

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, DARNESTOWN

### Liturgical Life



#### Readings for the Week of May 15, 2011

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 22 MAY. Presiders:

5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mathew Punchayil
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Raymond Fecteau
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mathew Punchayil

**EASTER SEASON:** The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “Great Sunday” (Athanasius, *Epist. Fest.*). These above all others are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia* (General Norms, 22). The days of the Easter octave form the “early hours” of this “Great Sunday”, with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to his resurrection. The Paschal candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar or ambo through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday. Its use is encouraged at all liturgical celebrations, especially Mass and Liturgy of the Hours. Infant baptisms could fittingly be celebrated on any Sunday of the Easter Season, including Pentecost day. It is also appropriate that children receive their First Communion on one or the other of the Sundays of Easter.

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN REJOICE:** The Marian antiphon, *Regina Coeli*, is sung during the Easter Season. The text has inspired our Marian hymns in English. It was used as the *Magnificat* antiphon for the Octave of Easter in Rome as early as 1200. At Visitation Parish, we use it as a processional chant during the presentation of the gifts.

### Parish Life

**ECCE QUAM BONUM:** Last weekend, Cory Taylor Hix and John Francis Emerson celebrated Baptism; Daniel Thomas Heffron, Ileana Danielle Plummer, Maeve Marie McIntyre, and William Marshall Scherer celebrated First Eucharist.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** It is with sadness we announce the death of **Rev. George Reid** of the Archdiocese of Washington. We commend him and his family to God in our prayers.

**SAINTS/WINDOWS: Damien de Veuster, 10 May.** Damien de Veuster (1840 – 1889) was a Belgian priest and member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (upper panel). He volunteered to serve as a missionary to Hawaii where he ministered to lepers quarantined on Molokai. The official flower of the island of Molokai is the kukui blossom (lower panel). He himself died of leprosy, 15 April 1889. Hawaii selected a statue of him to be placed in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. **Isidore the Farmer, 15 May.** Isidore the Farmer (1070 – 1130) was born a peasant in Madrid, Spain. Isidore spent his life laboring in the fields. He was noted for his love of the poor and for his concern for proper treatment of animals. Isidore began every day by attending Mass. When other workers complained, the owner is reported to have seen Isidore behind the plow early in the morning. According to local tradition, angels plowed his field while Isidore was at church (lower panel). Isidore is the patron of farmers and rural communities (upper panel).

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS:** The Fifth Annual Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at All Souls Cemetery on Monday, 30 May at 10:00 a.m. The celebrant will be The Most Rev. Francisco Gonzalez, S.F. All are welcome.



**PARISH PICNIC:** Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, 5 June 2011, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the parish pavilion, rain or shine. In addition to pony rides for the children, there will be hot dogs and hamburgers on

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the grill; drinks will be provided. Families with the last name beginning with the letters A through H, please bring a salad to share; I through P, please bring a side dish (pasta, rice, vegetable) to share; and Q through Z, please bring a dessert to share.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Cardinal Donald Wuerl will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 12 June 2011, 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. This celebration is for adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Individuals who are practicing Catholics and are interested in receiving the sacrament should **contact the parish office as soon as possible (301/948-5536 x109)** to learn what is required to receive the sacrament.

**2011 QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN:** Join other high school young men at the third annual Quo Vadis Camp, 17 – 20 July at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat Center in Sparks, MD. Cost is \$100; scholarships are available. Contact Father Rob Walsh, 301-853-4580.

**INFANT BAPTISMS:** Parents presenting their children for Baptism must be registered in our parish and are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class **prior to scheduling the Baptism**. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. For further information, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536 x 105.

**ROSARIES:** During the month of May, blessed rosaries will be available in a basket placed at the statue of the Blessed Mother. If you are in need of a rosary, please feel free to take one. If you have extra rosaries at home, you may place them in the basket for others to use.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15 a.m. daily liturgy. Morning Prayer begins at 8:45 a.m. in the Thomas More Chapel.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are planning to undergo major surgery, please notify our parish office. If illness or age prevents you from attending mass, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please email parishoffice@olvp.org or call the parish office at (301) 948-5536, ext. 103.

**MARRIAGE PLANNING:** It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a priest or deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** Catholic Engaged Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of matrimony. For further information go to [www.dcengagedencounter.org](http://www.dcengagedencounter.org) and register for a weekend.

### *Faith Formation for Life*



**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** A study of the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter will be on Tuesday, 17 May, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION CHANGE:** Three and ½ year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to register for either session of VBC. Previously, 3 ½ year olds could only register for the second session. Join us for **“PANDAMANIA”**, a totally Catholic VBC where God is wild about you! Registration is ongoing. Contact Michele Olewack in the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x107. The Bible Camp fun will be held in two sessions: June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The fee is \$100.00 per week for an OLVP parishioner and \$120.00 per week for a non-parishioner.

**SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** The Sisters of Bon Secours have designed a short-term service opportunity for individuals who only have a short amount of time to participate in a volunteer capacity serving people in need. To learn more about this program, visit [www.BonSecoursVocations.org/workcamp](http://www.BonSecoursVocations.org/workcamp). For questions, please call Sister Pat Dowling at 410-442-0267 or email [CBSVocations@bshsi.org](mailto:CBSVocations@bshsi.org).

**KEEPING KIDS SAFE:** Parents, guardians and other adults who care for children face constant challenges in trying to keep their children safe in today's fast paced world. The Archdiocese of Washington office of Child Protection Services has created parent guides covering general safety tips, internet safety, cyber bullying, texting,

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healthy teen relationships, etc. Please visit [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) and click on "Child Protection."

**Finance**

**Social Concerns**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** The collection for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish in Haiti taken on Holy Thursday amounted to \$843.00. The collection for the Holy Land taken on Good Friday amounted to \$698.00.

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE:** Our parish has pledged 99% of our targeted goal. If you would like to help us meet our goal, a pledge envelope can be obtained after mass or from the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x108. Thank you for your generosity.

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY:** Bags will be distributed next weekend, 22 May. Please return the bags with non-perishable food items in non-breakable containers the following weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**PRISON OUTREACH MINISTRY INC.** seeks to reduce recidivism, develop support systems for individuals returning to their communities following incarceration, and educate the community by building relationships and matching individuals with volunteer mentors. Fr. Michael Bryant, the founder, is in great need of financial contributions to continue their successful work. **To donate, contact (202) 347-3218 or [www.prisonoutreachministry.org](http://www.prisonoutreachministry.org).**

**Human Resources**

**BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE:** If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer in the bulletin, please submit the information by calling (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email [cenos@olvp.org](mailto:cenos@olvp.org) by noon on Monday.

**Facilities**



**PARISH REPAIR:** If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the parish office at (301) 948-5536 x103 and report the problem so we can get it fixed.

**FAITH DIRECT:** In May, Faith Direct will be sending parishioners, both enrolled and non-enrolled, a letter with additional information about the benefits of using Faith Direct. Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to Our Lady of the Visitation. Faith Direct is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or by calling (866) 507-8757. Our parish code is MD114. You may pick up an enrollment form from the presider/deacon after mass or from the parish office (301) 948-5536 x108.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**May**

- 16 Mon **Confirmation Practice, 7:00 p.m., Church**
- 17 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 21 Sat St. Martin's Food Collection – Bags Distributed
- 22 Sun St. Martin's Food Collection – Bags Distributed  
**Confirmation, 2:00 p.m.**  
The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout
- 24 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 28 Sat St. Martin's Food Collection – Bags Returned
- 29 Sun St. Martin's Food Collection – Bags Returned
- 30 Mon Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed
- 31 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
**Sacred Liturgy, Parish 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9:15 a.m., 7:00 p.m., Church**  
Parish Office Closed at Noon

**June**

- 02 Thu Holy Hour for Vocations  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Barn
- 04 Sat Mortgage Reduction Collection
- 05 Sun **Ascension of our Lord**  
Mortgage Reduction Collection  
**Parish Picnic 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Pavilion**
- 07 Tues Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 12 Sun **Pentecost**
- 14 Tues Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
- 15 Wed Ember Day
- 17 Fri Ember Day

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