



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

May 18th & 19th

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - SHOW ME THE FRUIT

"They even refused to believe that he was a disciple." —Acts 9:26

Paul had been a notable sinner. By the grace of God, Paul became a new convert to Christianity. Many in the Jerusalem community couldn't believe Paul's conversion was sincere. "They even refused to believe that he was a disciple" (Acts 9:26). Paul was notorious for persecuting the Church. Understandably, the Christians didn't trust Paul. They may have thought he was pretending to be a Christian so he could later arrest them (see Acts 26:10).

Scripture cautions against too readily taking new believers at their word. When the new generation of Israelites promised to serve the Lord, Joshua wanted extra assurance of their willingness to commit themselves to the Lord (Jos 24:19ff). John the Baptizer didn't believe the Sadducees and Pharisees as they came forward to be baptized. He challenged them to "give some evidence that" they meant to reform (Mt 3:8). Similarly, Paul advises the Church not to promote a new convert too quickly, "lest he become conceited"

(1 Tm 3:6).

Are you a new disciple of Jesus? If you face this situation of not being readily accepted by the community, take Jesus' advice. Humble yourself before God and concentrate on bearing fruit (Jn 15:16). Accept your cross as a pruning from the Father, your loving Vine grower, Who always does what is best for you (Jn 15:1-2). Bear the fruit of "patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity" (Gal 5:22-23) and "good deeds" (Eph 2:10). "Give...evidence" of your belief in Jesus (Mt 3:8). Glorify God by bearing much fruit and being His faithful disciple (Jn 15:8). "That should be the proof they need" (Mt 8:4).

Prayer: Father, prune me any way You choose. I am all Yours.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Father Raj, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, May 19 - 8.30 a.m. +Joyce Eck
By Family

Monday, May 20 - 7:30 a.m. +Joyce Eck
By Family

Wednesday, May 22 - 6:00p.m. +Joyce
Eck By Family

Thursday, May 23 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck
By Family

Friday, May 24 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck By
Ida Rau

Saturday, May 25 - 5:30p.m. +Joyce Eck
By Ida Rau

Church Cleaning for May

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna
Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting,
Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten,
Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea,
Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie
King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna
Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten,
Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Shamara
Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard
Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary
Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse,
Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny
Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Lynita
Brown, Phillip Ollinger, and Herschel Black

Family Chalice Program

May 18/19 Nick Kuehler Family

May 25/26 Bill Homer

June 1/2 Doug Kling Family

June 8/9 Cliff and Susan Britten

June 15/16 Nick Ashford Family

June 22/23 Julie Friemel

June 29/30 Alice Kuehler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 19th John Bohr

May 20th Hali Bohr & Rita Lister

May 21st Joannie Kling

May 22nd Cindy Cox

May 23rd Ray Britten & Charles Britten

Stewardship Reports

05/05/19

Individual	\$2,050.00
Loose	\$ 572.00
Children	\$ 4.00
Total	\$2,626.00

05/05/19 Building Fund

Individual & Total	\$ 305.00
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 18th, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.

Servers: Zaydyn and Hope

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey & Kevin Brown

Sunday, May 19th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, May 25th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Stephen and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Jan Britten

Sunday, May 26th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Zayden and Braxton

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Marla Britten & Vanessa Eugea

Saturday, June 1st, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

Sunday, June 2nd, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer, & Joannie Kling

Saturday, June 8th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, June 9th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers:

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Announcements:

Second Collection:

May 30th Ascension Offering

Christian Mothers Meetings:

May 13th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30pm

TYM: Teens wanting to go to ACTS Retreat June 27-30 need to speak with the leaders. This is a wonderful retreat for all teens, and parents your teens might need some encouragement to attend. We will pay ½ the registration fee! Please visit with if your teen would like to go!

The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference this year has been moved to June 7-9 at the Amarillo Civic Center we hope to get a group of kids to go.... If your child knows for sure they can go please let us know.

A Huge thank you to our teachers!

K-1 Sandie Hickey and Tami Keesee

2nd Jason Eugea

3rd/4th Sr Jean Marie Lara

5th/6th Sr Mary Magdalene Grobe

7th/8th Dunn Clement

High School Nicole Kuehler

TYM Kathleen Barkley and Tonda Torres

Music Melanie Britten

Special Help Lorri Connelly, Vanessa Eugea and Cara Ashford

Contact: Cara Ashford at

ashfordcar@gmail.com, if you have information for the bulletin.

Announcements:

*Sunday, May 19 – Graduation Mass at 8:30am Mass – Little Flower Circle will decorate and St. Monica Circle will organize food and drink.

*Sunday, June 9th – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at the Mr. Chris Britten’s Ranch

***May 22nd St. Rita of Cascia:** The gift of the thorn: One day when she was about sixty years of age, she was meditating before an image of Christ crucified, as she was long accustomed to doing. Suddenly a small wound appeared on her forehead, as though a thorn from the crown that encircled Christ’s head had loosed itself and penetrated her own flesh. For the next fifteen years she bore this external sign of stigmatization and union with the Lord. In spite of the pain she constantly experienced, she offered herself courageously for the physical and spiritual well being of others. During the last four years of her life Rita was confined to bed and was able to eat so little that she was practically sustained on the Eucharist alone. She was, nevertheless, an inspiration to her sisters in religion and to all who came to visit her, by her patience and joyful disposition despite her great suffering.

The Rose: One of those who visited her some few months before her death — a relative from her hometown of Roccaporena — was privileged to witness firsthand the extraordinary things wrought by Rita’s requests. When asked whether she had any special desires, Rita asked only that a rose from the garden of her parents’ home be brought to her. It was a small favor to ask, but quite an impossible one to grant in the month of January! Nevertheless, on returning home the woman discovered, to her amazement, a single brightly-colored blossom on the bush where the nun said it would be. Picking it, she returned immediately to the monastery and presented it to Rita who gave thanks to God for this sign of love. Thus, the saint of the thorn became the saint of the rose, and she whose impossible requests were granted her became the advocate of all those whose own requests seem impossible as well. As she breathed her last, Rita’s final words to the sisters who gathered around her were, “Remain in the holy love of Jesus. Remain in obedience to the holy Roman Church. Remain in peace and fraternal charity.”