

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Daily Mass

8:00 am: M, W, Th, F

Holy Days

Please see The Messenger

THE MESSENGER



Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

**First Saturday to Honor
the Immaculate
Heart of Mary**
Mass 9:00 am

First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition/Adoration
10:30 am-11:15 am
(Benediction follows)
Confessions
10:35 am-11:15 am
Mass 11:30 am

Confession

Sat. 4:00 to 5:00 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of the Month
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The Mission of Queen of Angels Church is to:

Grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith by living and teaching the Gospel.

Serve God's People in our parish, our community, and our world.

Church is Handicapped Accessible

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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

May 2, 2021

Envelopes Used	71
Envelope Collections	\$ 4,375.02
Plate Collections	\$ 528.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,903.02

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "Renewing HOPE", has begun.
Queen of Angels assessment for 2021 is \$30,000.

This is your opportunity to make possible the work that affects so many in our diocese: assistance to the poor, education of those who attend Catholic schools, formation of new priests and care for our retired priest, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned.

Thank you for your support as we participate in living the Church's mission to be a witness of compassion and mercy to those in need.

GOAL: \$30,000.00 PLEDGED: \$ 21,525.00 BALANCE: \$ 8,475.00

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS APRIL MAY 8-16, 2021

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
		Saturday, May 8	5:30 pm	For the People
		Sunday, May 9	8:00 am	Jackie Jennings
Sunday:	<i>Jn 4:7-10</i>	Sunday, May 9	10:30 am	Mother's Day Novena
Monday:	<i>Jn 15:26—16:4a</i>	Monday, May 10	8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday:	<i>Jn 16:5-11</i>	Tuesday, May 11	7:30 am	Rosary
Wednesday:	<i>Jn 16:12-15</i>	Wednesday, May 12	8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Thursday:	<i>Jn 16:16-20</i>	Thursday, May 13	8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Friday:	<i>Jn 15:9-17</i>	Friday, May 14	8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Saturday:	<i>Jn 16:23b-28</i>	Saturday, May 15	5:30 pm	Mother's Day Novena
Next Sunday:	<i>Mk 16:15-21</i>	Sunday, May 16	8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
		Sunday, May 16	10:30 am	For the People



Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.
Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray,



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U E A B I D E O C N J L
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A P P O I N T E D K S P
L G R E A T E R E I T T

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ABIDE	ANOTHER	APPOINTED
BEAR	CALL	CHOSE
COMMAND	DOING	FATHER
FRIENDS	FRUIT	FULL
GIVE	GREATER	HEARD
JUST	KEEP	KEPT
KNOW	KNOWN	LIFE
LONGER	LOVE	MADE
MASTER	NAME	SERVANT

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Mother's Day Novena Cards Remember your Mother, living or deceased, in our Novena of Masses for Mother's Day **May 9**. Please pick up a card at the front entrance of the church and return it to the office or drop it into the collection box.



1st-5th grade Religious Education A friendly reminder: There will be no class on Sunday, **May 9**. *Celebrate and Shower* all the amazing Moms in your life!!

Please Pray For all the teens who will be making their Confirmation on Sunday, **May 16** at 10:30 am Mass. Congratulations to all!



CELEBRATE

Mother's Day



God's Gift

My Mother is a special gift,
A special gift
that God gave to me.
I'd be lost and lonely without her,
If God took her away you see.
I love her so very much,
That I couldn't bear to live without her healing touch.
Thank-you God for giving me such a loving Mother,
For I wouldn't want to be a part of no other.

MOTHER'S DAY

The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ~Proverbs 31:30b

PASTOR'S PAGE

Friendship is based in equality.

God's Free Gift of Sanctifying Grace Makes us "equal" with God

We oftentimes hear the old adage 'a dog is a man's best friend'. We hear that especially when the man is fighting with his wife and ends up in the 'dog house'. The measure of a friend is, however, the measure of *a certain equality among friends*. Hence, 'a dog is NOT a man's best friend' (unless the man is a werewolf). Our friends are in some way equal to us, as Sacred Scripture says, "For he who fears God behaves accordingly, and his friend will be like himself [Ecclesiasticus 6:17 and 13:15: "Every beast loves its like"]. This is what we see in on-line dating sites and other matchmaker businesses' — they rely on computers to match certain common traits among men and women by the answers given in a compatibility test. Therefore, while in the order of nature opposites attract (♂ + ♀), in the order of intelligence (psychology) like attracts like ('birds of a feather'). We very simply gravitate towards those who think as we think; correspondingly, if we do not think, we like others who do not think either, because then we will not feel threatened.



Knowing that *a certain equality is the necessary thing in a given friendship*, we can see why Our Lord in the Gospel can call us friends. It is not because God has a need ("...that My joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." [Jn 15:11; 16:24]), but rather that *we have a need!* Christ fulfills our need for friendship with God by granting us friendship with Himself based upon a certain 'equality' or 'likeness' called Sanctifying Grace. We are therefore 'adopted sons' in The Only-Begotten Son of God. Hence, *Sanctifying Grace is: that quality by which we are made pleasing to God* — that is, friends of God — precisely because sanctifying grace is a likeness to God which *makes us Holy* ["a free gift that makes" *Gratia Gratum Faciens*], corresponding to the words of Sacred Scripture: "...it is I, The LORD, Who make you holy" [Ex 31:13; Lev 11:44].

Once God grants us holiness (justification) we can then live holy lives (meaning virtuous, morally good lives), which is why Our Lord states: "You are My friends *if you do what I command you*" [Jn 15:14]. Why does our friend Jesus Christ give us Commands? We don't give commandments to our friends. He does so because *living the moral or virtuous life is part of persevering in His grace of friendship*. It is part of our response to God's free gift of friendship. It is God Who takes the initiative, we merely make a response, which means that we do not work our way to heaven but merely respond to God's gift. Hence, St John in the second reading today [Jn 4:7-10]: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that He has Loved us and sent His Son as expiation for our sins." In other words, GOD LOVES US FIRST [Rom 5:8]! Our love of charitable acts (virtue) is secondary, consequent, and responsive to God's Love. Once granted friendship with God, by God's Own doing not ours, we need to manifest that friendship further by a continued communion with The Lord through prayer and the sacraments. The grace that sanctifies us (sanctifying grace) can only continue to sanctify us by our willing, continuing, cooperation with the actual graces that keep us in His love ("abide in Me"). Just as branches in The Vine, as we heard last week, "If a man does not abide in Me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned [Jn 15:5-6]".

Therefore, if I know that sanctifying grace is what makes me "likened" unto God — the *only* basis of my friendship with God — I should *never* do any single thing which would deprive me of that grace [Jn 5:16]. For **Sanctifying grace is that without which I cannot be the friend of God and thus enter into Eternal Life**. For this reason Our Lord adds, "You are My friends *if you do what I command you*". So we must always persevere in the moral and virtuous life of sanctifying grace so God will know us as His friends. Otherwise, at the end of our life, when The Bridegroom comes, He will say to us, as He says to the foolish virgins, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' [Mt 25:12].

Notice that this knowledge is a basis of friendship of equality as well. Jesus says, "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father". The intimacy of friendship means that we can share everything we know with our friend, our innermost secrets, our shortcomings, embarrassments, and even our sins. Because Our Lord Jesus has admitted us to friendship with Himself, because He has chosen us, we can be confident that we can always turn to Him in His sacraments — especially the Sacrament of reconciliation — when we need to "make up" and reconcile ourselves to The Merciful Lord. Our Lord's encouragement to bear fruit by embracing the Commandments is merely the call to charity, the call to love. This is why he declares, "This I command you: Love one another . . . as I have loved you."

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In conclusion, this Gospel reminds us that God takes the initiative to grant us His sanctifying grace; the grace, which in turn creates us anew, to be holy and have a real likeness to God Who is holy. This likeness is the basis for our friendship with God, Who in Christ Jesus calls us friends and shares with us the intimate knowledge of His Father. Finally, with this grace, friendship, and knowledge, we should go forth joyfully into the world 'to bear fruit that will last'.

***The Grace of The Lord Jesus Christ, and The Love of God,
and The Fellowship of The Holy Spirit be with you all.***

II Cor 13:14

Easter Blessings,

Father Tim



6th SUNDAY
OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and
remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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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 the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

6th Sunday of Easter

"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.

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WHAT IS FIRST IS FOREMOST

by DONALD DeMARCO
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I came across an anonymous remark that stirred my imagination: "We don't need farms anymore, we buy our food from grocery stores." Whether the author of this gem was being facetious or whether he was a candidate for the Naiveté of the Year Award did not matter to me. It was the implications of his words that set my mind spinning.

Philosophy began when certain individuals realized that there is something beyond appearances. A stick appears to bend when placed below the surface of the water line. In reality, however, it does not bend. Appearance and reality are not identical. This insight (which is truly an "in-sight") inaugurated the philosophical quest for truth.

What is it that causes us to grow? Is the secret of life to be found in atoms? Is there an unseen God who superintends the cosmos? What is the principle that we cannot see which, nonetheless, is the cause of everything that we can see?

We experience shopping for groceries. But we know that the grocery store does not produce the food that it sells. It is a seller and not a grower. A minimum of knowledge leads us to recognize that it is the farm that produces food. We could go further in tracing the farm to the principles of nature, and nature to God. The pursuit of the ultimate cause of what we experience is the essential task of philosophy. We want to find out what came first. We have a hunch that this impulse will prove to be most rewarding.

At night the spectacle of the numerous and numinous stars fills us with wonder, the experience of knowing the effects without knowing, but only imagining, what their cause might be. Wonder, then, becomes the stimulus that sets us on the path of philosophy.

We experience a certain amount of freedom. That is axiomatic. But our freedom cannot come first, though we might be seduced in thinking so if we cannot get beyond experience. If freedom came first, however, it would be unbounded, chaotic, meaningless. Yet we treasure freedom and long for its more complete possession. There must be something anterior to freedom that makes it both meaningful and desirable. That something, which is so commonly denied, is truth. Truth is to freedom what the Creator is to creation.

A homey example may illuminate the point. If I want to purchase a suit, I am not interested in any size suit whatsoever. I want a suit that fits me. My body, therefore, precedes my suit. No one would think I was born with the suit I am wearing. I am measured so that the suit conforms to my size and shape.

Truth precedes freedom. Our love for truth should exceed our love for freedom. The fundamental and overarching message that Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed in his lengthy encyclical, *Splendor Veritatis* (The Splendor of Truth), is found in Christ's comment "Truth will set you free" (John 8:32). It is a notion that is emblazoned on mottos of several institutions of higher learning. I offer a few examples, though there are many, to illustrate the point: Johns Hopkins University: *Veritas vos liberabit* (The Truth shall make you free); University of Tennessee: *Veritatem cognoscentis nos liberat* (You will know the truth and the truth shall set you free). The verse "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" is inscribed on the Main Building at the University of Texas and at Parks Library at Iowa State University.

We may ask, what impels us to seek the causes that operate beyond the realm of appearance? Why can't we be satisfied with mere experience? The answer, I suggest, is that what is first is foremost, and the wonder we feel that impels us to discover the cause of things is a manifestation of our desire for God which is indelibly inscribed in our souls. To think that God does not exist because we live in a world of experience is just as erroneous as thinking that there are no farms since food is plentiful at the grocery store. Philosophy can be enlightening.

If we believed that grocery stores, and not farms, provide food, we would soon die of starvation. At the same time, if we believe that all there is to life is what we see, we will die of spiritual starvation. What is first is foremost. This is the path to wisdom, simply stated.

We all have the ability, whether it is exercised or not, of seeing hints of another world peeping through this one. The philosopher, the poet, and the theologian all utilize this ability to see the world as mirroring God. C.S. Lewis has expressed the matter elegantly:

"Any patch of sunlight in a wood will show you something about the sun which you could never get from reading books on astronomy. These pure and spontaneous pleasures are 'patches of God-light' in the woods of our experience."

I have adapted Lewis' thought to verse. And I include a portion of it as I conclude this brief essay:

When God appears within our life,
It is between extremes
Of death's abysmal emptiness
And sun's bedazzling beams;
His entrance in our world of gray
Is gentle and discreet;
Through patches of His God-Light
At the altar of our feet.