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IS OFFERED  
IN LOVING  
MEMORY  
OF  
LORENZO

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## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY, MAY 8

5:00 PM

## SUNDAY, MAY 9

9:30 AM

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIME

MISSA PRO POPULO

+CAROL GAUDIANO

Tuesday, May 11, at 9:30 AM

**Tuesday, May 11, at 10-11 AM**

Wednesday, May 12, at 9:30 AM

Thursday, May 13, at 9:30 AM

Friday, May 14, at 9:30 AM

Saturday, May 15, at 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 16, at 9:30 AM

+Joseph Bui

**Eucharistic Adoration**

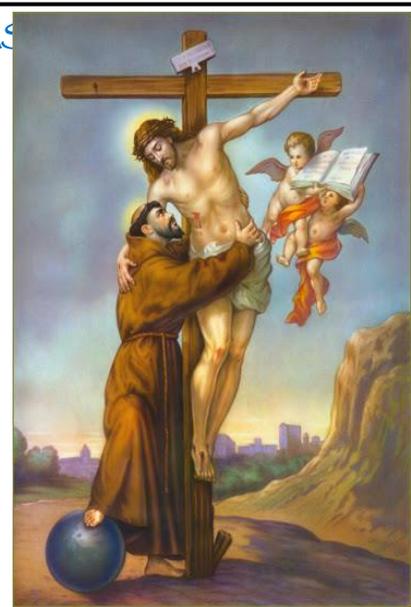
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Missa Pro Populo

+Joseph Phan Van Phong



## May 2021 LECTORS SCHEDULE

MAY 8 DONNA MANTHEI  
MAY 9 JAYNE LONGLEY

MAY 15 KATHY RUSSELL  
MAY 16 CLIFF EBEL

MAY 22 RON ZAJAC  
MAY 23 BENITA EBEL

MAY 29 JOE LABUDA  
MAY 30 BRIGID BREAZEALE



“For it is  
in  
giving  
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receive.”  
- St. Francis of Assisi

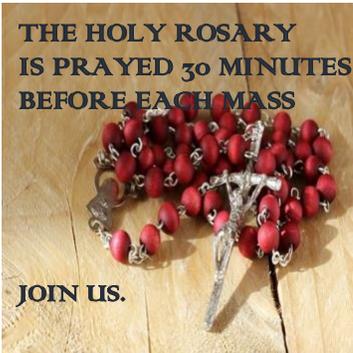
## YOUR GIFTS TO

April weekend:

Church: \$

Building Fund: \$

Thank you for your generosity



Ladies of St. Francis will meet on Wednesday, May 12, at 10 a.m. following Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for a little food and a lot of fellowship! The BCS Council of Catholic Women will meet on Tuesday, May 11, at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's in Bryan. All are invited.

### Catholic Social Teaching

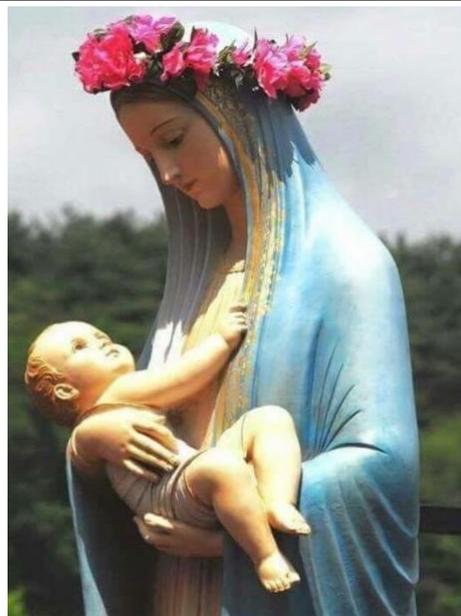
This Sunday all the readings remind us that we are caught up in the great mystery of love. The very life and essence of God is love; and God who calls us and loves us first – before we are ready or able to respond him – pours out his love on us with profound generosity. Since God has been so generous with us, how can we be stingy – especially since love comes from God and not from us? We are invited to receive, to treasure this great gift and then to live and spread it throughout the world, especially toward those who are hardest to love, our enemies.



**The Spring Gun Raffle tickets are available now.**

**To purchase tickets, contact Stephen Blair or any Knight here at St. Francis, tickets are \$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$50**

proceeds go toward the KC scholarship and the general fund. Thank you for your support.



The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between.

Just do it.

Why?

Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is.

No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor.