April 7, 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

“For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

“I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. “ (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (ACTS 10:38)

On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

April 28, 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (JOHN 20:21)
Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

“Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (JOHN 21:17)

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

May 12, 2019

4th Sunday of Easter

“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.

May 19, 2019

5th Sunday of Easter

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (JOHN 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage to “love my neighbor” when he may be someone I don’t like, someone I don’t know or someone that doesn’t look like me.

May 26, 2019

6th Sunday of Easter

“...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (JOHN 14:27)
Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

June 2, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

June 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (JOHN 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

June 16, 2019

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...” (JOHN 16:13)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

June 23, 2019

Feast of Corpus Christi

“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” (LUKE 9:17)
The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn’t seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

June 30, 2019

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” (GALATIANS 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.