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Gospel Meditation

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"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly

glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection. Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth. Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LPi



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Choosing to Love One Another Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest. I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love. I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right *near the top* — *maybe even* above the sometimes*unbelievable storylines* — *is the* idea that love is a feeling. See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice. Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to

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WEEKLY STEWARSHIP May 2, 2021				
Plate Giving	\$1,481.00			
Online Giving	\$887.34			
Total	\$4,225.34			
Funds needed a week to meet operations	\$5,000.00			
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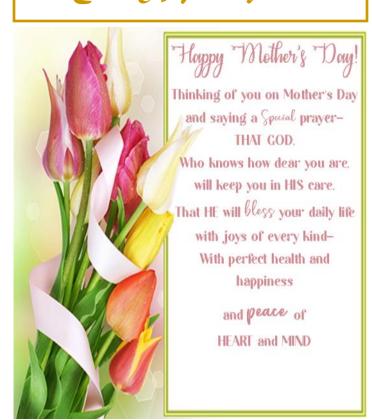
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THE DIOCESAN CELEBRATION A PENTECOST FOR ALL PEOPLE

Bishop McElroy invites all faithful to come together for this special Pentecost celebration as we re-energize our mission to love and serve all of mankind in God's name. This event will be held at Good Shepherd Church on **Saturday**, **May 22**, beginning with a Call to Worship at 10 a.m. and Mass at 11. It will be an outdoor event – physical distancing and masks are required. The event will be live-streamed at www.sdcatholic.org/pentecost2021.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Complaints about Sexual Abuse by a member of the Clergy, a parish Catholic Employee or a Volunteer can be made at https://www.safeinourdiocese.org/or call (858) 490-8353 misconduct@sdcatholic.org.

AMORIS LAETITIA

Along with being the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th was also the start of Amoris Laetitia Family Year. Marking the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love), Pope Francis has asked the Church to celebrate the family throughout the year and to reflect upon how her ministry supports married couples and families at every level of Church life. This year also happens to mark the fifth anniversary of our diocesan synod on the family. The USCCB's Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth (LMFLY) is coordinating the anniversary celebration in the United States, which will run until June 26, 2022. Learn more about Amoris Laetitia Family Year, including resources from the USCCB (https:// www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/ year-amoris-laetitia-family) and a brochure from the Vatican (http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/dam/laityfamilylife/ amoris-laetitia/Brochure/Brochure% 20A4 ENG FlipBook.pdf).

LITURGICAL MINISTER WORKSHOPS

Online liturgical minister formation workshops will be held in May. Please check the diocesan website for registration and further information go to: http://www.sdcatholic.org/workshops.

12 Week Online Basic Catechist Course

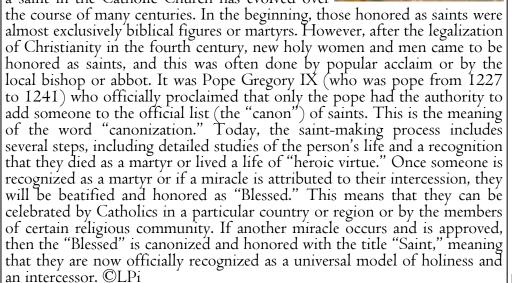
For newly recruited catechists and those needing certification, the Echoes of Faith self-guided online basic catechist course will be offered beginning May 25th through August 16th. The cost of the course is \$75 and it requires basic computer skills and internet connection. For more information, please contact Joseph Horejs at 858-490-8234 or see Basic Catechist Formation Course Online (sdcatholicdisciples.net) to register.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT:

Question: What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer: The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over



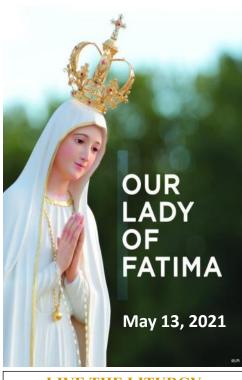
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: In the home of the Gentile-believer, Cornelius, Peter revealed one of the most significant insights from the early Church: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Where do you see this message of unity needed today?

Second Reading: John saw love at the very core of God's divine identity. In fact, for John, "God is love." For this reason, believers are called to love one another. How do you keep this virtue paramount in your life?

Gospel: During his farewell discourse, Jesus refers to his disciples as his "friends." How often do you think of Jesus as your "friend?" ©LPi





LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God. is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship. ©LPi

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09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Triday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm	Bible Study (Virtual) 7:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Daily Mass 7:30am	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am— 5:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	
(Spanish) Please pray for: Rev. Silverio Espenilla	Please pray for: Rev. Reynald Evangelista	Please pray for: Right Rev. Abbot Sharbel	Please pray for: Rev. David Exner	Please pray for: Rev. Emmett Farrell	Please pray for: Rev. Paul Farrelly, OSB	Please pray for: Rev. Gerardo
Acts 10:25-26 34-35, 44-48/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3 -4/1 Jn 4:7- 10/Jn 15:9-17	Acts 16:11-15/ Ps 149:1b-2, 3- 4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15:26—16:4a	Ewen, OSB Acts 16:22- 34/Ps 138:1- 2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5- 11	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1 -2, 3-4, 5-6, 7- 8 [8]/Jn 15:9- 17	Acts 18:23- 28/Ps 47:2- 3, 8-10, 10/ Jn 16:23b- 28

MASS Intentions

May 09	Sun	8:30am	For the Parishioners
May 09	Sun	11:00am	For the Parishioners
May 09	Sun	12:30pm	For the Parishioners
May 10	Mon		NO MASS
May 11	Tues	7:30am	+Cristina Fricano
May 12	Wed	7:30am	+Santos Ortega
May 13	Thur	7:30am	For the Parishioners
May 14	Fri	7:30am	+Rosario Fricano
May 15	Sat	5:00pm	For the Parishioners

Observances for the week of May 9, 2021

Sun: Mother's Day

Mon: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

St. Pancras, Martyr

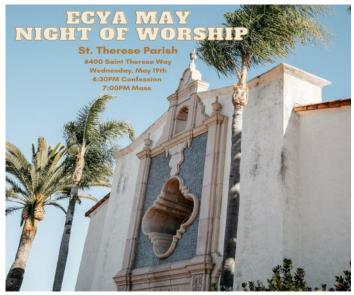
Thur: Our Lady of Fatima Fri: St. Matthias, Apostle

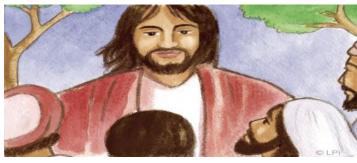
ri: St. Matthias, Apostle

t: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you:

love one another." — In 15:16:17





Masses will continue to be livestreamed or taped as necessary and available on our website www.stpiusxjamul.com or on the Diocesan website www.sdcatholic.org



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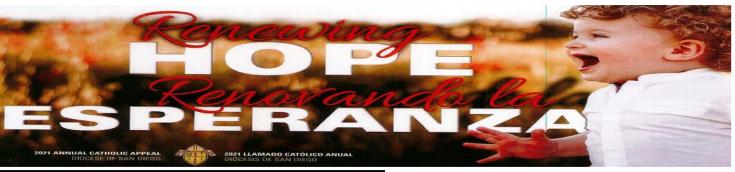
Per Bishop McElroy, under NO condition are we to violate the following procedures:

- Everyone over 2 years old will be required to wear a mask.
- Parishioners will be expected to use hand sanitizer provided on the entrance/exit table.
- Practice social distance of 6 feet between family groups.
- No Handshakes at the Sign of Peace.
- Holy Communion will be distributed only in the hand and the usual time.
- The Most Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Bulletins will be placed on the entrance table for parishioners to pick up.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is by appointment only.

All Catholics in the Diocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.

We ask for your patience and support as we continue to help our tiny church with a big heart follow all these guidelines and requirements in order to succeed in our Spiritual Journey.





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