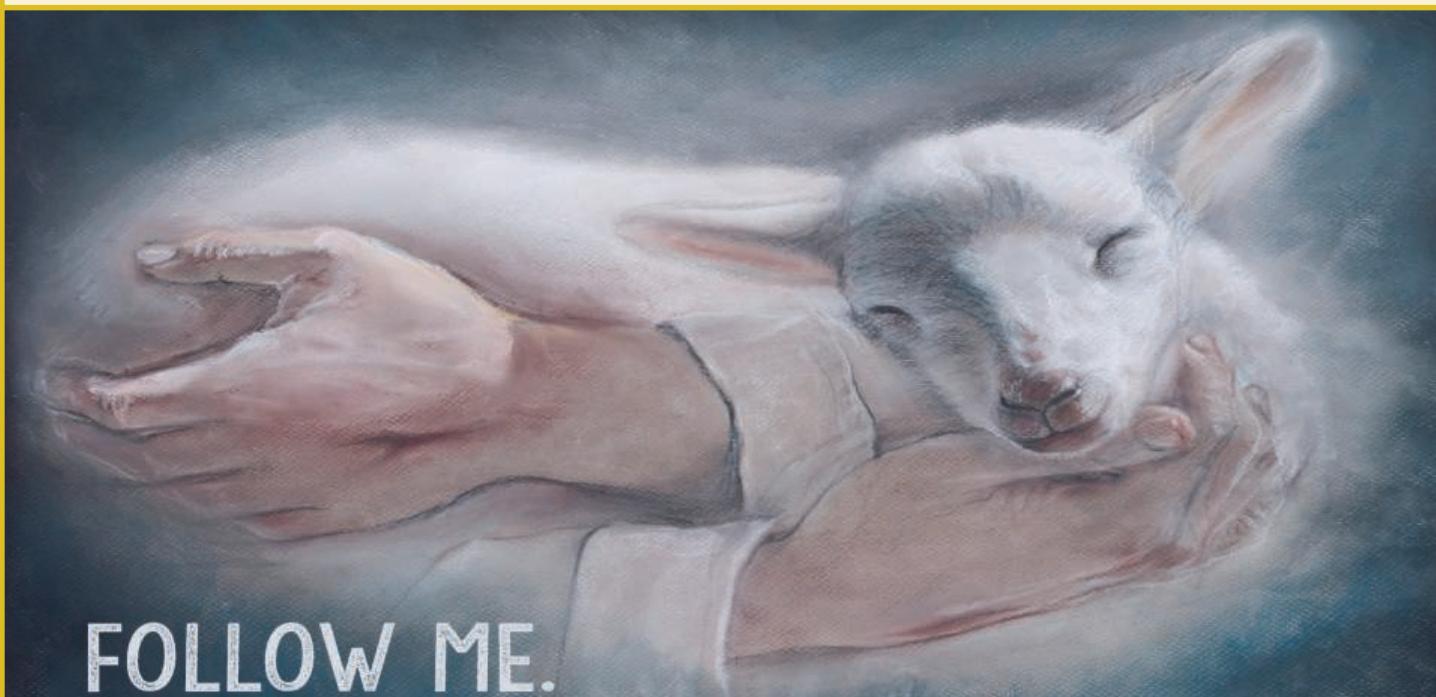


Fourth Sunday of Easter-A

April 30, 2023

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Saturday

530PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 12NN

Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM

Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **4th Sunday** at 5PM
Filipino Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm
and by appointment

Baptism

3rd Sunday of the month at 130pm, except Eastertime
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 973-481-1991 to receive this sacrament. We will also gladly bring Holy Communion to the homebound upon request.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, April 29

5:30p Monico Baltazar by Noli & Rose Chavez

SUNDAY, April 30

8:00a Conjetta Domenick by Donna, Paula & Lenny Iannia
10:30a Vincenzo Di Giano by Licia Di Giano & Family
12:00n Madeline "Dolly" Zarra by Gary Rufino
5:00p Filipino Mass for the People of the Parish

MONDAY, May 1

7:00a Nicholas Trabucco by Wife & Children
8:00a Mary Butch by Marge Lo Conte

TUESDAY, May 2

7:00a Lorna Mercado (Bday) by Ricky Mercado
8:00a Andre Mollica & Domenico Gaglio by Family

WEDNESDAY, May 3

7:00a Francesco "Frank" Maione by Family
8:00a Thanksgiving by Mimi Lambon

THURSDAY, May 4

7:00a Dorotea Rosello by David & Carla Gates
8:00a Kristine Austria (Blessings) by Lulu Sychua

FRIDAY, May 5

8:00a Pat Del Vecchio by Vicki Del Guercio

SATURDAY, May 6

8:00a Christie Albanese by Joe and Jo Ann Baud
5:30p Giuseppe & Maria Carmela Toscano by Family

SUNDAY, May 7

8:00a Fr. Nol (Birthday) by Donna Marie Iannia
10:30a Romeo Montasa by Jay Montas
12:00n Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

April 30—May 6, 2023

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intention of
People of the Parish

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Special Intention of
People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the Intention of
People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joseph Doria, Lydia Salzano, Jean Giordano, Gerry Baltazar, Pedro Esguerra, Lorraine Snowman, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Cynthia Magno, Boy Cagoco, Patricia Chideo, Norma Jaramillo, Arlenia Salomon, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Mercy Solante, Roger Forshage, Amelia Collina, Nathan Rosa, Helen Sibilia

Please call the parish office if you need to be kept in next week's bulletin.

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Regular Sunday Collections - \$ 4,126.00
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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Vocation: Grace and Mission

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people!

This is now the sixtieth time that we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, established by Saint Paul VI in 1964, during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. This providential initiative seeks to assist the members of the People of God, as individuals and as communities, to respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us in today's world, amid its afflictions and its hopes, its challenges and its achievements.

This year I would ask you, in your reflection and prayer, to take as your guide the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission". This Day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others. We are called to a faith that bears witness, one that closely connects the life of grace, as experienced in the sacraments and ecclesial communion, to our apostolate in the world. Led by the Spirit, Christians are challenged to respond to existential peripheries and human dramas, ever conscious that the mission is God's work; it is not carried out by us alone, but always in ecclesial communion, together with our brothers and sisters, and under the guidance of the Church's pastors. For this has always been God's dream: that we should live with him in a communion of love.

"Chosen before the creation of the world"

The apostle Paul opens before us a remarkable horizon: in Christ, God the Father "chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will" (*Eph 1:4-5*). These words allow us to glimpse life at its fullest: God has "conceived" us in his image and likeness and desires us to be his sons and daughters. We were created by love, for love and with love, and we are made for love.

In the course of our lives, this call, which is part of the fibre of our being and the secret of our happiness, comes to us by the work of the Holy Spirit in ever new ways. It enlightens our minds, strengthens our wills, fills us with amazement and sets our hearts afire. At times, the Spirit comes to us in completely unexpected ways. So it was for me when, on 21 September 1953, as I was on my way to an annual school celebration, I was led to stop by a church and go to confession. That day changed my life and left a mark that has endured to the present day. God's call to the gift of self tends to make itself known gradually: in our encounter with situations of poverty, in moments of prayer, when we see a clear witness to the Gospel, or read something that opens our minds. When we hear God's word and sense that it is spoken directly to us, in the advice given by a fellow brother or sister, in moments of sickness or sorrow... In all the ways he calls us, God shows infinite creativity.

The Lord's initiative and his gracious gift call for a response on our part. Vocation is "the interplay between divine choice and human freedom", [1] a dynamic and exciting relationship between God and the human heart. The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the treasure we ourselves have found. This is the fundamental structure of what we mean by vocation: God calls us in love and we, in gratitude, respond to him in love. We realize that we are beloved sons and daughters of the one Father, and we come to see ourselves as brothers and sisters of one another. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, when at last she "saw" this clearly, exclaimed, "At last I have found my calling: my call is love. Indeed, I have found my proper place in the Church... In the heart of the Church, my Mother, I will be love". [2]



TODAY, APRIL 30

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

We pray for young men and women to answer God's call to be priests, deacons and religious.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

7 PM—9 PM

LEARN TO LINE DANCE

FERRARO HALL

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Month-long devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Beginning Saturday, May 6 @ 3 PM
and continuing every Saturday of May**

PROCESSION & MASS: SUNDAY, MAY 28

3:00 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 7

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION @

The 12 Noon Mass

**The Children with the Rosarians
will celebrate the
Crowning of the Blessed Mother**



"I am a mission on this earth"

God's call, we said, includes a "sending". There is no vocation without mission. There is no happiness and full self-realization unless we offer others the new life that we have found. God's call to love is an experience that does not allow us to remain silent. Saint Paul says, "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16). And the First Letter of John begins with the words, "What we have heard and seen, looked at and touched – the Word made flesh – we declare also to you, so that our joy may be complete" (cf. 1:1-4).

Five years ago, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, I spoke to every baptized person, saying, "You need to see the entirety of your life as a mission" (No. 23). Yes, because each and every one of us is able to say: "I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).

Our shared mission as Christians is to bear joyful witness wherever we find ourselves, through our actions and words, to the experience of being with Jesus and members of his community, which is the Church. That mission finds expression in works of material and spiritual mercy, in a welcoming and gentle way of life that reflects closeness, compassion and tenderness, in contrast to the culture of waste and indifference. By being a neighbour, like the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37), we come to understand the heart of our Christian vocation: to imitate Jesus Christ, who came to serve, not to be served (cf. Mk 10:45).

This missionary activity does not arise simply from our own abilities, plans and projects, nor from our sheer willpower or our efforts to practice the virtues; it is the result of a profound experience in the company of Jesus. Only then can we testify to a Person, a Life, and thus become "apostles". Only then can we regard ourselves as "sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising, healing and freeing" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273).

Grace and mission: a gift and a task

Dear brothers and sisters, vocation is a gift and a task, a source of new life and true joy. May the initiatives of prayer and of activity associated with this Day strengthen an awareness of vocation within our families, our parish communities, our communities of consecrated life, and our ecclesial associations and movements. The Spirit of the risen Lord dispels our apathy and grants us the gifts of sympathy and empathy. In this way, he enables us to live each day born anew as children of the God who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:16) and in turn to offer that love to others. To bring life everywhere, especially in places of exclusion and exploitation, poverty and death, in order to enlarge the spaces of love, [4] so that God may reign ever more fully in this world.

May the prayer that Saint Paul VI composed for the first World Day of Vocations, 11 April 1964, accompany us on our journey:

"O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls, you called the apostles and made them fishers of men. Continue to draw to yourself ardent and generous souls from among the young, in order to make them your followers and your ministers. Give them a share in your thirst for the redemption of all... Open before them the horizons of the entire world... By responding to your call, may they prolong your mission here on earth, build up your Mystical Body which is the Church, and be 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' (Mt 5:13)".

May the Virgin Mary watch over you and protect you. With my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 30 April 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter.

FRANCIS

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Honor your Mother at Holy Name Society's Annual Mother's Day Communion Breakfast 2023 on **Sunday, May 14**, beginning with 8AM Mass and breakfast after in Ferraro Hall.

For more info call the Parish Office.

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

April 30, 2023

Sydney Anya
Claire Anya
Lucas Tiankee
Joseph Bunk

May 7, 2023

Samantha Llaban
Cloe Llaban
Ryan Paurom
Reagan Ocampo



The Image of Our Lady of Fatima will visit our parish for two days, **May 22** (Monday) & **May 23** (Tuesday) 2023. We are one of the few parishes chosen to host the image of our dear Mother Mary, which travels from Fatima, Portugal. Everyone is encouraged to come and venerate her. Please bring your family members and friends. *More details will be published in our future bulletins.*



ATTENTION!! URGENT!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY BINGO RESUMES!!!!

The Bible tells us Jesus said "**Give and it shall be given unto you...**" Sometimes we may feel we haven't enough money for the necessary things – how can we give? One way may be to give of your time. Consider volunteering at Bingo on Saturdays – Bingo is a big help to our operating expenses and in these hard times even more so.

Call the Parish Office to sign up or talk to a Bingo volunteer.

May 2023



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9:00 AM

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