



May 2022

Holy Cross Catholic Church

MARY AND JOSEPH PRAY FOR US!

The month of May begins with the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st. It was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 as a counter-celebration to May Day, which was a communist celebration. The church in this way upholds the great dignity and the importance of human work. The reality of human work falls under one of the earliest commands that the Lord gave to Adam and Eve. In Genesis 1:28 God blesses Adam and Eve after creating them in His image and says to them, "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." In Genesis 2:15 the Lord places Adam in the Garden of Eden "To till it and keep it."

Taking a look at some of these keywords in their context will give us a better understanding of human labor. First we see the word 'subdue' in the Hebrew, which means "to bring into subjection." This is not a license for humanity to abuse creation, but rather to harness all of its potential for the glory of God. Humanity is to use the creative abilities that God gave us to manage the earth's resources and to work to build a truly human civilization.

Next we have the word 'dominion,' which is a term of authority and lordship. The Lord gives to Adam and Eve authority over the rest of creation, which is a true share in God's authority and in His creative genius. It is an invitation to be stewards of the world. Lastly, in Genesis 2:15 God places Adam in the garden to "till it and keep it." The command to 'keep it' can also be translated as 'to guard it,' presumably from the devil. These two verbs 'to till' and 'to keep' are used elsewhere in the Law of Moses to set forth the liturgical duties of the Levitical priests. They were to serve as ministers and guardians of the Tabernacle and later the Temple. This means that Adam and Eve were to perform a divine service by ministering to and guarding the garden of Eden. This was among their sublime tasks to fulfill.

From the beginning we were made to work for God, and labor was a glorious part of what it meant to be human. With the fall of Adam and Eve, one of the elements of the curse that they brought upon themselves was the reality of toil. In Genesis 3:17 the Lord explains to Adam and Eve what will happen because of what they have done in disobeying Him. "Because you listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground." The work that we have been given to do, we are still called to do it, yet now we toil, we sweat and strain. Yet still through this toil and labor we work for the glory of God and strive to build His kingdom. Work then, is an essential part of who we are as humans. It is to help us live our lives to the fullest, it is not just something that we do as a cog in the wheel of the state, or for some external purpose imposed on us by the government. No, first and foremost it is for our own personal fulfillment and dignity, and our participation in God's divine and creative service to which He calls us.

May is also dedicated to the Mary our spiritual Mother. She is the woman foretold in Genesis 3:15 that would strike at the head of the serpent and would help undo the damage done to humanity, through the temptation to which Adam and Eve had succumbed. The fruit of her womb, Jesus would bring about the victory over sin and death. Since May is the month where fruitfulness begins with planting of seeds and the springing forth of life, it has been dedicated to Mary who is the springtime of new life in her yes to the Father's will to become the mother of God who is life itself. She ushers in the author of life itself. It seems that the practice of May crownings of Mary began in the Middle Ages, and that the whole month was dedicated to her.

So as we enter this month of May let us turn to Joseph and Mary for their intercession, that we might work diligently for the Lord and seek to allow the fruitfulness of God's life to dwell in our hearts. **Mary and Joseph, Pray for us!**

MAY SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday - 12:15 am

Weekly Rosary: Tuesday -
10:00 am

Weekday mass times vary depending on priest availability - See our facebook page for the most up to date information -
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SUNDAY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

May 1st: Third Sunday of Easter
Intention: Deceased members of the Duane and Patricia Herriman and Grunch Families

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Psalm: Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
2nd Reading: Rev 5:11-14
Gospel: Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

May 8th: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Intention: Mother's Day. (All mother's and grandmothers)

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm: Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
2nd Reading: Rev 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

May 15th: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Intention: Arichie and Frances LaFreniere

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Psalm: Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
2nd Reading: Rev 21:1-5a
Gospel: Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

May 22nd: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Intention: Shirley Sowa

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm: Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
2nd Reading: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

May 29th: The Ascension of the Lord
Intention: Mike Perdue Family

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

IN NEED OF PRAYER

This prayer list will be updated monthly. If you wish for a name to remain on this list, please call the parish office before the 25th of each month.

Kevin Allen	Crew Feltner (McElwain)	Kathy Maudrie
Christine Barton	Susan Heller	Owen McDonough
Audrey Beilman	Kelton Hunter	Laney Perdue
Vince Beilman	Lester Jeske	William Reed
Arlene Blissett	Erna Kriigel	Joyce VanderHolder



The Altar Society will have a bake sale **MAY 28th, 10-Noon on the lawn across from the post office.**



Let us remember all of our mothers during this month of May!

Congrats!

We'd like to congratulate Francis Bedell on making his Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion on Easter Sunday! Welcome to the Catholic Church!



STEWARDSHIP

April 2022

General Offering: \$7,406

Mass Stipend: \$60.00

Bequests & Donations: \$150

CSA GOAL \$14,216.00

Total Pledged: \$9,745 - 68%

Total Received: \$9,475 - 66%

Stewardship Reflections

“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!