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Third Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 5

5:30pm Winter Welcome Table
Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday, May 6

5:30pm Jean & Gerald Gignac †

Wednesday, May 7

5:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, May 8

5:30pm Intentions of Banez Family

Friday, May 9

5:30pm Mass of thanksgiving on 90th
Birthday of Mrs. Sally Harach

Saturday, May 10

5:30pm Mary Davis †

Sunday, May 11

10am Mother's Day Novena (Mass
1)

12pm In Thanksgiving for a Job
Opportunity

SANCTUARY LAMP

(May 4 – May 10)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for Lina Rodrigues.
Please keep them in your prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Ken Francis
John Graham

The Deceased

Pope Francis
Gerry Williams
Anna Bellini Kavals
John Scali
Genoveva Tuazon
Olga Pugliese



The Friar's Nook

Colours Green and Black

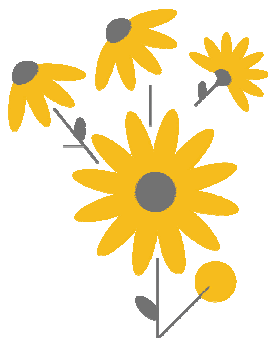
Green is used in the Masses of Ordinary Time. While Christmas is considered the beginning of Jesus' life and Easter the end, Ordinary Time does not celebrate a particular mystery but rather the totality of the mystery of Christ: his preaching, humility, lordship, humanity, divinity, and mission. This season follows Christmas until Lent and after Easter until Advent. The symbolism of the color green is associated with the world of nature and vegetation, evoking ideas of fertility, abundance, flourishing, and vigor. So, it is clear that tis colour is associated with the concept of Life in all its possible expressions and meanings. Perhaps from this comes its meaning of hope for the coming of the Messiah and hope for the saving Resurrection.

We can say that green is the color most used throughout the year, that is, on the greatest number of days

The colour black in liturgical vestments is permitted for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed and for Masses for the Dead. Black vestments have a Paschal meaning. They are not entirely black: they are accompanied by silver or gold embroidery. In this way, the color symbolizes the pain and sadness experienced at the death of a loved one, but the embroidery symbolizes that this pain is illuminated by the Light of the Lord, who will wipe away our tears, and there will be no more crying (Rev 22:4).

In ancient times, the color black was worn on Good Friday. Purple vestments may also be worn at these celebrations. It seems better to use black vestments to distinguish one color for penance (purple) and another for mourning (black), following the ancient liturgical tradition.

Fr. Alexander



May God bless all
mothers with love,
strength, and
peace this
Mother's Day.

May 4/5, 2025



10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' letter on care for our common home

In May Creation Care Ministry invites you to join us in celebrating the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' groundbreaking letter on care for our common home. On Sunday May 25th after the 10 AM mass we are planning a Laudato Si' prayer walk beginning at the parish and through High Park, or a short film and conversation during coffee ministry (rain plan). More details will be posted and please visit the Creation Care Ministry bulletin board in the parish hall.

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us." Pope Francis, Laudato Si' #1

Winter Welcome Table – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (May 5)

Thank you to all who supported this season of Winter Welcome Table. From November to Holy Week, over 100 guests were served each Monday evening thanks to the dedication of many volunteers—including St. Joan of Arc, who provided meals on five occasions. Special thanks to Tim McElcheran for his leadership and generosity.

We invite all WWT volunteers to a special Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joan of Arc Parish on Monday, May 5 at 5:30 PM, followed by a meal in the parish hall. Let's celebrate a season of care and community!

Spring Clean Up (May 10)

Join us for our annual Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. We'll be tackling a range of tasks, both indoors and outdoors, including general tidying, organizing, and garden maintenance to refresh our space for the season ahead.

What to Bring:

- Rakes, gloves, and gardening tools
- Comfortable clothing and outdoor footwear
- A spirit of teamwork and plenty of energy!

This is a wonderful opportunity to lend a helping hand and meet fellow parishioners. Whether you can come for the full time or just an hour, every bit of help makes a difference.

Your time, effort, and continued support are truly appreciated. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

Merrymaker's Mass & Luncheon (May 15)

Join us on Wednesday, May 15. Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase after each weekend Mass at the back of the church. All are welcome!

German baking open classes (Every Tuesday at 7pm)

Learn delicious recipes with Fr. Alex and enjoy the warm spirit of our community. The classes are donation-based and open to all—no registration required. Come as you are and bring a friend.

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Your generosity helps us to make our community alive through various liturgies and many outreach initiatives.

Thank you for your support.

MAY AT A GLANCE

May 5 – Winter Welcome Table Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

May 5 – CWL General Meeting (7pm)

May 6 – Euchre Playing (1:30pm)

May 10 – Spring Cleanup (9:30am-1:30pm)

May 10 – First Communion (2pm)

May 15 – Merrymakers Mass & Luncheon (12pm)

May 24/25 – Fair Trade

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