

ST. MARY CHURCH HYDE PARK

THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER MARY

MAY 21, 2023



L'innocence, 1893, William-Adolphe Bouguereau

Worship Aid for the Ascension of the Lord

Prayer for Vocations



Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
And striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Entrance Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
3. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
4. "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up
5. O Lord, our home - ward path - way bend, That



songs through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
our un - wea - ried hearts as - cend, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As -
lu - ia! And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their
lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This
lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re -
lu - ia! Where, seat - ed on your Fa - ther's throne, You



cends un - to the throne of God.
Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
is his glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
reign as King of kings a - lone.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Hymnum canamus gloriae*; Venerable Bede, 673–735; tr. by Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, *The Hymnal Noted*, 1854, alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us; you take away
the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

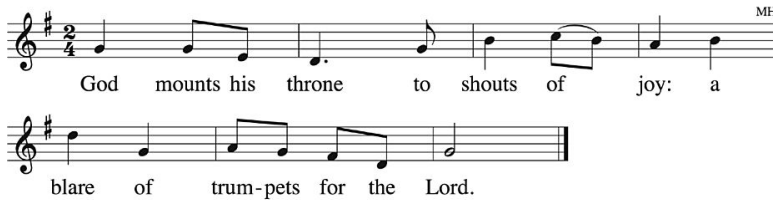
In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Psalm 47



All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is
awesome,
the great king over all the earth. R.

God has gone up with shouts of joy.
The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God; sing praise!
Sing praise to our king; sing
praise! R.

For God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with a hymn.
God is reigning over nations.
God sits upon his holy throne. R.

Text: Verses, *The Abbey Psalms and Canticles*, © 2018, 2010, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC; refrain, *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL
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Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All make a profound bow:

*and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Crowning Hymn (10:30 Mass)

Bring flow'rs of the fairest, bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest rose of the vale.

*REFRAIN: O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

Our voices ascending, in harmony blending,
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee how truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary life's journey would be.

REFRAIN

Offertory Hymn

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise



1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. See, he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
5. Christ, for us still in - ter - cede, Al - le - lu - ia!
6. There we shall with you re - main, Al - le - lu - ia!



To his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; Al - le - lu - ia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Al - le - lu - ia!
See, he shows the wounds of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
By your suf - f'ring for us plead; Al - le - lu - ia!
Part - ners of your end - less reign; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark, his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
Make us wor - thy of the place, Al - le - lu - ia!
There your face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



Now as - cends the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
Still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!
Bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
Which you of - fer us by grace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Live with you e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

Let Us Be Bread

Refrain



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared,



life for the world. Let us be wine, love free-ly poured.



Let us be one in the Lord.

Verse 1



1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all.



Eat now and hun-ger no more.

D.C.

Verse 2



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands,



no long-er ser-vants but friends.

D.C.

Verse 3



3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat.



Give them the bread that is you.

D.C.

Verse 4



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.



Go and live on in my love.

D.C.

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Choral Meditation - 10:30 a.m. Mass One Sacrifice of Christ

1. One sacrifice of Christ, one throne above the heavens. Christ has risen as he said, and will come to wake the dead. Christ will return to set us free. One sacrifice of love, one message for the nations: Jesus suffered, died, and rose, and ascended to the throne. Christ will return to save the world.

2. One gaze we lift above, where Love was drawn to heaven. We stand watchful through the night for our King to come in light, heirs to the glory of the Lamb. One mighty Word of truth: Christ did arise in triumph. Now he sits upon the throne; God's right hand is he alone. Christ reigns in splendor over all.

3. One banquet richly set for all God's holy people. We will dine in joy and peace, and our song will never cease, praising the Lamb upon the throne. One shout of joy we raise, one voice in exaltation. For in glory Christ has gone, and in hope we now are drawn to one sacrifice of Christ.

Recessional Hymn

Go to the World

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where
Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the Word of
God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each
time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Go to the world! Go struggle,
bless and pray.
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church,
you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit eastsidefaith.org or call the appropriate parish office.

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Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, MAY 22 Saint Rita of Cascia

5:30 PM Catherine Butler

TUESDAY, MAY 23

5:30 PM Diane McConocha

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

5:30 PM Patricia R.

THURSDAY, MAY 25 Saint Gregory VII

5:30 PM Anthony Kent

FRIDAY, MAY 26 Saint Philip Neri

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury

4:00 PM William Pat Conners

SUNDAY, MAY 28 Pentecost

8:30 AM Kara Herndon

10:30 AM Fr. Tom Dennemann

Mass Intentions. If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

Wedding Banns

Bann II Kaitlin Mullahey & Eric Egan

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The Month of Our Mother Mary

May 21, 2023

The month of May is dedicated to Mother Mary. This month, we can develop our daily prayer life by adding the Rosary. St. Louis de Montfort had this to say about it, "Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray." Many people also have May Crownings throughout this month and erect Mary altars in their homes. It's a wonderful reminder to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. Another tradition is to create a Mary Garden. You can choose plants that symbolize specific virtues as a reminder for us to develop and grow in holiness. This month, take some time to show gratitude to Our Mother for interceding for us in all matters.

At St. Cecilia, the Worship Commission summer team has decorated the Mary altar. Please feel free to bring flowers to honor her and stay and pray a rosary. Bring your children to church and let them go up to the prie-dieu and kneel, taking time to pray to our Blessed Mother for her intercessions.

Amen? Amen. *Fr. Tom*



40s Plus Fun Bunch – Save the Dates!

Join the 40s Plus Fun Bunch at St. Cecilia in the Commons on **Sunday, June 11**, to listen to a presentation on *Cincinnati and the U.S. Presidents*. Cincinnati shares and interesting history with some of our presidents. This program describes the success and failures of the personal and humorous sides of William Henry Harrison, his grandson Benjamin Harrison, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes and William Howard Taft. There is a \$5 charge for this event Bring a snack or appetizer to share at 2 PM for fellowship. The talk will begin promptly at 3 PM and will last about an hour. RSVP to stcfunbunch@gmail.com.

Come join them at the Cincinnati Art Museum on **Sunday, July 23**, at 3PM for "Cincinnati Artists." Please RSVP by June 20. This event is free and has free parking. The talk is about an hour.

On **August 5**, bring a blanket or lawn chair and join them for an evening of fun at the Evendale Pavilion as they listen to the fun, upbeat 70s music of Gee My Band Smells Terrific.



IN THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY, patron of parish priests, please join us this week in praying for: **Fr. Zachary Cecil, Fr. Mark Watkins, (St. Lawrence, Resurrection of Our Lord, St. William, St. Theresa) Fr. Dennis Jaspers, Fr. Michael Bidwell, Fr. Dennis Caylor (retired)**. We still need volunteers to send notes of encouragement to these priests each week. If you would like to be part of a team from the Oratory to let these priests know we are praying for them, please talk to Sarah Schmid after Mass.

You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God. -ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Fr. Dennemenn's 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Fr. Tom Dennemenn for his 50-year anniversary to the priesthood. Fr. Dennemann, a son of St. Cecilia Parish, has been a good and faithful servant to Our Lord and we can not thank him enough for his sacrifice and dedication. Next week on **May 28 at the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary**, he will have a special Mass to celebrate with a reception for him afterward at Robisch Hall.



We will have baskets at the back of church next to his photo at St. Cecilia and the Oratory if you would like to drop off a card for him.

EPIC.

EXTRAORDINARY PARISHIONERS IN COMMUNITY 65+
Greetings to our senior community! EPIC is growing and enjoying so many "out of the box" activities. We are super excited about our upcoming trip in June to Cape Cod. We sold out very quickly and are happy to offer this beautiful getaway. Our next on campus event is **Wednesday, July 12**, a summer picnic held in Robisch Hall. Check out our website, www.eastsidefaith.org/epic, for details. If you like live music and a fun grill out, you won't want to miss this! Register online. As always feel free to contact me anytime at mldrum@smshp.com.

– Mary Landrum, EPIC Chair

From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. But before he leaves, He empowers the Apostles to go forth to the then-known world to preach the Good News. What He told them He is telling us. How are we doing?

Fr. Ken Schopf

From the School Office



Lector & EMHC Protocols *by Chris Bergman*



Did you ever wonder why the lectors during Mass either start in the sanctuary or process in with the Gospel then stay in the sanctuary until they have completed their assigned readings, but extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion approach the altar from the pews and ascend to the altar after the priest has received communion? There's actually a relatively simple answer to that...for most of the Church's history lectors and acolytes (i.e., the principal ministers at the altar who both serve the priest and deacon at altar and are the primary extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and may assist with purification of the vessels as needed) have been instituted positions within the Church and as such have been assigned very specific roles during the Mass, as outlined in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM, nn. 187-198)*. The *Roman Missal* is the book containing the prescribed prayers, chants, and instructions for the celebration of Mass in the Roman Catholic Church.

In March my fellow diaconate candidates and I (I just finished my first year, with two years to go), were instituted as lectors in a special mass presided over by the Bishop of Covington at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington. As each of the candidates are presented to the Bishop, he hands us the Bible, we put our hands on it, and the Bishop says, "Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the word of God, so that It may grow strong in the hearts of people." Wow! In March of next year, our group will be instituted as Acolytes, meaning we may assist with the purification of the sacred vessels used at Mass.

This designation and special institution can be traced as far back as the third century in the early Church; however, in modern times, only those preparing for priesthood and diaconate are generally instituted as lectors and acolytes as part of their formation and the institution must be performed by a bishop. When instituted lectors and acolytes are lacking, though, other lay people can perform the duties of these ministries. According to the *GIRM*, the instituted lector takes his/her place in the sanctuary until the assigned reading is complete. This can also be presumed for the non-instituted reader, since the *GIRM* envisions places in the sanctuary for liturgical ministers to easily carry out their function. Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, who are only called upon when ordinary ministers of Holy Communion – bishops, priests, and deacons – are not sufficient enough for the size of the congregation, are instructed to approach the altar *after* the priest has received Communion to honor the completion of the sacrifice of the Mass.

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Meet your St. Mary Pastoral Council

The purpose of the SMPC is to assist Fr. Jamie Weber in a consultative and advisory manner on any matters relating to the parish, including the church and the school.

Tom Arnold has been a parishioner since 2016. He and his wife, Ashley, have three children, all enrolled at St. Mary. Tom is a civil engineer with ODOT, currently heading the Brent Spence Bridge project. Tom is a soccer coach for the SMS Cougars and volunteers throughout the year for the school and parish in many capacities. His hope for the Eastside Family of Parishes is that we all come together as one family, preserving wonderful St. Mary traditions and creating new traditions with the East Side Family.

Chris Bergman has been a parishioner since 2009. He and his wife, Stacey Devlin, are involved in several faith groups at St. Mary. Chris is currently the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus and co-founder and co-leader of the Father's Team. Their three children are all St. Mary graduates. Currently, Chris is in Deacon Formation with his planned ordination in April 2025. He is the CFO of Dayton Children's Hospital. His vision for St. Mary and the Eastside Family of parishes is a highly engaged spiritual community filled with faith and on fire about the Gospel of our Lord.

Lisa Comello and her husband, John, moved here from Pittsburgh and joined St. Mary in 2015. They have two children enrolled at St. Mary. Lisa is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and serves on the St. Louis and Zelig Commission. She volunteers with the school in multiple capacities, including the Mission Effectiveness Committee, Teacher & Staff Appreciation Co-Chair, and a substitute teacher, to name just a few. She was previously a 9th-grade English teacher and high school soccer coach before staying home with the kids. Lisa's parish in Pittsburgh was part of a consolidation effort like Beacons of Light. Lisa believes that everything worthwhile, including the Eastside Family of Parishes, takes faith, hard work, hope, and love. She desires for the parishioners, employees, and school parents to all be examples of Christ, especially for the children of our parishes and schools.

Margarita "Marge" Garcia and her husband, Jason, have been parishioners for 23 years. Both of her children are SMS graduates. While her children were at SMS, Marge served on multiple committees, including co-chairing the Bid-n-Buy booth. Now, Marge volunteers with the Homebound and Elderly Ministry. Marge is a Project Manager at the Anderson Center Health Systems Excellence at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She hopes for continued spiritual growth for our parishioners and unity for our family of parishes. Marge also would like to see increased attendance at mass by families and stronger participation by the youth in the parish.

Ruth Kelly (Chair) and her husband Dan officially joined St. Mary as a couple in 2004. Her husband Dan is an SMS "lifer," and Ruth's grandfather, Charles Geraci, was a 1938 graduate of St. Mary. They have four children: one SMS graduate, two currently enrolled, and one future Cougar. Ruth's involvement with St. Mary over the past 19 years has included coaching many Cougar teams, volunteering at the festival, the walk-a-thon, being a volunteer reader, helping with the school musical, and many others. She also volunteers with the Mom's Club at Moeller High School. Ruth is an adoption attorney and advocate for adoption and foster children. Her hope for the Family of Parishes going forward is that we can always work toward the common goal of bringing people to Christ.

Tom Lieser, Sr., and his wife, Kathy, have been members of St. Mary since their move here from northern Ohio to be closer to their adult children in 2018. They are the proud parents of four, all XU grads, and five (almost six) grandchildren, three of whom are SMS students. Tom is a retired physician but still practices part-time. He currently serves on the Catechesis and Evangelization Committee, is in the Rosary Group, and serves as a lector. His hope for the St. Mary community is to continue the growth, guided by the Holy Spirit, fortified by sacramental grace, and inspired by the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness of the Gospel, St. Mary, and the East Side Family.

“After I discovered that there is a God, it was impossible for me not to live for him alone.”
 – Blessed Charles de Foucauld

Catechesis (kat’i-ke’sis) n.
UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Part 4: The Real Presence

Out of His love for us, Jesus instituted the seven Sacraments so we could have a strong personal relationship with Him. He is present in all of them but only in the Sacrament of the Holy Mass does His real presence abide or remain with us after the Sacrament has been completed.

At every Mass, during the Eucharistic prayer as we kneel in solemn reverence, the bread and wine which are offered as symbols of our work and sacrifices are transubstantiated into the real Body and Blood of Jesus. He becomes present body, blood, soul, and divinity by the work of the priest acting “in persona Christi capitis,” in the person of Christ the head, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Even though the priest is a key element, it is the action of the living risen Christ that makes this possible. We are then fed by the bread of life, Jesus’ body, at the banquet of the Lamb (the invisible reality of life after the second coming of Christ) and are changed into what we eat. By this process, we become like little Christs in order to bring the Gospel we just heard in the Liturgy of the Word out into the secular world and make it a little more like Heaven, preparing it for the second coming of Christ.

The continuing presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species of bread is what makes Eucharistic adoration meaningful and also what makes the Sacrament of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass stand out from all the other seven Sacraments. It is one of the reasons the Second Vatican Council called the Mass the “source and Summit of our Christian life.”

The next article will further discuss the reasons why Vatican II called the Holy Mass the “Source and Summit of our Christian life.”



Know Your Saints:

St. Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the “tax farmers” got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as “publicans,” were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with “sinners” (see Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that “many” tax collectors and “those known as sinners” came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus’ answer was, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners” (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important. No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament.



Glória in excélsis Deo.

We celebrate the **Novus Ordo Latin Mass** every Tuesday at 9 AM at St. Cecilia. Mass guides are available to assist you in following along.

MASS INTENTIONS may be requested and paid for online at EastsideFaith.org under the “About” section. Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.



God speaks in whispers and we live in a loud world. Hearing God’s voice amidst the noise and busy-ness of our lives can be difficult. But He is always there to guide and help us, and He has given us other people and resources to help us, as well. **If you think God may be calling you to religious life and you need someone to talk to, call Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer at 421.3131, ext. 2890.**

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Updates to Eastside Family Wedding Guidelines

Beginning with weddings for 2025, you or an immediate family member must be registered as a parishioner at Saint Mary or Saint Cecilia for three months prior to receiving your wedding date. While we want to accommodate as many couples as possible who desire to celebrate the sacrament in our churches, this new requirement is an effort to prioritize serving our parishioners, many of whom desire to get married in the eastside family churches every year.

Please note that if you are not planning on celebrating your wedding in the family, but wish to complete marriage preparation with your parish, you will also need to register as a parishioner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the wedding reservation reservations coordinator, **Haley Wolfe**, at hwolfe@eastsideregion.org or visit www.eastsideregion.org/marriage.

Cocktails with the Catechism

The Privilege of Being a Woman in Holy Mother Church: Oxymoron or Gospel Truth?

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How many times have you heard in conversation or in the classroom, “isn’t it sexist for the Catholic Church not to ordain women now especially given the shortage of new clergy?” Perhaps you’ve heard the claim at the church is “anti-woman” or misogynistic in its leadership structure and teachings. **Mother Marie Cecile of the Carmelite Daughters Of Elias** would adamantly disagree with that thinking. The Eastside Family Young Adult Ministry invites you to join Mother as she distinguishes fact from fallacy about the gift of vocation in the ways in which women are called to be crucial voices in the church, powerful witnesses to Christ, and instruments of grace in the world.

Listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz’s podcast, *Catechism in a Year*, on Spotify, iTunes, Amazon Music and YouTube.



Arrivederci, Padre

Please join us on **Sunday, June 4**, as we say *ciao* to Fr. Anthony before he departs for his studies in Rome. There will be a brunch reception after the 10 AM Mass at St. Cecilia. Cards and gifts for our guest of honor are always appreciated, but by no means required.

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The Ascension of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 1:9. When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

The concept of the Ascension really captivated me when I was a kid. There was just something about Jesus standing there, and then suddenly, like a NASA rocket, flying straight up to the sky, eventually disappearing in the clouds. For me, this was the most cool thing that Jesus did.

But as I grow older, I am less impressed by the astrophysics of the Ascension, and more curious if there is some deeper, relatable meaning to those of us tethered to the earth. I don't expect to fly up to the clouds any time soon, nor do I expect to see anyone else replicate the feat. But perhaps I can ascend above pettiness, anger and general mean-spiritedness. And I can do that with my feet planted firmly on the ground. As Jesus told his apostles before his Ascension, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

By our own ascension, we can be witnesses, just as Jesus commanded. ~Jack Greiner

Jack Greiner, an attorney, is long-time St. Mary parishioner. His wife Kathy teaches at St. Mary School and his four children attended there. Jack and Kathy have two beautiful granddaughters and two grandsons.

The Word In Your Heart is a faith-sharing ministry open to all Eastside Family parishioners. New are warmly welcomed! Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com.

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