

St. Patrick Catholic Church

San Francisco's Historic Landmark #4

(Founded in 1851)

756 Mission St. (between 3rd and 4th Streets) San Francisco, CA 94103 | Tel (415) 421-3730

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May 03, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
~ John 14:6*

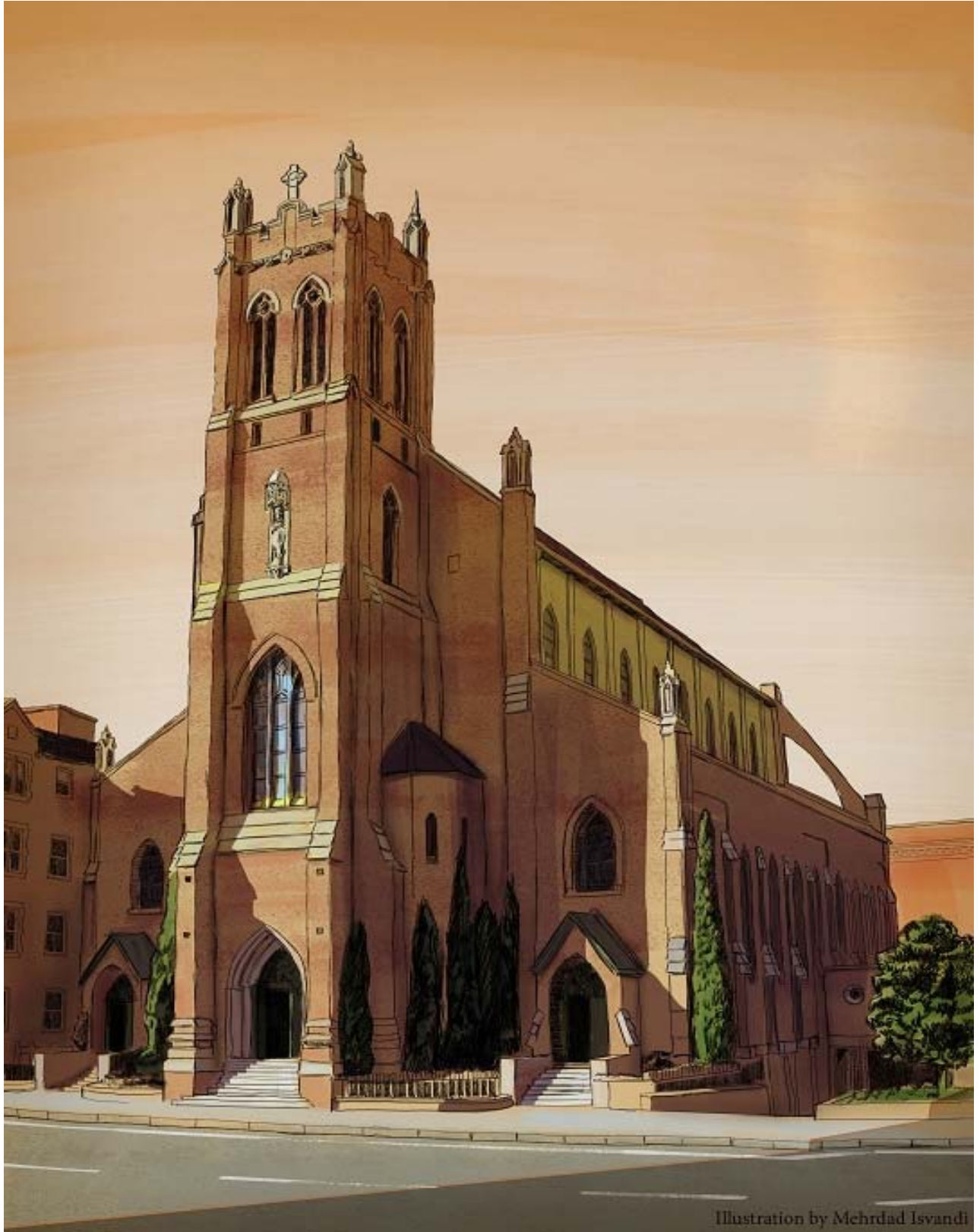


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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Andrew Spyrow - *Pastor*
 Rev. Teodoro “Fr. Ted” P. Magpayo - *Parochial Vicar*
 Rev. Celestine Tyowua - *Parochial Vicar*
 Deacon Ferdinand Mariano - *OCIA Coordinator*

Parish Staff

Charles Corpus - *Music Coordinator*
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 Camelle Sudario - *Parish Receptionist*

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
 Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. *Vigil Mass*
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
 Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
 Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
 Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)

Monday through Friday
 11:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities CYO



One of the largest non-profit providers of social services in the Bay Area, Catholic Charities CYO's programs help people of all faiths; everyone is welcome. Though an agency of the San Francisco Archdiocese, they operate as an independent organization and do not contribute funds to the church in any way. In fact, 86% of your donation goes directly into our programs. Catholic Charities CYO is the social services arm of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, but is not funded by the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Once each year, they ask you, our parishioners, for your support. Please give generously during next week's second collection for this worthwhile cause.

Damaged Blessed Items

If you have any damaged blessed items, including statues and Bibles, as well as sacramentals, such as crucifixes and rosaries, please feel free to drop them off in our gift shop. We'll make sure they are disposed of properly and respectfully.

Following Jesus' Way of Love

Throughout the Easter season, we hear the story of the earliest Christian communities in readings from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear how the people grappled with what it meant to place their faith and trust in the Lord, understanding that doing so called them to live differently—to follow Jesus' way of love. This is more than a history lesson for us. As we hear how the people were drawn to Christ and learned to follow Jesus, we are invited to ask ourselves how fully we are taking the gospel to heart. Is Jesus our way, truth, and life? Do our daily actions announce the praises of the Lord?

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Our Fascinating Faith

May and Mary

There have long been devotions to our Blessed Mother, but the dedication of the month of May to Mary is a more recent development in the long history of the Church. In the sixteenth century there were month-long Marian devotions, but they were not necessarily associated with May. In medieval times, various celebrations involving Mary occurred in May. But it wasn't until late eighteenth-century Italy that the idea of dedicating May to Mary began to take root. This notion flourished in the nineteenth century and began to foster daily devotions, frequent rosaries, and May crownings around the world. And so May, the lovely month of nature's motherhood, came to be dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

With Mary, the apostles and first disciples kept prayerful vigil for the Spirit's coming, the culmination of Mary's faith-filled lifetime. Mary's faith was shown forth in her acceptance of the angel's word at the Annunciation, her charity in the Visitation to Elizabeth, her trust in Joseph during the flight into Egypt, her steadfast vigil beneath her Son's cross. Throughout these joyful and sorrowful mysteries of her life, Mary's faith-filled heart embraced God's will, making her an instrument for the accomplishment of God's plan for our salvation, and a living model for us of trust and perseverance. For Mary's undaunted faith and the selfless love it inspired, all generations shall call her blessed.

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AAA Update (as of 21 April 2026)

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252.00
Received	\$11,274.00
Amount Remaining	\$31,978.00
% of Goal	26%

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
 celebrating a birthday this week.

Ilroy Rodrigues	5/3	Kevin Saavedra	5/6
Ester Guirre	5/4	Marie Medina Josue	5/7
Tony Mak	5/4	Josefina Quieta	5/7
Elena Ramoran	5/4	Minerva Sudario	5/8
Esteban Roberts	5/4	Lily V. Lorenzo	5/9

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

For more information,
email us at information@stpatricksf.org
or call us at 415-421-3730

We have 86 Lifetime Donors as of 28 January 2026

In Memory of Nicomedes & Juanita Abello	Eleanor Lawsin
Cristina Agbayani	Felicitas Locsin
Marilou Alegre	Merly Lorete
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Tita Labaria	Cielito Littaua Yoma
Dan And Annie Lacap	† Charlie A. Yparraguirre

An expanded color version of our printed bulletin, with online-only content, is available on our website: www.stpatricksf.org

St. Patrick 175th Anniversary Gala

From humble beginnings on 4th St here in San Francisco way back in 1851, we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary as a parish on June 6, 2026.

Dinner tickets for \$100 may still be available from the various parish organizations

Raffle tickets are still available from the parish office (\$25 for a booklet of three, sold as booklets only)

Sponsorships are also available in our Gala program. Please contact the parish office for more details.

As part of our Gala celebration, on Sunday, May 31st, we will serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses which will coincide with our ministry fair. Come and see what's going on ministry-wise at St. Patrick. You just might find something that will inspire you to join. See some old friends, make some new friends, have some coffee and donuts, and maybe join a parish organization. What could be better than that!!

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco

KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;

and in Sacramento

KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to FatherHarry.org. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

Catholic Prayer Corner

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you,
O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Are You a Registered Parishioner?

Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. Are you on our mailing list? If not, it could be quite embarrassing to us, to you and to your family when someone wants to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you are asked to act as sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation requiring a note of Catholicity from us. If we have no record of your membership, we cannot do this. Please take the time to register and be a part of the St. Patrick faith community.

Mass Intentions for May 03 - 09

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 03	7:30 a.m.	SI All Parishioners Of St. Patrick
	9:30 a.m.	† Catalina & Lolita Purqued
	12:00 p.m.	SI Glorina Ochangco
	2:00 p.m.	† Rosalinda Del Rosario
	5:15 p.m.	SI Florentina Palacio
Monday 04	7:30 a.m.	† Jesus & Helen Delos Santos
	12:10 p.m.	FH David Sun
	5:15 p.m.	SI Jesus, Jr & Malu Paningbatan
Tuesday 05	7:30 a.m.	† Ricardo Luib, Sr.
	12:10 p.m.	SI Jun & Emy Pasion
	5:15 p.m.	SI Estrellita Perez
Wednesday 06	7:30 a.m.	† Apolinar & Lita Deguzman
	12:10 p.m.	BD Connie Raiche
	5:15 p.m.	† Damian Regaspi, Sr.
Thursday 07	7:30 a.m.	SI Naomi Quioco
	12:10 p.m.	† Garry Arlan
	5:15 p.m.	SI Lolita Ramos
Friday 08	7:30 a.m.	TG Domingo Ordoveza
	12:10 p.m.	† Mario Villanueva
	5:15 p.m.	BD Robert Kalb
Saturday 09	7:30 a.m.	BD Mary Nguyen
	12:10 p.m.	† Beatriz Mauricio
	5:15 p.m.	BD Catherine H. Alviar

Longing

The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for.

~ German proverb



HELPLINES FOR CLERGY/CHURCH SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

(415) 614-5506 This number is answered by Rocio Rodriguez, LMFT, Archdiocesan Pastoral Outreach Coordinator. This is a secured line and is answered only by Rocio Rodriguez.

(415) 614-5503 If you wish to speak to a non-archdiocesan employee please call this number. This is also a secured line and is answered only by a victim survivor.

(800) 276-1562 Report sexual abuse by a bishop or a bishop's interference in a sexual abuse investigation to a confidential third party. www.reportbishopabuse.org

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students and Catechists!!

Eight of our Religious Education students received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone on Saturday, April 24, 2026 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption.



Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese of San Francisco

May 19 (5:00 pm PT) / May 21 (8:00 pm PT) An evening for the separated or divorced webinar with Carolyn Klika, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of SF. Struggling with the pain of marital strife, separation or divorce? This Evening is for you. Whether you feel disconnected from the Church or are deeply engaged—you are welcome here. You belong. More information and registration here. Sessions will be offered twice, once (5/19) on East Coast time, once (5/21) for West Coast.

June 29 – July 5 CANA Week is a wonderful 6-day retreat for couples at St. Anthony Retreat near Sequoia National Park in California. Kids are welcome! Take time away to strengthen your marriage and deepen your spiritual life, while your kids have a great time with new friends in their own parallel program. The week includes teachings, prayer, daily mass, and time together as a couple and as a family. There is plenty of fun, relaxation, and celebration, all in an ecumenical context. Register here, or email questions to info@canausa.org

Teamwork and Ego-A Fable

The sin (and danger) of excessive pride (or an excessive ego) is admirably demonstrated in this simple fable:

A frog asked two geese to take him south with them. At first they resisted; they didn't see how it could be done. Finally, the frog suggested that the two geese hold a stick in their beaks and that he would hold on to it with his mouth.

So off the unlikely threesome went, flying southward over the countryside. It was really quite a sight. People looked up and expressed great admiration at this demonstration of creative teamwork.

Someone said, "It's wonderful! Who was so clever to discover such a fine way to travel?"

Whereupon the frog opened his mouth and said, "It was I, " as it plummeted to the earth.

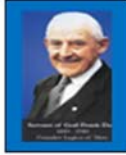
LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL **PRÆSIDIUM**



Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall

The Legion Family Worldwide
On all continents
In over 170 countries
4 million active members
5 million auxiliary members



The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.



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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to Thomas,
"I am the way and the ..."

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Answer: *truth and the life*

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Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.
-John 14:8-14

May 3

St. Philip the Apostle
One of the 12 apostles. He asked Jesus how they would feed 5,000 people. He ended up preaching the Gospel in Greece and Syria until his martyrdom.
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"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity."
-1 Timothy 4:12



May 5

St. Nunzio Sulprizio
19th-century Italian who lived a brief life filled with faith and piety, even in the midst of very poor health. He was canonized in 2018.
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I am the way and the truth and the life

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CATHOLIC CORNER

"ALL AGES CALL ME BLESSED"

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus and our Blessed Mother, too. These days are observed by praying the rosary, with May crownings of images of Mary as Queen of Heaven, and by celebrating our own mothers.

Although we give special attention to Mary during May, we also celebrate many events in her life throughout the liturgical year. The titles and dates of these feasts and commemorations are listed here, along with the description of the celebration. See if you can match the names and descriptions by drawing a line from the date to the sentence that describes it.

Annunciation (March 25)	The Church honors Mary as Regina Caeli, the Queen of Heaven.
Visitation (May 31)	The angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was chosen to become the mother of Jesus.
Assumption (August 15)	This feast celebrates Mary as free of sin from the moment her life began.
Queenship of Mary (August 22)	Mary makes the journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is expecting a baby.
Nativity of Mary (September 8)	The Church's tradition marks this day as the date of Mary's birth.
Presentation of Mary (November 21)	This day celebrates God's raising of Mary, body and soul, to live forever in heaven.
Immaculate Conception (December 8)	Mary's parents, Anna and Joachim, bring their young daughter to the temple to offer her to God's service.

Mark each of these days on your calendar.



Remember to think of Mary and honor her on these days.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

Thomas said to Jesus, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"
 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jn 14:5-6

May 03
2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
Easter

Jesus said,
 "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."
 JOHN 14:2

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Vocation

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

If there is such a thing as a Catholic “trademark” it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest’s gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God’s blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life’s burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our bap-

Releasing the Holy

One day God noticed a huge racket going on around a man in Italy. Day after day, this man hammered and chiseled away at stone; it was as if he had discovered something alive inside it and with determination and passion he labored to set it free. From pieces of marble that he himself had chosen from the Carrara quarries, he set about “releasing” magnificent figures. Yet even God was surprised at what was emerging out of the stone this time. The man was trying to set God free! God went to visit the sculptor. “Michelangelo,” God said, “what exactly are you doing?” “Lord,” he answered, “I am setting you free, so everyone will recognize you, not only in this stone, but in all those who suffer unjustly and die violently at the hands of others and those who mourn for them. I don’t want people to forget what you did for us.” And the Lord spoke again to Michelangelo: “Hmm. In times past I have stayed in rocks and mountains, wells and tombs, and in the Ark of my Temple, but I don’t remember living in the stone you are working on now.” And Michelangelo answered, “Lord, as I see it, since your Son came to us, you don’t have to pick and choose your places of rest. He left your Holy Spirit everywhere; we just have to search it out, discover it, touch it, and reveal it to others.” The Lord was more than happy with what Michelangelo had said and left him to get back to work. Michelangelo chipped away at the huge piece of marble and slowly, very slowly, the sculptor set free the figure of a woman holding the body of her dead son in her lap.

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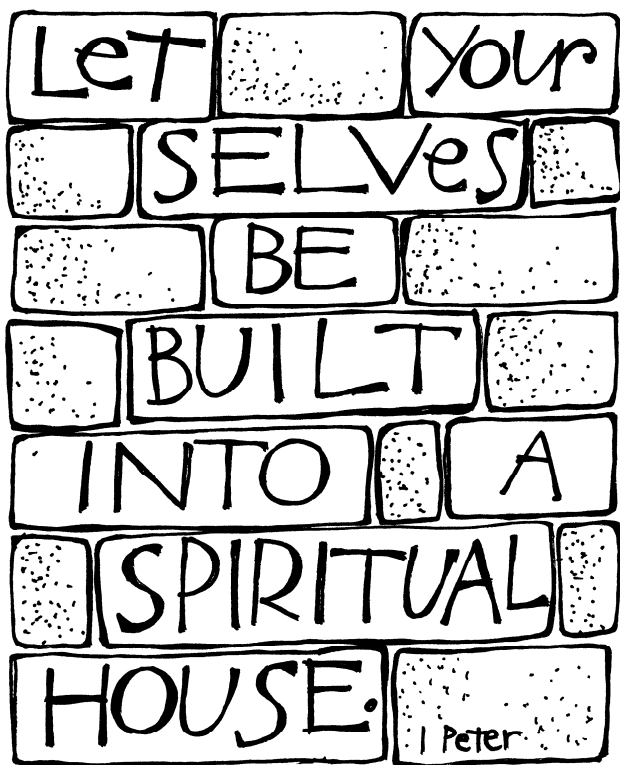
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John 14:2



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No, Jesus meant greater in the sense of the true work of a disciple. When he sent the disciples out to cure the sick and cast out demons, his main purpose was to have them preach the Good News. Getting people to change their hearts and follow him was more important than impressing them with his miracles or amusing them with his parables. The disciples started right after Pentecost, when they received the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter went outside and began preaching to the people—not just any crowd, but those who called for Jesus to be crucified (Acts 2:14-41). The story ends with three thousand people getting baptized.

I wonder if we have the same kind of trust in Jesus that the apostles had. Would we be able to speak to a large crowd of non-believers and get them to all be baptized? Maybe we have to start like the apostles did. They talked about their experience of finding the empty tomb. They prayed, they discussed what had happened, and they looked for Jesus to appear to them. We can do those same things. We can talk about our faith with our families, in a parish discussion group, or helping with the RCIA. We can pray to be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and to see Jesus in other people. And we can look for God to act in our lives so that we can share God's love, which has been given to us, with those who do not know the Lord.

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In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word "genuflect" comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can't be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord's presence. So, a crossbearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee.

The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I'm not running away, I'm yours, I'm here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I'm yours.

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Kindness

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. - Bob Hope

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up. - Jesse Jackson

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble. - Charles H. Spurgeon

It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice. - Author Unknown

Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day. - Quoted in *P.S. I Love You*, compiled by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice, but because you are. - Author Unknown

What this world needs is a new kind of army - the army of the kind. - Cleveland Amory

A fellow who does things that count, doesn't usually stop to count them. - Variation of a saying by Albert Einstein

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. - Mark Twain

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these. - George Washington Carver

You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you. - John Wooden

Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns. - Author Unknown

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out. - Frank A. Clark

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. - Leo Buscaglia

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you. - John E. Southard

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"I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father

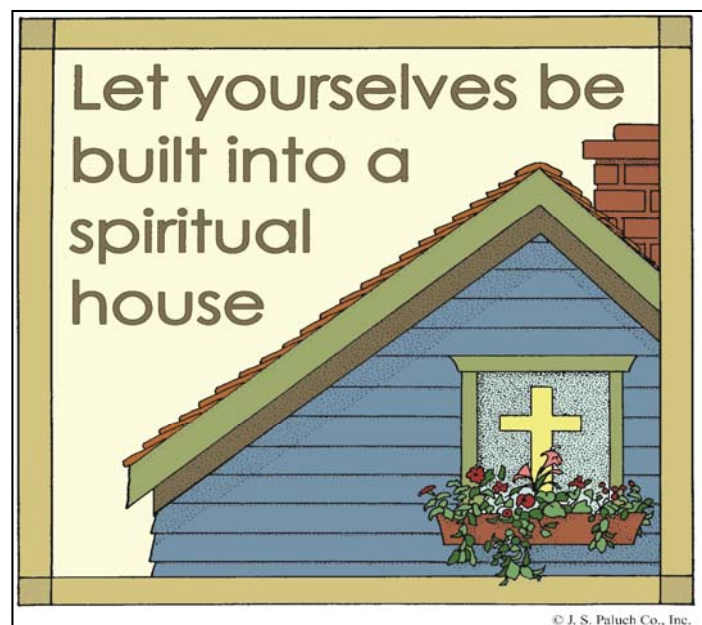
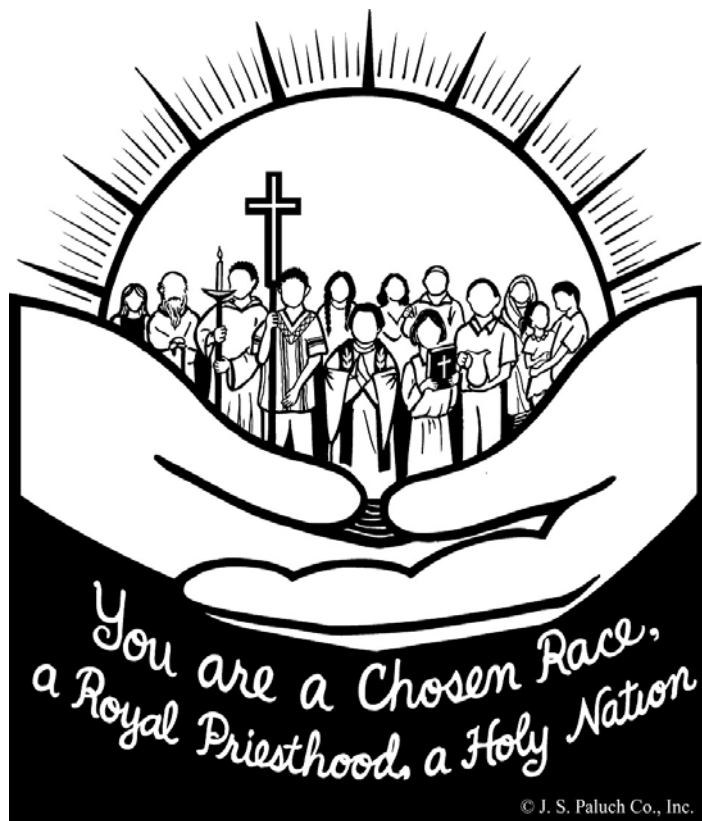
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~ St. Philip Neri

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No, Jesus meant greater in the sense of the true work of a disciple. When he sent the disciples out to cure the sick and cast out demons, his main purpose was to have them preach the Good News. Getting people to change their hearts and follow him was more important than impressing them with his miracles or amusing them with his parables. The disciples started right after Pentecost, when they received the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter went outside and began preaching to the people—not just any crowd, but those who called for Jesus to be crucified (Acts 2:14-41). The story ends with three thousand people getting baptized.

I wonder if we have the same kind of trust in Jesus that the apostles had. Would we be able to speak to a large crowd of non-believers and get them to all be baptized? Maybe we have to start like the apostles did. They talked about their experience of finding the empty tomb. They prayed, they discussed what had happened, and they looked for Jesus to appear to them. We can do those same things. We can talk about our faith with our families, in a parish discussion group, or helping with the RCIA. We can pray to be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and to see Jesus in other people. And we can look for God to act in our lives so that we can share God's love, which has been given to us, with those who do not know the Lord.

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Vocation

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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Feast of Faith **The Preparation of the Altar**

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that “the altar is Christ” (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4). The altar is a table “on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes”; but it is also the place for a festive meal: “a table at which the Church’s children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ” (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for “body”) over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the *Sacramentary* or *Roman Missal*, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Eastern Christians have no sacrament of “confirmation,” but they have always had the custom of richly anointing the newly baptized in *myron*, or sacred chrism. They also give even infants a taste of the Precious Blood, thereby doing away with any notion of “First Communion” in later childhood.

In the West, although we too have an anointing with chrism for the newly baptized, for centuries we have normally reserved a second anointing for the bishop, sometimes many years after baptism. There are many reasons for this, not the least of which is the fact that in early times the bishop was the ordinary person to officiate at baptism, not the presbyter (priest). The bishop did it all, from plunging the catechumens into the font, to pouring chrism over them, to immediately celebrating the Eucharist. When bishops began to cede some of their ministry to the ranks of presbyters, they desired to maintain a strong relationship with baptism. Thus it was decided that the solemn post-baptismal anointing, the laying on of hands, and the prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit were to be detached from infant baptism. So, to the present day, we have two anointings after baptism: one by the priest, and the other normally by the bishop. By the fifth century, the word “confirmation” had surfaced to refer to this second anointing.

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Releasing the Holy

One day God noticed a huge racket going on around a man in Italy. Day after day, this man hammered and chiseled away at stone; it was as if he had discovered something alive inside it and with determination and passion he labored to set it free. From pieces of marble that he himself had chosen from the Carrara quarries, he set about “releasing” magnificent figures. Yet even God was surprised at what was emerging out of the stone this time. The man was trying to set God free! God went to visit the sculptor. “Michelangelo,” God said, “what exactly are you doing?” “Lord,” he answered, “I am setting you free, so everyone will recognize you, not only in this stone, but in all those who suffer unjustly and die violently at the hands of others and those who mourn for them. I don’t want people to forget what you did for us.” And the Lord spoke again to Michelangelo: “Hmm. In times past I have stayed in rocks and mountains, wells and tombs, and in the Ark of my Temple, but I don’t remember living in the stone you are working on now.” And Michelangelo answered, “Lord, as I see it, since your Son came to us, you don’t have to pick and choose your places of rest. He left your Holy Spirit everywhere; we just have to search it out, discover it, touch it, and reveal it to others.” The Lord was more than happy with what Michelangelo had said and left him to get back to work. Michelangelo chipped away at the huge piece of marble and slowly, very slowly, the sculptor set free the figure of a woman holding the body of her dead son in her lap.

The Way

Today we sense the apostles’ trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord’s promise that he is going to his Father’s house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God’s wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word “genuflect” comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can’t be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord’s presence. So, a crossbearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee.

The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I’m not running away, I’m yours, I’m here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I’m yours.

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The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or "eternal flame" burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word "tabernacle" itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for "tent," and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally "pitched his tent with them" in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of "ark" or "tent" to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God's presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ.

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The Way

In today's Gospel reading we hear part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper as reported in the Gospel of John. "I am the way and the truth and life," Jesus assures his disciples. At that time they did not understand what he meant; they wanted easy answers. "Just show us the Father," Philip begged.

But the first and second readings show us how the early church came to understand Jesus' words. The amazing growth of the church led them to select seven men to do the works of service needed with so many new members. The followers of Jesus had grown in such numbers that Peter could exclaim in his Letter over the fact that Christ, the "rejected stone," was now the cornerstone on whom the salvation of all the world rests. Down to this present day, he is truly the way, the truth, and the life.

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Lost in Rome

A few years ago, while on a pilgrimage to Rome, I found myself boarding a bus that I thought was headed in the direction of my hotel. As the bus continued along its route I began to wonder if we were going in the right direction. The hotel was close to St. Peter's basilica, so as long as I could glimpse the dome of St. Peter's I figured I was all right. High on one of Rome's famous hills, the bus came to a stop and the driver announced that this was the end of the line. I disembarked and could very clearly see the dome of St. Peter's. It seemed like I could just reach out and touch it. Unfortunately, I had no way of knowing how to get there. It looked close enough, but with Rome's winding streets, it was probably miles away.

The Way

During our spiritual journey we can become frustrated by what we perceive as a lack of progress toward an intimate union with our God. Because we have tasted the goodness of God in the past, we know what that taste is like, yet it so often remains elusive. It's like glimpsing the dome of St. Peter's but having no idea how to return there. Today we are reminded once again that there really is only one way to achieve intimate union with God. Jesus reminds us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. If we are frustrated with our lack of progress on our faith journey, then coming to Mass this week has been the best remedy, for here we listen to the Lord's very words and become intimately connected with him in the Eucharist. After a lot of effort, I was able to get a taxi back to my hotel in Rome. Our journey to God requires effort on our part as well. This is why we make the commitment to gather each week with fellow pilgrims, traveling the journey of discipleship that we hope will one day lead to one of the many dwelling places prepared for us in God's house.

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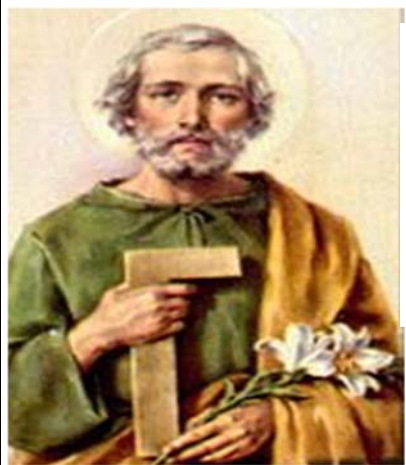
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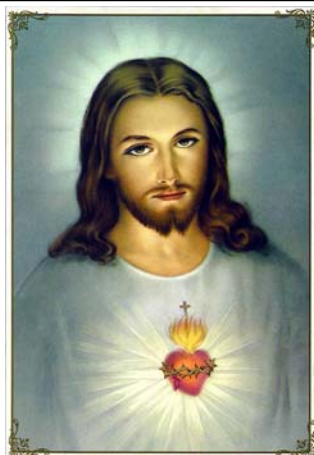
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2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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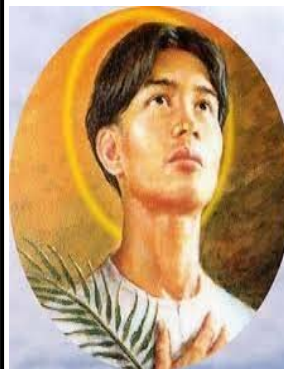
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