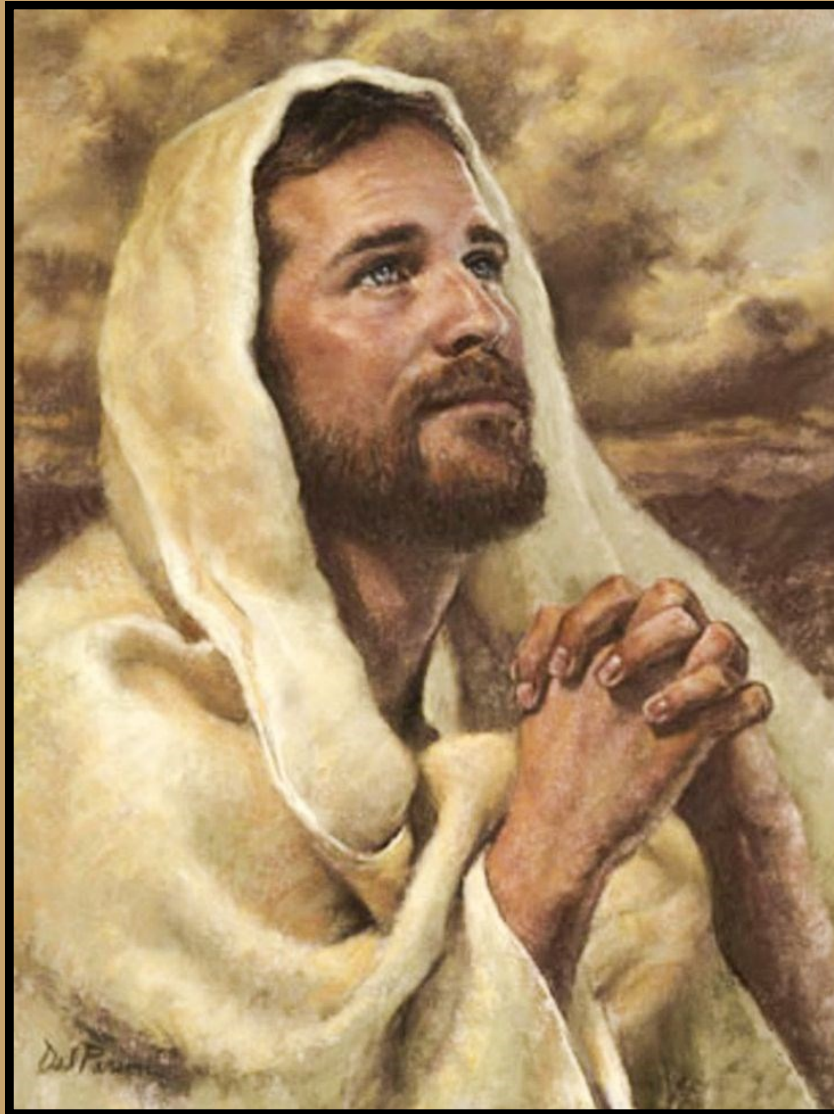


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 16, 2021



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM

Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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*** Daily Eucharistic Liturgy remains temporarily Non-Public**



Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

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May 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-20/Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11 [St. John I]
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-36/Jn 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-11/Jn 17:20-26 [St. Bernardine of Siena]
Friday: Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19 [St. Christopher]
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-7/Jn 21:20-25 [St. Rita]
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 17th - Mary Ann Hallman (Dotty Hodas)
 Tues., May 18th - Rita Przepierski (Marie)
 Wed., May 19th - Gabriella Wlodarczyk (Family)
 Thurs., May 20th - Helen Jaworski (Family)
 Fri., May 21st - Jack Konkol (Jaquelyn Toombs)
 Sat., May 22nd, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., May 23rd, 9:00AM - Jean Wiertel (Ken & Barb Nagle)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **KEN SMITH** as gifted by Jim & Bonnie.



Question: What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer: The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Baked Goods are needed for the SSJ Soup Kitchen for **MAY 17th**. They are asking for individually wrapped treats like "Hostess Twinkies" or "Little Debbie's" snack cakes. All donated goods can be dropped off at the church vestibule Sunday, May 16th, between 9:00AM-Noon, or brought to the Nazareth Center on Monday, May 17th, between 2:00-3:00PM.

May 13, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!

WEEKLY OFFERING (MAY 9, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$182,864.00
Amount Received	\$4,310.00	\$129,533.00
Net over/under	\$154.00	(\$53,331.00)

Mass Attendance:

4:00PM = 45; 9:00AM = N/A

Envelopes: 81/168



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of SHEILA BALL, as gifted by Pearl and Kathy.



5/17 - Bill LaZar, Jr.
5/18 - Erin Koszegi
5/19 - Beverly LaZar
& Linda Kaminski
5/20 - Brain Meabon

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 17th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Tues., May 18th - The Souls in Purgatory (Pearl & Kathy Wisniewski)
Wed., May 19th - In Honor & Memory of All Mothers
Thurs., May 20th - Nancy Slubowski (Marybeth Fiorelli)
Fri., May 21st - Loretta Lipinski (Connie Knecht)
Sat., May 22nd, 5:15PM - In Honor of St. Ursuline Hilinski (100th Birthday)
Sun., May 23rd, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

MONTHLY CHURCH CLEANING

In the vestibule of Holy Trinity Church we have a sign-up sheet for individuals who would like to volunteer their time to give our Church a little extra attention. Suggestion sheets are available. The following months for 2021 are available: May, August, September and October.

ZABAWA 2021 PREPARATIONS

We are in the process of collecting items or cash donations for our "Theme Gift Basket Raffle" that takes place during Zabawa. You can bring any donations to the church or to the Parish Office. Thanks, in advance, for your generosity!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus was worried about his disciples and he turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spend trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MAY 9, 2021

Regular Offering: \$2,708.00 (34/135)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$132,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$106,549.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,708.00	\$93,492.00
Net (over/under):	\$343.00	(\$13,57.00)

Attendance: 5:15PM = 45; 10:30AM = 55

John 17

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UNIFY
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DISCIPLES
PRAY
FATHER
ETERNAL LIFE
PROTECT

"I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely."

- John 17:13

News for Our Partnership

Dear Parishioners,

During this month, I am going to try and determine where our parishes stand relative to Covid vaccinations. My intention is three-fold. First, as the Bishop's Committee on further reopening of parishes begins their work, I would like to have reliable information to provide them, if needed. Second, it would be helpful in deciding which ministries we may be able to resume (e.g., Young at Heart, Eucharistic Ministry, etc.), and which new ministries we may be able to start (e.g., candle making club, adult faith formation, etc.). Third, for those still reluctant to come to church, having some statistical data may put them more at ease and assist them in deciding when to re-join our community.

Your willingness to assist me in this effort is **COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY**. If you have been fully vaccinated (i.e., two doses, if required, and a two week waiting period), simply sign the form in the back of the church. Also, you can call the Parish Office. As the month unfolds, I will begin compiling the data so that informed decisions can be made as we try to move forward with various parish ministries and activities.

Again, your participation is completely voluntary. The only information that I will disclose will be numerical (e.g., percentage of our members who have been vaccinated).

Thanks, in advance, to those who choose to cooperate so that we can bring greater normalcy back to parish life.

- Fr. Jason

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Over the next couple of weeks, our parish clergy will be celebrating their ordination anniversaries. Please keep them in prayer on their special day:

Deacon Tom Matusiak (May 16, 2008) - 13 years
Msgr. Dan Magraw (May 16, 1975) - 46 years
Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak (May 18, 1968) - 53 years
Fr. Jason Glover (June 7, 2002) - 19 years

131 years of combined service to the People of God!



BINGO

Holy Trinity Parish (PCEP)
* Instants * 50/50 * Raffles

- Sunday, May 23rd
- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E. 3rd St.
- 1:00pm, Doors Open at 12 noon
- Call 456-5300 to reserve your seat, walk ins Welcome!



Holy Rosary School Alumni?

THE MERCY CENTER IS LOOKING FOR GRADUATES OF HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL. THIS FORMER SCHOOL IS IN THE PROCESS OF RENOVATIONS TO HOUSE HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN FLEEING ADDICTION AND HOMELESSNESS. WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE YOU TO THE CELEBRATION!

Contact:

Breanna Watts,
Director of
Advancement
bwatts@mcwerie.org
(814) 455-4577

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next weekend (May 22/23), our Easter season comes to an end with the celebration of Pentecost and the birthday of the Church. Considering wearing something red to Mass to engage more fully in our liturgy.

2021 Summer Program

Erie Catholic School System

**Begins June 15
with weekly
field trips, activities
and lunch included!**



**Locations and
registration @
eriecatholic.org**

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

5/17) Dave Slubowski; 5/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 5/19) Bill Dyakon & Fr. Jason; 5/20) Ed Korytowski; 5/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik; 5/22) Kathy Wisniewski; 5/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

5/17) Fr. John Fischer; 5/18) Fr. John Miller; 5/19) For All Vocations; 5/20) Msgr. Andy Karg; 5/21) Fr. David Whiteford; 5/22) Msgr. Bob Smith; 5/23) Fr. Shane Mathew

Sunday, May 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good things come from unlikely places

Acts 1:15-17, 20, 20-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another."

It may bring a smile to our lips to hear the argument for why we're obliged to love others: because God loves us first. And if God can love us (be honest here!) then clearly love need not be earned. This World Communications Day, Pope Francis invites us to consider how future-apostle Nathaniel once dismissed Jesus because of his origins: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" To really love people, we have to begin by not categorizing them: by gender or race, nationality or religion. Even Nazareth holds surprises!

Monday, May 17, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Solitude and solidarity

Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

"I am not alone, because the Father is with me."

Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it'd be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have a strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life—in the midst of grief and stress and fear—helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger—let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR

Define your terms

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11

"Now glorify me, Father... with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

In 2011, the Nicene Creed in English changed from the poetic-but-imprecise "one in being" back to a seemingly unusual, clunky Latin word: consubstantial. We learned that consubstantial was a critical distinction hammered out at various church councils to clarify that Jesus was divinely coeternal with God. It was a pronouncement specifically designed to refute the Arian heresy that denied Christ's divinity. The struggle against Arianism cost Pope John I his life in 526. Words matter. Take time to choose the right ones.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Going home

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

"They were all weeping loudly... for they were deeply distressed that (Paul) had said that they would never see his face again."

Final farewells are difficult. While there can be grace in the chance to express love and gratitude, there also can be great pain at the thought of never again seeing a face, hearing a voice. There is true heartache in accepting that there will be no more shared meals, shared futures planned together as we surrender the companionship of a loved one. It is a bittersweet time because the grief of anticipated loss is proof of an equally deep love. Yet it is not the end—faith promises us more. Give thanks to God for someone whose love and faithfulness has enriched your life.

Thursday, May 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY

History will be our judge

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one."

Church history is filled with admirable figures who stand out for their tender love and compassion. Bernardine of Siena was not that kind of saint. A fire-and-brimstone preacher with a moralizing temperament, he encouraged "bonfires of the vanities" where townsfolk pitched household items suggestive of luxury or leisure—mirrors, perfumes, games—into the fire. Seen from our vantage point, many of his sermons had antisemitic, misogynistic, and homophobic overtones. Though a commanding preacher who lived a life of devotion, Bernardine—like all of us—was a product of his times, limited by the pastoral and theological perspectives handed down to him. His innovations in vernacular preaching continue to inspire, yet his limitations in compassion and inclusion serve as a cautionary tale. None of us has a monopoly on moral purity. Kindness and compassion, however, never go out of style.

Friday, May 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS

Live fully

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
He said to Peter, "Tend my sheep."

Each of us is called to give our lives fully on behalf of our love for and commitment to God. Most of us will not die a martyr's death, but some of us will. Christopher Magallanes was one such person. Christopher's call to be a martyr was lived every day through his prayer and ministry as a priest: founding schools, providing work opportunities, and even constructing a dam to help the people. He was killed because of his love for the people, a love emanating from his deep faith. How does our faith inspire us to give of ourselves fully?

Saturday, May 22, 2021

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

Hope is a perennial

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

"There are also many other things that Jesus did."

We all could use a friend like Saint Rita of Cascia. Wed against her will at the tender age of 12, she somehow survived abuse and family feuds to become a reconciling force in a violent region of 15th-century Italy. She has acquired a following, along with Saint Jude, as the patron of hopeless causes. On her deathbed, it is said she asked for a rose from her garden. Though it was winter, we are told a single blooming rose was found and brought to her. Never lose hope—no cause is hopeless!

Prayer for the Solemnity of
the Ascension of the Lord

Giver of Life,
help us to see your life
at work in our lives.
Keep us from clinging
to what is today,
that we might receive
the gifts of life
that await us tomorrow.
Amen.

