



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 14:21-27

Rev 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## What's New?

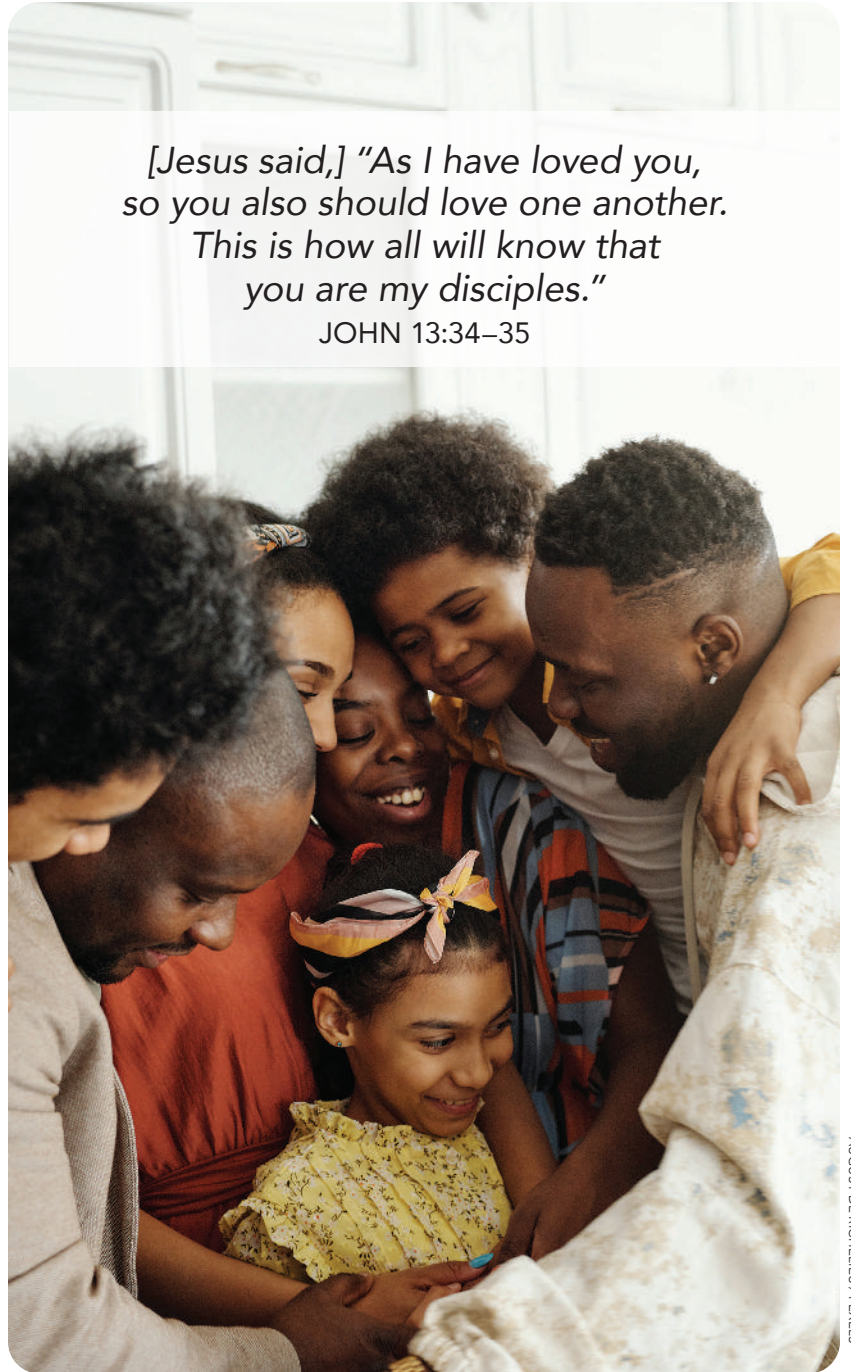
**E**veryone gets a bit excited with the prospect of something new, whether it's a new job, a new car, or a new iPhone. This new thing might simply be a replacement. However, when it is a new model, an upgrade, we get even more excited. Revelation uses a distinctive Greek word, *kainós*, for this second kind of newness. The new heaven, the new earth, the new Jerusalem (and the new commandment mentioned in the Gospel) suggest radical newness—the kind resulting from an act of God. Centuries earlier, the prophet Isaiah had promised a new heaven and a new earth (see Isaiah 65:17). This metaphor pointed to a time of eschatological peace and fulfillment, a time when the covenant relationship between God and the people would be renewed and last forever. This was a promise the people held dear.

How are we to read this passage from Revelation today? Is it referring to a time in this life? Or, after this life? It may actually refer to both. We believe that, with his death and resurrection, Jesus inaugurated this time of fulfillment. However, its full establishment is not yet complete, hence the new commandment: “Love one another” (John 13:34). When we truly follow this commandment and love each other, we actually make present the new heaven and new earth; we make real the new Jerusalem, God’s covenant partner. However, the ultimate fulfillment will come when God finally brings all things to completion. That is when everything will be new.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

*[Jesus said,] “As I have loved you,  
so you also should love one another.  
This is how all will know that  
you are my disciples.”*

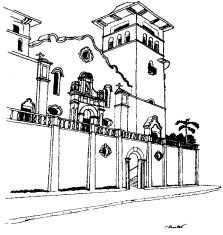
JOHN 13:34-35



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### FOR Reflection

- ★ *How has the love of other people made you a better person?*
- ★ *In what ways does your love of others strengthen them?*



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	DATES	TIMES		INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	May 14	6:30 pm	+	Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun.	May 15	8:30 am	+	St. Theresa's Parish Family
		10:00 am	+	Gabriel, Manuel & Norbert Garrafa, F.Mota, M. Franco, M. Medeiros, L. Pimentel & Marcelino Aguiar
		11:30 am	+	Victor Moniz, &Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Armind Garrafa
		2:00 pm		Intentions of the First Holy Communion Children & Their Families
		6:00 pm		Intentions & Thanksgiving for Maurice, Melishyia & Maclern Barreto
Mon.	May 16	7:30 am		Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R.
Tues.	May 17	7:30 am	+	William, Mary & Edward Paiva Rodrigues
Wed.	May 18	7:30 am		Intentions of Rylan DeSilva
		12:10 pm	+	Maria de Jesus Furtado
Thurs.	May 19	7:30 am		Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R.
		12:10 pm		Intentions of William Lusher
Fri.	May 20	7:30 am	+	Edward & Wanda Spiewak
		12:10pm		Intentions of Edsa Largo
Sat.	May 21	6:30 pm	+	Deceased Members of the Pacheco Family
Sun.	May 22 (Portuguese)	8:30 am		Intentions of Lorraine DeSilva
		10:00 am	+	
		11:30 am	+	St. Theresa's Parish Family
		6:00 pm		For Unity & Thanksgiving in the Philippines

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022

	6:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
<b>Proclaimers:</b>	C. Powell	K. Scarth	G. Edwards	M. Hay
<b>Communion</b>	J. Judd	O. Scarth	N/A	N/A
<b>Ministers:</b>	Volunteer Needed	B. D. Knights		
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	K. JUDD	M. Pastor	M. Gravito	

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**Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration - 10:00 am – Benediction.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022



We congratulate the children who, for the first time today, will receive the Body of Christ, during the 11:30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Wesley Spiewak, C.R. at St. Theresa's Cathedral. Their names are listed as follows:

Jason Amaro  
Gionni Araujo  
Josephine Bailey  
Albert Bergonio  
Sophia Borges  
Kaleb Camara  
Kaye (Sabrina) Carreon  
Nathan Franco  
Alexander Hill  
Hanora Kirwan  
Madelynn Lopes  
Alicia Macedo  
Len Macedo  
Kayla Medeiros  
Leandro Pereira  
Nicholas Vincente

*May God Bless You and Your Family On This Very Special Day!*





**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples, and us, a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

**Steward's Sharing of Treasure**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>Collection:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022 ...	\$ 4,186.00
	To Date: Week 19 ...	\$85,989.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL**



15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022

**Donation Given for Two 7-Day Votive Candles**

**"In Memory of K. Christopher, O. Nahashon & M. Pacifich"**

**INTRODUCTION:**

As we continue to celebrate this glorious season of Easter, our readings today show us how the Resurrection was preached and made manifest to the early Church. They also indicate how Jesus' first followers were strengthened in their faith, becoming enthusiastic and faithful witnesses to the risen Lord

**FEAST OF SENHOR SANTO CRISTO DOS MILAGRES (Miracles):**



This Feast will be celebrated on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Theresa's Cathedral. On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00pm a Mass will be celebrated to commence the Feast and to transfer the statue of Senhor Santo Cristo from the Chapel to the Sanctuary. On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm celebrations will commence with a Solemn Mass in Portuguese presided by Rev. Carlos Jacob Foitinho of Portugal and

concelebrated by Bishop Wesley Spiewak, C.R. and Rev. Julio Blazejewski, C.R. with a procession immediately following. The procession will start from the Cathedral down onto Dundonald Street, then to Woodlands Road to Laffan Street and then back to the Cathedral. All Government regulations must be observed. You are encouraged to attend and participate in this special and holy Feast of Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres.

**PRIGRIMS IN FATIMA Offer Prayers for Peace in Ukraine:**

On the 105th anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, pilgrims prayed "for peace in the world, especially for the victims of the conflict in Ukraine, so that the Lord will open the hearts of

political decision-makers and lead them to the discernment that only in peace is it possible for us all to be brothers." It was the first large gathering for the May 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as since Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Portuguese media estimated that around 200,000 people attended the candlelight prayer vigil at Fatima on the evening of May 12<sup>th</sup>. Peña Parra said on May 12, "Our Lady of Fatima, in addition to constant prayer to ask for the gift of peace in Ukraine and throughout the world (...), we beg you to take each one of us under your mantle and guard our lives." *By Courtney Mares for CNA*

**BISHOP'S CORNER**



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In an address to the representatives of the leadership of the International Federation of Catholic Pharmacists Pope Francis told them that "Patients value the atmosphere of closeness and family life very much. It gives the human dimension to healthcare." As the Pope said, the COVID-19 Pandemic has put pharmacists on the front lines. They have provided help and advice, as well as efficiently and quickly performed tests and analyses necessary in everyday life.

The Pontiff noticed that this crisis situation has caused a need for unity and mutual support in the professional environment. Pharmacists provide an important "bridge" between citizens and the healthcare system. This system is often bureaucratic and the Pandemic has put it to the test by slowing down and sometimes even paralyzing procedures. In practice, this has meant greater inconvenience and suffering, and unfortunately, further damage to the health of the sick. In this context, pharmacists make a double contribution to the common good; they relieve the health care system and ease social tensions. Pope Francis noted that the contribution that pharmacists can make to the conversion to integral ecology is very important.

The Pope emphasized that "We are all called to learn a lifestyle that expresses greater respect for the environment in which God has placed us, for our common home. This lifestyle also includes a healthy diet and life in general. I think that pharmacists can also "create culture" in this area, promoting greater wisdom in leading a healthy lifestyle. In this regard, one can draw inspiration from a thousand-year tradition that reaches back to ancient monastic pharmacies in Europe. However, today, thank God, these roots can be enriched with the knowledge and practices of other cultures, such as Far East or First Nations of both Americas. I would say that you pharmacists can help us expose the frauds of false prosperity and educate us to the true "good life" so that it is not the privilege of a few, but within the reach of all."

Enjoy your weekend and have a great week!

*Bishop Wee*

# Dear Padre,

**My aunt tells her husband he shouldn't watch a certain TV show. She says it's an "occasion of sin." What is that?**

**O**ccasions of sin are people, places, or situations that can easily lead a person to sin or give the individual an opportunity to commit a sin. There are two types: *remote* and *proximate* (or "near").

If the attraction is not strong or has only a small probability of leading to sin, the occasion is remote. Remote occasions of sin are always around us, and we have no obligation to try to avoid them.

If the attraction is powerful or the probability of its leading to sin is great, the occasion is called proximate. Saint Alphonsus suggested that if a person sins four out of ten times in a particular situation, that situation should be

regarded as a proximate occasion of sin.

Proximate or near occasions of sin are further classified as *necessary* or *voluntary*. A necessary proximate occasion cannot be avoided or can be avoided only with great difficulty—for example, an occasion associated with doing one's job or being in prison.

A voluntary proximate occasion is freely and voluntarily entered. We must avoid voluntary proximate occasions of grave sin.

Among the many means at our disposal for avoiding occasions of sin, the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist have pride of place. Prayer and self-discipline also help.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Temptation in us truly works like this: it begins with something small, a desire, an idea, it grows, it infects others and in the end, it justifies itself....And all of us, when we are conquered by temptation, ...end up feeling calm, because we have found a justification for this sin, for this sinful attitude.*

HOMILY, APRIL 4, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

### Tuesday

MAY 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

### Wednesday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

### Thursday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7–21

Jn 15:9–11

### Friday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

### Saturday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

### Sunday

MAY 22

Sixth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

Rv 21:10–14, 22–23

Jn 14:23–29

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