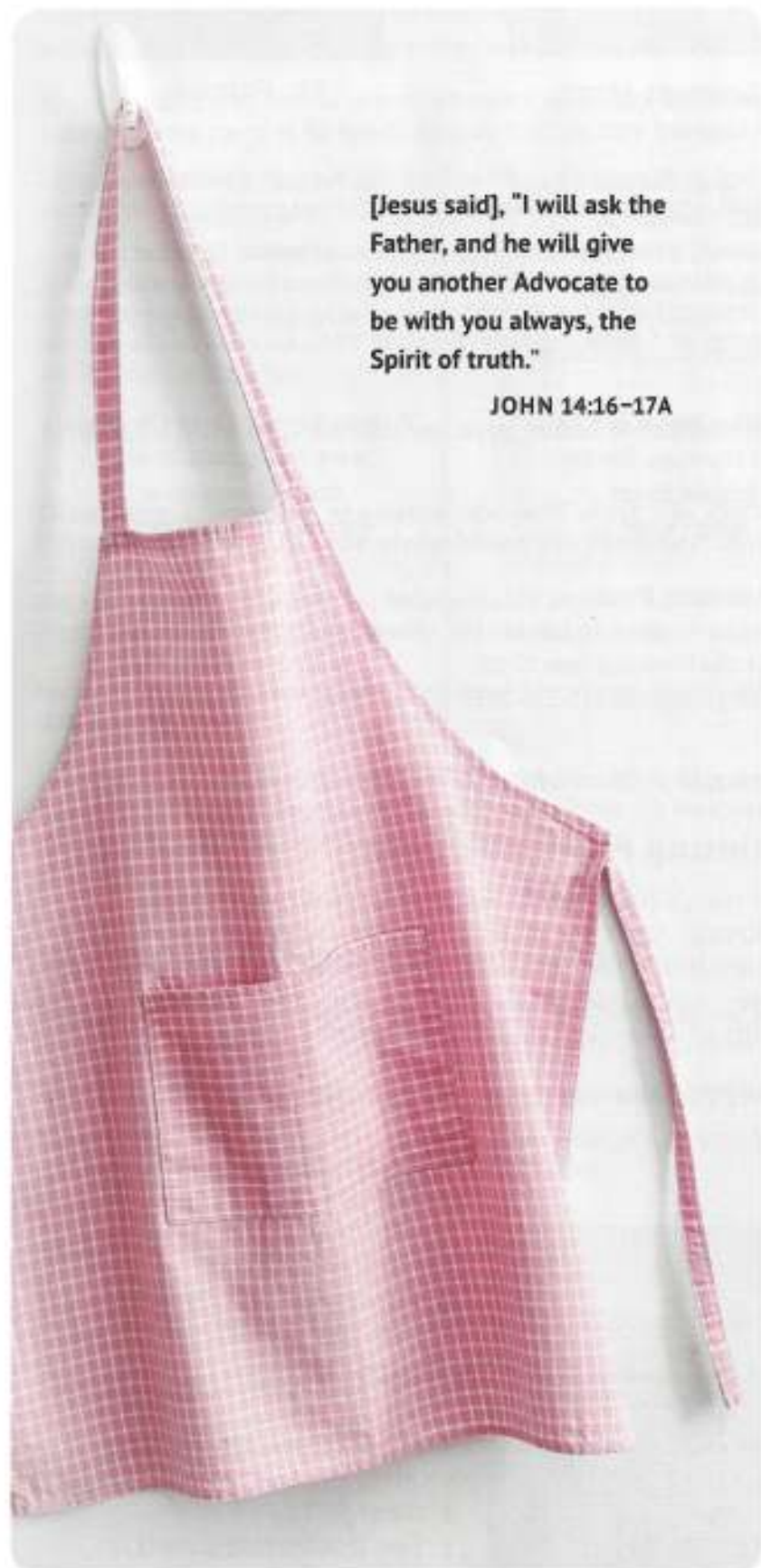




Apron Strings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS



[Jesus said], "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

JOHN 14:16-17A

There are moments when we realize the baton has been passed to us, and now we must conduct the symphony of our lives. One such moment may be when both parents have died. "They" say we never fully grow up until that occurs, for from that time on we can no longer go home. I know of a daughter who received a gift from her mother when the daughter moved out on her own. Inside, the daughter discovered a pair of apron strings, a symbol of her break with home. At various times, life hands us a bountiful serving of responsibility as we commit to a vocation, or for many, become parents for the first time. On such occasions, the future may weigh heavily upon us.

This week's Gospel is a farewell speech of sorts. Given to the Twelve on the night before his passion and death, Jesus promises he will not leave us orphans and that the Spirit will be given to us to do what we must do.

There have been any number of times when life has unfolded for me into new circumstances and life roles, occasions often filled with anxiety and sometimes even fear. I usually found I could deal with such realities by asking myself what would be the worst that could happen, and if it did, could I handle it? Every time, I found myself realizing I *could* handle the worst. Importantly, the ability to do what needs doing always seems to flow from God's Spirit that is given to each of us. If our faith in God is alive in us, our spiritual apron strings are never severed. ●

Reflect

***Has the Spirit of God
ever helped you face a daunting
responsibility?***



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Painting Parties by Lucy

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Cherry, on June 26th at 6:00 pm \$30pp
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Book online: www.paintingpartiesbylucy.com
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Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 15, 2023

Monday	5/15			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/16	9:00 am	STM	† Sharon Riva
Wednesday	5/17	5:30 pm	HT	† No Mass
Thursday	5/18	9:00 am	HT	† No Mass
Friday	5/19	9:00 am	STM	† Sylvester "Sy" Pyszka

Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 20-21, 2023

Saturday	5/20	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Medie Luckey
Sunday	5/21	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Jerry Joiner
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† George Taylor
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners

Lessons from Mary for Mother's Day

(Excerpt from Bishop Ricken's writing)

As you know, this Sunday is Mother's Day. Although the holiday is secular in its origin, there is much that is sacred about the celebration of Mother's Day. How fitting then that we celebrate Mother's Day on a Sunday, when we can offer gratitude to God for the many roles that our mothers and those who act as mothers to us play in our lives.

While the Scriptures do not offer us much information about Mary, we can learn so much from her life. First of all, we know that Mary was a woman of deep prayer. In the Nativity story, we hear how Mary "treasured these things in her heart."

Likewise, we know that Mary faithfully practiced the ritual prayers of her Jewish upbringing and, like any good mother, we know that Mary would have taught her son how to pray. Prayer was an essential habit to Mary and is an essential habit for all mothers and disciples.

A second lesson we can learn from Mary is the importance of placing God's will before her own. We see this most clearly in the Annunciation, when Mary says "yes" to the will of God to bear his son, Jesus. We know this could not have been easy for a young, unmarried woman, yet Mary set aside her own desires to do what God asked of her. Mary's willingness to place God's will before her own also allowed her to put others' needs before her own, which is the definition of love. Her ability to sacrifice is something all mothers and disciples can learn from.

We would like to wish all our mothers a very happy, blessed, and enjoyable Mother's Day.

Diocesan Traveling Monstrance will visit St. Patrick Church, Arlington, for Holy Hour on Monday, June 12th

The holy hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. While eucharistic adoration is at the heart of the holy hour, it also includes Scripture, a reflection, and Benediction.

Members of all churches are urged to take some of their precious time to participate in this diocesan-wide holy hour.

The traveling monstrance will go to every church in the Diocese of Peoria as part of the celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival in central Illinois. For the complete schedule, visit cdop.org/eucharisticrevival/traveling-monstrance.

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Tidbits of Catholic Knowledge

MONSTRANCE



Monstrance comes from the Latin word *monstrare*, meaning "to show."

Its purpose is to put on display a consecrated Host for those present to adore and venerate.

It is meant to highlight the King of kings, Jesus Christ, present in a real and substantial way under the appearances of bread. This is why it is typically gold and ornamented in a special way.

Source: [catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com)

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels is a ministry of Catholic Charities serving families in need across the Peoria Diocese. To aid this mission, Catholic Women are organizing a diocesan collection of supplies which will be held in the LaSalle Vicariate in June.

All 3 churches will collect supplies. We will have a volunteer bring items to St. Patrick Church in LaSalle on Tuesday, June 13th.

Items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, detergent, garbage bags, razors, shampoo and conditioner
Also needed are Visa, Wal-Mart and Casey gas gift cards.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND MAY 7TH

HT –	\$542.00
SP –	\$688.00
STM –	\$828.00



CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. MAY 20TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST PATRICK
IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed.

Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have communion, confirmation, and ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 15 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a	May 16 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	May 17 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15	May 18 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20	May 19 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	May 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28	May 21 <i>Ascension</i> Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[The Holy Spirit] is the Gift of God; he is God himself, who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 17, 2020

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