Blood? These words seem, as I have said, somewhat strange, and are difficult to understand; indeed, they have been misinterpreted by some who, having kept merely to the letter, have unhappily originated several forms of heresy. However, the reply was most loving, and the Holy Virgin, who well understood its genuine sense, considered herself the happiest of Mothers. This she expressed, with a heart full of confidence, in her answer to the waiters. "You have heard," she said, "the reply my Son has made me, and perhaps, not understanding the language of love, you fear that He is indignant at my petition; but it is not so, fear not; whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye" - *Quaecumque dixerit vobis, facite*.

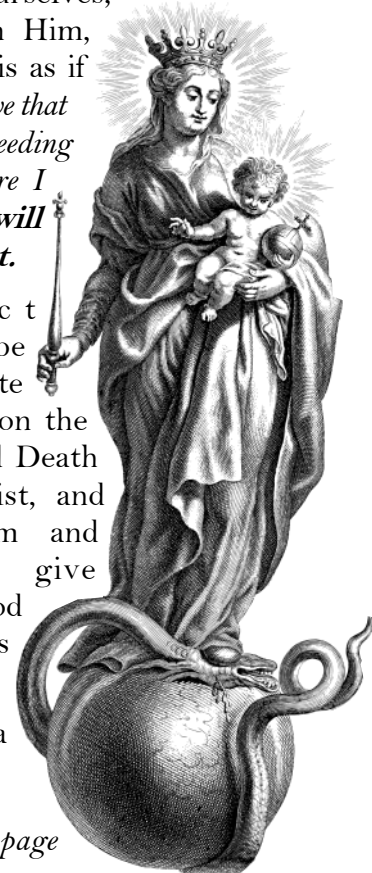
The opinions of the Doctors upon the words of Our Blessed Saviour are various; many think that His meaning was: "It does not belong to us to meddle in this affair; as we are merely amongst the invited, we should not observe what is required or not required at the wedding." However, the greater number of the holy Fathers of the Church think that Our Lord thus replied to His Most Holy Mother, in order to teach those of high position in the Church not to make use of their influence in favour of their relations, in things which are contrary to the law of God or to the perfection of their state. To give this lesson to the world, He made use of the tender Heart of Mary, and, in doing so, He certainly gives us a very great proof of His love. His words signified that He knew well the tenderness and

perfection of the love His Mother bore Him, and the firmness of her will, and therefore was well assured that the apparent harshness of His words would in no way trouble her soul. On this account the Most Holy Virgin did not lose confidence when she received His answer, but said to the waiters: "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye." Our Lord loves most tenderly those who abandon themselves, like His Most Holy Mother, completely to His care, allowing themselves to be governed by His Divine Providence, without caring whether the result be sweet or bitter, certain that the parental Heart of God will never permit the least thing to happen which will not turn to their advantage, if they have a perfect and filial confidence in Him. We ought, then, to imitate this example of Mary on all occasions, whether prosperous or adverse; allowing ourselves to be led by the Divine Will without ever seeking the accomplishment of our own. It is true that great confidence is necessary to enable us to abandon ourselves thus unreservedly to Divine Providence; but, if we do so, Our Lord takes care of everything, and conducts all for our advantage; while if we reserve something to ourselves, not confiding entirely in Him, then He abandons us. It is as if He were to say: *You believe that you are capable of succeeding without My succour, therefore I shall withdraw, and you will see what will be the result.*

This perfect abandonment must be grounded upon the infinite goodness of God, and upon the merits of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and accompanied by a firm and perfect resolution to give ourselves entirely to God leaving all things to His loving Providence.

Let us glory, says a pious author, in repeating

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this salutation with the Angel Gabriel, the Apostles, the Martyrs, and all the Christian world. Let this *Ave Maria*, which comes to us fragrant as a Canticle of heaven, and repeated by as many echoes as there are faithful souls on earth, be sweet to our lips, and sweeter still to our hearts. It is a rare and enviable favour indeed to be able to salute a queen, and yet every day, at every moment, men and women, old and young, all of every condition, can salute the Queen of heaven and earth, who contains in her hands all the treasures of God, and can be sure of being always heard, and that each salutation addressed to her will meet with a corresponding benefit. . . . But can the sinner also dare to approach her? *Yes, certainly*; let him also come with humble confidence and salute her who is his refuge, for she will in no wise be offended by his prayer; and if the Hail Mary from his lips be a cry of sorrow and repentance, it will become omnipotent, and will obtain mercy, pardon, grace, and salvation.

Hail Mary! Ave Maria! . . . A sweet and beautiful word it is, which heaven sent to earth, and earth again returns so frequently to heaven!

~ excerpts from *A Month of Mary According to the Spirit of Saint Francis de Sales*, by Fr. Gaspar Gilli

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communicants, who are preparing to receive Our Lord for the first time today.

In order to show how important this moment is in the development of the spiritual life, please let the First Communicants receive Holy Communion first, and then proceed as normal.

MAY: MARY'S MONTH

The month of May is dedicated in a particular way to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All throughout this month, vases will be available in front of the statue of Our Lady of Grace so that you can bring fresh flowers. Bringing flowers as an offering to Our Blessed Mother is an important devotion to foster, especially among our children. The May Crowning will be held today — Sunday, May 8th — before the High Mass.

New Institute Radio Program

Divine Mercy Radio, based out of North Carolina, is announcing a new radio production from the Institute Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

This radio series, called *Lessons in Latin: the History of the Parts of the Mass*, is a multi-part series sharing the beauty and the history of the parts of the Mass.

You can tune in ON-LINE (Catholic540am.org) or ON-APP (search "Divine Mercy Radio NC").

The program airs at **11:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. Eastern time**. Tune in on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month to hear our program.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal has now begun. This is an important way for the Oratory to take part in the life of the diocese at large and to show our gratitude for the bishop's continued support of our community. If you have not yet participated please consider making an offering.

2022 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/29/22

Parish Goal:	\$11,000
Total Pledged:	\$7,755 (71%)
Donors to Date:	31

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your mobile phone.



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