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Catholic Church

Mass Intentions:

May 18th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina May 19th: Ruth Evelyn Storms + by Mark and Kay Bartel

May 25th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina May 26th: Juanita Parsons Helms + by Mark & Kay Bartel

May 26, 2019
Lectors — Lois Freeland

Gift Bearers — Richard Zahra, Mary Theresa Foster

Eucharistic Ministers — Carmen McDaniel, Elaine Doner, Johnny Wall

Servers — Alonzo Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez

Sacristans — Carmen McDaniel
Altar Linens — Elizabeth Stockdale,
Kathleen Kirkpatrick
Ushers—Men of the Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 19, 2019

"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race."

— Revelation 21:3

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

Paul's back! After last week's "violent abuse," opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the "energizing evangelist," transforming deadly cruelty into lifegiving zeal. Paul's past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation's future "new heaven, new earth" should inspire our optimism. But Revelation's present assurance, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race," should challenge us to become "missionaries of mercy." Because Pope Francis declared that the Church's credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life's noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today's Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: "This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

May 12th
Budget \$2300
Actual \$2368
Over \$68

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR C

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — God's dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joyce Franckowiak, Gigi Lui **Relatives**

Thomas Blankenship, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

Coming Events

May27th: Mass will be at 9:00 and the office will be closed for Memorial Day.

GARDENING

Kind hearts are the garden, Kind thoughts are the root, Kind words are the blossoms, Kind deeds are the fruit.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter Monday: St. Bernardine of Siena

Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes and

Companions

Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia

Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;

St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

Special Collection

Catholic Communications Campaign

June 2nd

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;

Jn 14:27-31a

Jn 14:21-26

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21 Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Mass Schedule



Monday: 11:30 am Wednesday: 11:30 am Thursday: 9:00 am Friday: 11:30 am Sunday Vigil: 4:30 pm Sunday: 9:00 am



Graduating from High School:
Matthew Carlson
Jordan Olivio
Fatima Plascencia
Zachery Robbins

Donald Carlson from Jackson State Community College

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