

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A April 30, 2023

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

BAPTISM: 3rd Sunday of each month. Call for appointment

**MARRIAGE:** Call four (4) months before any arrangements are made.

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**FUNERAL:** Tuesdays through Fridays Please call prior to final arrangements.

MASS SCHEDULES Weekend

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. Sundays: 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. CONFESSION: Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. or by Appointment <u>Weekday</u> Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m.

<u>HOLY HOUR</u> EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRMENT FRIDAYS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS



**"TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD."** 

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit received.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Jesus suffered for the sins of all people, and by His death on the cross, all can live in accord with God's will. People who strayed like sheep "have now returned to the Shepherd and guardian of your souls."

# GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep." He declared that whoever enters through Him will be saved because He came that others may have life and have the fullness of life.

Peter echoed the words of John the Baptist in the first reading — "Repent and be baptized"—though he can also tell the people that they will receive the Holy Spirit. In His letter he encourages us to look to Christ as an example when we suffer for doing what is right and good. In the Gospel, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, describes himself as the gate through which we can find life abundant and eternal. Let us look to the Lord as our Good Shepherd and follow Him as we put our trust in His care and protection, even in the face of difficulty or uncertainty.

#### Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of May 01, 2023

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<u>01 - Monday</u> St. Joseph the Worker, Spouse of the	(Godehard), Bishop Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21	t c
Blessed Virgin Mary	-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20	f
Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42:2-3;		
43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18	05 - Friday St. Jutta (Judith),	а
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<u>02- Tuesday</u> St. Athanasius,	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11;	
Bishop and Doctor of the	Jn 14:1-6	
Church	06- Saturday Blessed Edward	
Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-	Jones and Anthony Middleton,	
7; Jn 10:22-25	Martyrs	
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<u>03 - Wednesday</u> Sts. Philip	In 14:7-14	
and James, Apostles	07 - Sunday 5th Sunday of Easter	2
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5;	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-	а
Jn 14:6-14	5, 18-19; 1 Pt $2:4-9;$ Jn	
5	14:1-12	
<u>04 - Thursday</u> St. Gothard	14.1-12	ľ
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#### MASS INTENTION

4:00 p.m.: Saturday April 29, 2023 - Spl. Int. Seminarian Gills Phillips, III Sunday April 30, 2023 B' day Blessing Melinous Charles rb Parents 7:00 a.m.: 9:30 a.m.: - For the repose of the souls of Regina and Denis Lynch rb Olivia Lynch 75th B'day Blessing Esther Gaston rb Family 12:15 p.m.: Tuesday May 02, 2023 - B'day Blessing Dominique Ambrose rb Grandparents 7:00 a.m.: Wednesday May 03, 2023 - Thanksgiving newly ordained Deacon Ronan Sarmiento 12:15 p.m.: Thursday May 04, 2023 - Spl. Int. all Priests of the Diocese 7:00 a.m.: Friday May 05, 2023 Spl. Int. Bishop Neil Scantlebury rb Luciam

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: +Regina and Denis Lynch rb Olivia Lynch

**ST. ANN Chapel:** +Regina and Denis Lynch rb Olivia Lynch

SHRINE: +Regina and Denis Lynch rb Olivia Lynch ALTAR FLOWERS: Thanksgiving Ross Family rb Jean Ross

• <u>Church Maintenance</u>: Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "B" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "C" scheduled to clean on Saturday, May 06, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

• Bishop's Appeal - Week 10: We are reminded of our call to be "good stewards" of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and give an acceptable portion of our TIME, TALENT and TREASURE for the Kingdom of God. The Bishop's Appeal 2023 is a practical opportunity for you to practice your Catholic faith by serving Christ and His poor and needy brothers and sisters, Bethlehem Houses, Soup Kitchens and Evangelization efforts. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check, credit card or direct online payments. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to the "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank you.

"As Christ feeds us with the Eucharistic bread, we are called to help feed the less fortunate among us." "For we, many though we are, are one body, for we partake of the one loaf." (1 Cor. 10:17)

• <u>St. Ann's 200 Years Celebration</u>: Since May 14, 2023 is Mother's Day, the Fellowship scheduled after the 9:30 a.m. Mass is canceled. Thank you.

• <u>Mass Celebration</u>: On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, St. Ann's Parish Family will be celebrating an All American Senior Citizen Mass starting at 10:30 A.M. A collection will be taken up at this Mass. There will also be a luncheon in the Marian Hall after the celebration. All are invited.

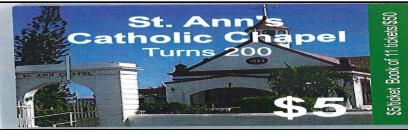
• <u>Memorial Service</u>: St. Ann's Parish Family extends condolences to Dianne Malone, Dean Pond, family, and the Dominican United Cultural Group on the passing of their mother Martha Regis on March 17, 2023. The Memorial service for Martha Regis is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!

• Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress (ANEC): The fourth African National Eucharistic Congress, will take place in Washington D.C from July 21st to July 23rd 2023. All parishioners who are interested in attending this special event are asked to sign in their names in the parish office. We will be travelling with our Bishop His Excellency Jerome Feudjio and as Pilgrim Chaplain, Fr. Thabang. Let us all attend.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2023 — 2024

First Communion: DATE: May 7, 2023 TIME: 9:30 A.M. Congratulation to the following Communicants' Elect:

Austrie, Emily Jerniah Browne, Shanya Charee Ali Burton, Ava Grace Harve, Nyla Caina Samayia Hedrington, Kezia Christelle Llanos, Tianni Avori Llanos, Tionn Ignacio McIntosh, Ezekiel Nomar Prevost, Ezekiel Sheriff, Zahir Isaiah Scotland, Caden Pierce Velez, Joviel



The booklets of Raffle Tickets are here and currently on sale. The 1st Prize: \$20,000; 2nd Prize: \$5,000 and 3rd Prize: \$2,000. The proceeds of this Raffle will go towards acquiring Air Condition Units for the Joachim Church. An entire booklet of 11 tickets is being sold for \$50.00. Please support this worthy cause. Thank you.



## <u>St. Joseph, The Worker</u> <u>Spouse of the Blessed</u> <u>Virgin Mary</u>

Pope Pius XII proclaimed May 1 (May Day) the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker in an address to the Catholic Association of Italian Workers. Henceforth, May Day is to be "a day of rejoicing for the concrete and progressive

triumph of the Christian ideals of the great family of labor. Acclaimed in this way by Christian workers and having received as it were a Christian baptism, the first of May, far from being a stimulus for discord, hate and violence, is and will be a recurring invitation to modern society to accomplish that which is still lacking for social peace." Thus, the humble Carpenter of Nazareth, who was the support and guardian of the Divine Child and His Virgin Mother on earth, is now honored above all other men as the personification of the dignity of the manual laborer and the provident guardian of the worker's family.

Prayer: Lord God, You have created all things, and imposed on man the necessity of work. Grant that, following St. Joseph's example, and under his protection, we may accomplish the works You give us and obtain the rewards You promise. AMEN!

Source: Lives of the Saints - Illustrated

# **PRAYER CORNER**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. We praise and thank you for Your protection during the Hurricane Season. We ask again to guide us through a new year, free of any earthquakes, floods, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. Bless our families, bring peace to all nations, and protect us from the Coronavirus and all other sicknesses. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and Ever. Amen!

#### FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, who has entrusted the whole work of Your redemption, the welfare and salvation of the world, to priests as Your representatives, I offer You through the hands of Your most Holy Mother, Mary this present day, whole and entire, with all its prayers, works, and sacrifices, its joys and sorrows, for the sanctification of Your priests, and for all those preparing for the priesthood. Give us truly holy priests, inflamed with the fire of Your divine love, who seek nothing but Your greater glory, and the salvation of souls. And You, Mary, good Mother of priests, protect all priests from dangers to their holy vocation, and with the loving hand of a mother, lead back to the Good Shepherd, those unfortunate priests who, unfaithful to their exalted vocation, have gone astray. AMEN!

#### OUR LADY OF BARRENSPOT SHRINE Located In The Sugar Mill, Erected 1808



Please feel free to visit, meditate and pray.

