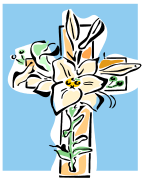
Liturgical Life



Readings for the Week of May 8, 2011

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 15 MAY. Presiders:

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

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Postcards have been mailed to all liturgical ministers asking for dates they are available to serve in June, July and August 2011. For your convenience, blank cards have been placed on the table outside the vesting sacristy. **Ministers are kindly asked to return completed cards to the parish office by <u>Monday, 09 May.</u>**

Parish Life

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).

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.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER: Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? If so, consider the annual Men's Discernment Dinner for men in their 20's – 40's, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Washington, D.C. The evening includes Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with other young men from our area. For more information and to register, contact Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations and Formation, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL will be on Monday, 16 May, 7:00 p.m. in the church. Each confirmand with sponsor or a parent must attend the rehearsal; gowns and passes to the Confirmation liturgy will be distributed at that time. Families will receive eight (8) passes. Confirmands and sponsors do not need passes.

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.

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 or to register for a weekend, go to www.dcengagedencounter.org.

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.

Faith Formation for Life

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

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE STUDY: During the Easter Season, the weekly scripture study will be included as a flyer in the weekly bulletin.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION CHANGE: Three and ½ year olds through 5th 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 20th through June 24th and June 27th through July 1st, 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. For questions, please call Sister Pat Dowling at 410-442-0267 or email CBSVocations@bshsi.org.

Social Concerns

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Today we can support families that face difficulties most of us could not imagine, like famine, war, and life in refugee camps. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps families by providing pastoral care and humanitarian and emergency assistance across the globe. **How will you help?** Please be generous to this Collection.

HAITI PROJECT: Deacon Mortel, MD, Director of the Haiti Outreach Project will speak at our parish the weekend of 14-15 May 2011 with an update about our sister parish in Haiti one year after their devastating earthquake. Refreshments will be served after the 9:00 a.m. mass so that parishioners may talk with Dr. Mortel.

HOSPICE CARING: Do you want to make a difference? Since 1989, Hospice Caring, Inc. has been providing practical and emotional support to adults and children facing life-limiting illness and grief at no charge. Hospice Caring, Inc. has opportunities for those who would like to facilitate

adult or children's grief groups, or become a caregiver and share in somone's end-of-life journey. Our volunteers are committed to providing care that promotes quality of life. Join the Summer Volunteer Training on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 08, 09, & 10 June from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 518 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg. Call 301-869-4673 for questions and to register.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? Consider joining the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center's team as a diaper & formula coordinator. Work behind the scenes. Organize, sort, and restock donations of diapers and formula. Commitment: 3 daytime hours per week average. Physically active. Call 301/963-6223.

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 from faith communities and civic organizations. 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**.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following family has recently joined our parish: Lisa and Jeremy Janssen.

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 by noon on Monday.

EMAIL ADDRESS: To receive announcements and messages about parish activities, please send your email address to parishoffice@olvp.org with the subject line: **email**.

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.

Finance

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 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

10	Tue	Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
14	Sat	10:00 a.m. Baptism Prep Class, Church 5:00 p.m. Mass – Visit by Deacon Mortel, Haiti Project
15	Sun	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses – Visit by Deacon Mortel, Haiti Project Refreshments after 9:00 a.m. mass
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 20th Anniversary 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 20th 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

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