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CALCULATING LOVE

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Weekly Stewardship

April 26 - May 3 Weekly Offering \$ 2801.74

Thank you for your generosity.

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Blood Drive

May 31, 2020
 Family Center
 11:30am - 3:00pm

Donations are critical.
 Blood supplies are low due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

COMMUNION

(drive-thru under the porch at the Family Center)

Saturday, May 16 from 4:30 to 4:45
Saturday, May 16 from 6:30 to 6:45
Sunday, May 17 from 11:30 to 11:45



Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday Mass

10:30 am

with Fr. Ron Foshage

YouTube channel: **OLOP.Woodville**

Search in YouTube for the channel

Click on our Lady's picture

You should see us there

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
 in the most Blessed Sacrament.
 I love You above all things and
 I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You have already come,
 and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Caitlin Boyd & daughter Amelia, Fr. Maurice Linehan, David Cavanaugh, Pat Chance; Melinda Maxwell, Tammy Barry, Melissa Maxwell, Gary Torn, Ronnie Trahan, Rebecca Duckworth; all healthcare workers, Nina Breaux, Randy Griffith, Norton Leger, Don Watt, Henry Rossi, Ted Koch, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Audrey Douzant, Shirley Anderson, Fr. Frank Rossi

Rest of the soul: Bob Hammond, James Oney, Colleen Temple, Edward Davis, Danny Worthy; Elton Blanchard, Joseph Gerald Oubre, Terry Wayne Machac, Tony Parker

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

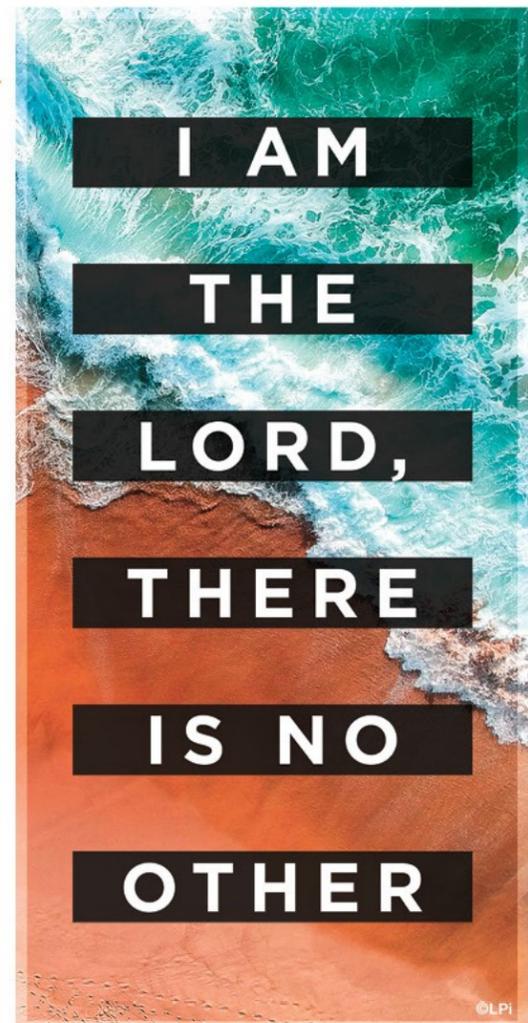
- SUN 5/17** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
- MON 5/18** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- TUE 5/19** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- WED 5/20** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- THR 5/21** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
- ASCENSION** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- FRI 5/22** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
- SAT 5/23** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- SUN 5/24** **ASCENSION:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.



*"In all your actions
 seek in the first place the*

*Kingdom
 of God
 & his glory!*

-ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA