



Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

1 PETER 2:21



Saved by Love, Not by Suffering

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Im not sure there is any value in suffering in and of itself. Nor do I think God wants us to suffer. That would make him sadistic. Nor is it, then, Jesus' suffering and death that saves us, but rather his love even to the point of suffering and death that saves us. It is his love that reveals the greatness of God's love for us that is so unbelievable. The basis of our faith is Jesus' trust in God, who would bring about life even through death. We also hear the wisdom of St. Peter today: "...If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God" (1 Peter 2:20). Such is the shepherd's voice that teaches us and leads us.

Does anyone ever choose to suffer for doing what is good? Yes. Every day. Spouses become caregivers for husbands or wives robbed of their memories. Each day people go to jobs that are pure drudgery, and they do so because they love their families. Some choose to

live simply, to be countercultural in a consumer society. Others help their community by living in neighborhoods many avoid. Some parents willingly postpone a career in order to be present to their growing family. Teachers often go beyond expectations for students

who need extra help. It is never the suffering of these people that captures and reflects the image of Jesus, but the love even to the point of suffering. ●

Reflect

When are you patient in suffering for the sake of doing good?

Who has done the same for you?



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Peterstown Dates:
Sip n' Snack Fundraiser Sun May 7
Men's Cursillo Weekend June 8-11
Women's Cursillo Weekend June 22-25
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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, April 30th - Last Class for 5th thru 8th Grades
Saturday, May 6th - First Communion at STM
CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 1, 2023

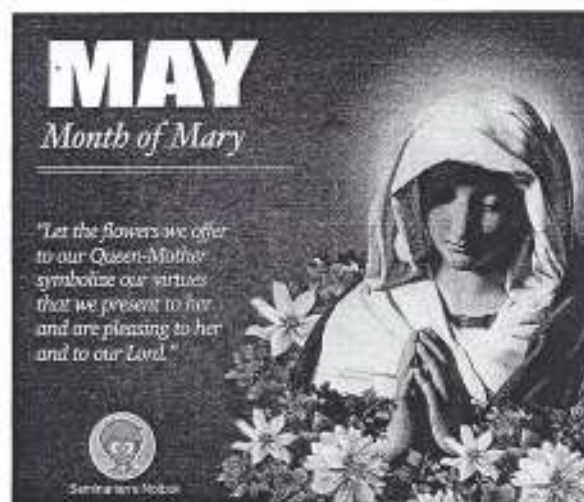
Monday	5/1			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/2	9:00 am	STM	† Dec. Mem. Passini Family
Wednesday	5/3	5:30 pm	HT	† Jerry Joiner
Thursday	5/4	9:00 am	HT	† Gerald Sondgeroth
Friday	5/5	9:00 am	STM	† Jerome Yendro

Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 6-7, 2023

Saturday	5/6	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Liz Olivero
Sunday	5/7	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Michael Campbell
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Merv & Delores Nauman
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners

May Is Mary's Month

Catholics have long honored Mary in May with special observances, traditions, and devotions. This devotion led her to be known as the "Queen of May." May being observed as a dedication is linked back to early Greece when ancient Greeks dedicated the month to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In medieval times, winter ended at the start of May because it was considered a time of new growth and beginnings. During this time, the "Tricesimum" ("30-Day Devotion to Mary" or "Lady Month") period began, when special devotions to the Mother of God started in May. It spread from Italy to all around the world. Parishes traditionally have a daily recitation of the Rosary during this month. Note that we do not view Mary as a goddess, nor do we worship Mary; she is honored or venerated as the mother of Christ, the most important woman in our Catholic faith.



Next Saturday, May 6th, there will be a First Communion mass at STM in Dalzell at 4:00pm. All the members of our 3 churches would like to congratulate the first communicants Brynleigh Bickett and Nash Olson. May God bless and guide them on their faith journey.



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Therefore, there will be a May Crowning on Sunday, May 7th at the 8:30am mass at Holy Trinity Church, with the active participation of our CCD students of all grades. We would like to ask the CCD parents to please bring your child to church that Sunday morning so that they may participate in this beautiful and meaningful event.

Peterstown TEC Fundraiser

Sip n' Snack Chicken Dinner ~ Mendota

Sunday, May 7th | 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

50/50 and Bake Sale at the door

Tickets \$12 (call Jim/Kathy Hoscheid 815-228-2525)

Includes: 1/4 Light or 1/4 Dark, or Chicken Strips Dinner

CARRY-OUT ONLY...MUST CALL AHEAD FOR PICKUP 815-539-7525



LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND APR 23RD

HT - \$940.00

SP - \$659.00

STM - \$1,032.00

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

Remember in prayer, family and friends of...

Cyndee Walters - St. Thomas More

Gayle Thielke - former member
Holy Trinity

CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS

WILL BE SAT. MAY 6TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST PATRICK

IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

In the Apostles' Creed, we profess that Jesus "descended into hell." Is there any biblical reference to this? Do we know what he did when he was there?

Jesus Christ—who experienced death completely—descended to the realm of death. By his resurrection from the dead on the third day, he conquered death and the devil, “who has the power of death” (Hebrews 2:14). Other scriptural references include Acts 3:15, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 15:20, and Hebrews 13:20. An ancient homily for Holy Saturday also attests to this belief: “God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began....Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow Adam in his bonds and Eve, captive with him....I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead.”

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him” (CCC 633). His descent was to proclaim the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there, bringing “the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfillment” to all people of all times and all places (CCC 634). Thus, “the gospel was preached even to the dead” (1 Peter 4:6). ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not always easy to discern the Good Shepherd's voice. Be careful. There is always the risk of being distracted by the din of so many other voices. Today we are invited not to let ourselves be distracted by the false wisdom of this world, but to follow Jesus...the one sure guide....

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 7, 2017

MONDAY

May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY

May 2
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

May 3
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

THURSDAY

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY

May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY

May 6
Weekday
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY

May 7
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

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