



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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May 7th, 2023 † 4th Sunday after Easter

Sunday, May 7, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. Stanislaus, BM

Pro Populo

Mon., May 8, No Mass in Springs – Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel

For Greg Demers & Family

Tues., May 9, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – St. Gregory Nazienzen, BCD

For Greg Demers & Family

Wed., May 10, No Mass in Springs – St. Antoninus, BC

Pro Populo

Thurs., May 11, No Mass in Springs – Ss. Philip and James, ApMm

For Greg Demers & Family

Fri., May 12, No Mass in Springs – Ss. Nerus, Archilleus, Domitilla & Pancras, Mm

Special Intention

Sat., May 13, No Mass in Springs – St. Robert Bellermine, BCD

Christopher Sean Howe

Sunday, May 14, HOLY MASS 9:00 a.m – 5th Sunday after Easter

Pro Populo

Serving Schedule:

Sun., May 7th: Anthony Kosovich, Jude Vigil

Tues., May 9th: Alexander Vigil, Jude Vigil

Sun., May 14th: Steven Kosovich, Oliver Vigil

Sun., May 21st: Anthony Vigil, Joseph Fries

Sun., May 28th: Nick Vigil, Andrew Fries

*Am I not here, who am your Mother, are you not in the crossing of my arms and under the folds
of my mantle! Have no fear, my little one!*

Confessions: Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass **Tues. & Wed.** – 7:30 am

Ending Hymn: Mother of Providence (sheets)

Children's Catechism Class: today, May 7th, 8:15 – 8:45am

PLEASE PRAY FOR: RIP Susan Walz, RIP Paula Micklich, RIP Robert Bernard, RIP Ben Trujillo, Gloria Trujillo, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, RIP Zack Hemlock, Cynthia Bernard, RIP Bob Cure, RIP Matias Trujillo, RIP Malachai Miller, RIP Carol Bollinger, Miller Family and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

DATES TO SAVE: Academy Graduation and Program – May 9th at 7pm; Set up for the garage sale - May 16th (trucks and men needed from 5-7pm), 19th, 20th, 22nd; Parish Picnic with Field Day – May 21st; Garage sale – May 23rd – May 27.

COLLECTION TOTALS for APRIL: 4-2 \$1044; 4-9 \$1684; 4-16 \$830; 4-23 \$2525; 4-30 \$685.

ORDINATIONS: Please keep the seminarians in your prayers as they advance in Holy Orders this week, especially our new priests!!

What is a vocation? - Excerpts from Bishop Mark Pivarunas

The word is derived from the Latin word *vocare*, to call, and so a vocation is a calling. In general, everyone has a vocation, a calling for Almighty God gives everyone particular talents and abilities in order for them to provide for the different needs of the Mystical Body of Christ. For many, their calling is to the marriage state: to be good husbands and wives, to be good fathers and mothers, raising children in a God-fearing manner. The word *vocation*, however, is more commonly used when we speak of a person chosen by God to be a religious or a priest. Our Holy Mother the Church in her wisdom and prudence does not allow one to be ordained to the priesthood or to take final vows until they have been sufficiently tested in their vocations. Just because a person may desire to be a religious or a priest does not mean that they have a true vocation. A true vocation is known when the individual joins the convent or seminary and lives the life of religious or priest. During that time, it becomes apparent to both the superiors and the aspirants if the candidate is indeed called. That is why it is so important for our laity to realize that when someone leaves the convent or seminary in early years, they should not be labeled or looked down upon as having rejected their vocation. How does one know whether or not they have been called to the priesthood or to the religious state? Young people sometimes worry about their vocation; they wonder how they may know if they are being called. Each person must work the problem out for himself. One great mistake made by young people is to think that if God is calling them to His service, He will manifest it to them in some extraordinary way. They must not expect an angel to tell them. This is certainly not the usual manner that vocations are given. The call from God may be an interior voice within the soul, it may be a certain spiritual attraction for the religious life or the priesthood, or it may be a very faint whisper that one occasionally hears from God: “Come, follow Me.” The most important disposition our young people must have is the simple desire to do the Will of God. Thus the Blessed Virgin Mary prayed at the Annunciation, “Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum,” “Be it done unto me according to thy word.” If our young people have this attitude of conformity to the Will of God, they will find the vocation to which God is called them in life. It is also very important that they receive counsel from their spiritual director or confessor who spiritually knows them very well and can give solid advice. The primary grounds for the fostering of vocations is the Catholic home, the place where the parents raise their children with a love for God and for their precious Catholic Faith, the members of the family frequent the sacraments, and a spirit of humility, obedience, love for one another, and discipline prevails. Vocations are fostered at a very young age when parents teach their children, by word and by example, a spirit of generosity and self-sacrifice. Catholic parents should remember that no greater blessing can come to their family than to have one of the members called to the religious life or to the holy priesthood. Furthermore, in the writings of the great Doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus de Liguori, we find that after the gift of the true Faith, the vocation to serve God is the greatest gift that God can give to a soul. The saintly Doctor declared that a vocation is a singular proof of God’s special love for that soul. In our own times, when there is such a great need for priests and religious to carry on the mission of the Church, we must work for an increase in vocations. But how can this be done? The answer is found in the Gospel of St. Matthew: “*And Jesus was going about all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel... But seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were bewildered and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest indeed is abundant, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest’*” (Matt. 9:35-38).

