

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

WEEKDAYS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m.
Tues.: 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: 1/2 hr. before each weekend mass, 1hr. before Tuesday evening mass & 1 hr. before Friday morning mass

BAPTISM: Please call the office for baptism information

MARRIAGE: Contact the office at least six months prior to the desired date. Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

FUNERAL: Please contact the office before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Available upon request.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR

HOMEBOUND: If you cannot attend Mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Wednesday of each month, following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION: Thursday after 8:00 am Mass.

PARISH HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Tuesday 5:00 pm leading to 6:00 pm Mass., & every Friday at 7:00 am leading to 8:00 am Mass.

Mass Intentions

May 24, 2025– May 30, 2025

Saturday, May 24:

4:00 PM: **Rodney Williams, Sr. Family; Robert & Miriam Daussat; Molero Family; Cora Robin; Bernard & Wyatt Oser; Jesse Resendez, Sr.; Vita Lauga; James Gervais, III; Carol Ann Dupre; Pope Francis; Carol Bonvillian; Lee Family; Jean Huff**

Sunday, May 25:

9:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

11:00 AM **Carolyn LeBlanc; Ken Dufour; Louis & Nicolina Burns; Lanny & Dora Villanueva; Jamie Bennett; Patsy Meyers; Pope Francis; Amanda LaRocca; Dan Assevado**

Monday, May 26: **Fr. Ken's Intentions**

Tuesday, May 27: **Parish School of Religion**

Wednesday, May 28: **Janice Nadler**

Thursday, May 29: **Patsy Meyer**

Friday, May 30: **Cora Robin**

May 31, 2025– June 6, 2025

Saturday, May 31:

4:00 PM: **Rodney Williams, Sr. Family; Cora Robin; Jesse Resendez, Sr.; Vita Lauga; James Gervais, III; Carol Ann Dupre; Pope Francis; Dan Assevado; Francasca Tommaseo**

Sunday, June 1:

9:00 AM **Carolyn LeBlanc; Louis & Nicolina Burns; Patsy Meyers; Cora Robin; Herman & Ursula Repath Family; Camille Landry; John Patrick Landry; Eli Landry; Pope Francis; Carol Bonvillian; Dan Assevado**

11:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

Monday, June 2: **Fr. Ken's Intentions**

Tuesday, June 3: **Parish School of Religion**

Wednesday, June 4: **Mary Toche**

Thursday, June 5: **Janice Nadler**

Friday, June 6: **Patsy Meyer**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Penny Iemmola; Cancer Patients; Glen Lohfink; Susette Dufour; Lucy; Wiley; Tashera Horton; Dempsey Milton; Brian Keller; Jino Papania; Laverne Hannan; Julie Turl

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Natalia Baca; First Responders; Josie Landry; Roselyn Hansen; Gwen Cantrell; Cornelius Dennis; Joy Dennis; Chante Wright; Special Intention; Landry & Hovan Families

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29)

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8)

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 or *Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*)

Gospel — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. (John 14:23-29 or *John 17:20-26*)

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Philip Neri; Memorial Day

Tuesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Thursday: St. Paul VI

Saturday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CANDLE INTENTIONS

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

ROBERT & MIRIAM DAUSSAT

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

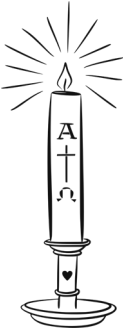
SOULS IN PURGATORY

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

SOULS IN PURGATORY

THE SACRED HEART CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

SOULS IN PURGATORY



Prayer for Eternal Rest (The Requiem Prayer)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15: 26 -- 16: 4a

Tuesday: Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16: 5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17: 15, 22 -- 18: 1; Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16: 12-15

Thursday: Acts 18: 1-8; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16: 16-20

Friday: Acts 18: 9-18; Ps 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16: 20-23

Saturday: Zep 3: 14-18a or Rom 12: 9-16; Is 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1: 39-56

Sunday: Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6); Heb 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23; Lk 24: 46-53

Treasure From Our Tradition

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

- James Field

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A Humble God

The second reading from Revelations gives us a picture of the new Jerusalem as a sign of the power and majesty of God. Yet the other two readings seem to describe a humble God who wishes "not to place on you any burden beyond . . . necessity" (Acts 15:28), and Jesus in the Gospel tells his disciples that "the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name . . . will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). This gentleness reminds me of an icon by the Russian monk Andrei Rublev that depicts the Trinity as three angels bowing in deference to each other. This humility may be what moved Jesus to say that "the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). It is certainly a unique way of understanding God.

I used to think of free will as God's way of testing our worthiness for the kingdom of heaven. But it is more likely part of that same humility, God not being forced on us. While we are given ways to know God, especially through the scriptures and the witness of those who went before us in faith, God leaves us free to believe or not, to love God or not. So does this mean God leaves us on our own to get through life? No, he gives us the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of all that Jesus said. That "reminding" is an important way the Spirit helps us today. You may have spent years in religion classes or the RCIA process. When you need an answer to life's questions, the Spirit may remind you of something you heard from a teacher or read in the scriptures. As you pray over that question, the Spirit may help you understand how the scripture applies to you. So the more you read the Bible, the more likely that the Spirit will have something of which to remind you.

- Tom Schmidt



Reminder

**Until further notice the 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday mass has been moved to
8:00 A.M. with Adoration @ 7:15 A.M.**



In observance of

MEMORIAL DAY

The Office will be closed

Monday, May 26th

The office will reopen for summer business hours

Tuesday, May 27th

Office Hours

May 27th - August 16th

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Summer

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

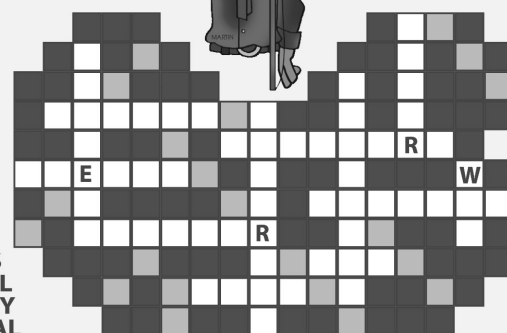
—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*



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MEMORIAL**



Memorial Day Crossword

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**Bulletin Deadline: noon, Wednesday (one (1) weeks before
scheduled bulletin date)**