

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

— *John 14:6*

VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS ARE:

4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Nick Sita, Sonny Chandler, Anne Montgomery, LG and Chuckie Hebert, Iona and Reg Vallee, Dot Heidingsfelder and Al Stumpf

7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mulé, Al Satches, Dustin Yates, Carol Pieri, David Tucker, Gloria Fabre, and for the living: Jon Craig

9:15 a.m. Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Marie Duhon

Monday Joseph Legnon

Wednesday Larry Kass Sr.

Thursday Nick Sita

Friday Paul Lobre Jr.

Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for private prayer.

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole, Dot Willie, Scott St. Romaine, Freddie Addotto, Fred Kopfler, Louise Cashmere, Florence Hoffman, Nita Addotto, Joseph Hadad, Richard Atkins , Roy M. Piazza, Ruthi Olson, Pam Addotto, Cindy Hebert

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Envelopes	\$ 2,722.00
Loose	\$ 1,633.00
Building and Preservation Fund.	\$ 460.00
E-giving	\$ 1,255.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 265.00

Thanks to all who continue to send in their contributions at this trying time. This is most needed as we continue to maintain the workings of our Church parish. If you wish to give online, please go to:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>. [Download the FAQs and instruction sheet here](#), or [watch a demo short video here](#).

CANDLES WILL BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Anita Michel
Blessed Mother	Viola Bradford
St. Ann	Wayne Patrick Penney (L)
Saint Ann	Mary Anne Treuil (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call [796-3806](tel:796-3806).

Please pray for ***Sylvia Callihan***, mother of Ann Gilbert who entered peacefully into eternal rest.
Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. [John 11:26]

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are for ***All Mothers***

Please visit our website: stjohnbaptistfolsom.org

This week the office will open for normal business hours, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 – 3:30 and Friday 7:30 until noon. Please do not hesitate to call [796-3806](tel:796-3806) if you can be of any assistance to you. Fr. Vincent continues to be available if needed for anointing and confessions. His emergency contact number is [985-474-9898](tel:985-474-9898).

THE CLARION HERALD NOW HAS AN ON-LINE EDITION. Especially, during the stay-at-home mandate, it is important for parishioners to remain informed of Catholic News. It is available each week at <http://clarionheraldla.newsmemory.com>.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

Let us pray,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. (His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)

Thank's to Norris Nursery and Landscaping in Folsom for the generous donation of a Japanese Maple tree. It will be a beautiful addition to our Church Grounds.

SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I (1840-1889)

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In the mid-1990s, a heavily bearded, bespectacled Robin Williams appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, whose host was clearly taken aback. Letterman inquired as to why the wild look. Uncharacteristically subdued, the usually manic comic responded that he was producing and starring in a movie about a most extraordinarily compassionate man, Damien, the Leper Priest of Moloka'i.

Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Francis of Assisi; Mother Teresa; and, though Williams' film was never completed, his admiration speaks, as does Damien's statue outside the capitol in Honolulu, of this newest saint's universal appeal. Far from his native Flanders' idyllic beauty and rich culture, Damien volunteered to bear Christ's light into Moloka'i's bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: "We lepers," he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy. Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them.

In Person Masses are Resuming

Weekend Masses

Instructions from the Archdiocese allow commencement of outdoor Masses which will be implemented that this weekend, May 9th and 10th following the normal weekend Mass schedule: 4:30 p.m. Vigil, and 7:30, 9:15, and 11:00 a.m. Masses will take place on the grounds behind church, in front of the large crucifix. Things to note:

1. Please bring a lawn chair.
2. Families must station themselves at least 6 feet apart.
3. Collection basket will be on a table at the Mass area entrance – there will be no passing of the basket during Mass.
4. There is not much shade available; please dress appropriately, at the same time remembering that it is a holy Mass. Wear a hat for protection from the sun.
5. Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear masks for the protection of your neighbor.
6. For communion, please maintain the six-foot distancing standard while approaching the communion stations in a single line. The grounds will be marked to help with that.
7. Communion will be carefully distributed without making physical contact. Please help by opening your hand flat and keeping it as steady as possible.
8. Please remember that each Mass is a holy event, even though it is happening outside. Respectful silence until after Mass is completed will be much appreciated.

Weekday Masses

Consistent with the Archdiocesan guidelines we will resume daily 8:00 a.m. Masses in church starting this Monday, May 11th. Here are the points to know about that:

1. A maximum of 10 persons will be allowed to attend each Mass. To try to handle that in as orderly a fashion as possible, call the office for a "reservation" for a given Mass. Those spots will be granted on a first-come-first-served basis.
2. Because of the limits, know that it might not be possible for one person to attend more than one daily Mass in a given week. There is an honor system in play here, and we ask everyone to be respectful.
3. Also, a number of our regular Mass-goers do not have email. Please communicate with your family and friends who are in that category so they fully understand the new situation.

4. Six-foot distancing requirement during Mass must be maintained. Regarding the distribution of communion, please see the note above.
5. And of course, attendees are strongly encouraging to wear masks.
6. Finally, please bring a disinfecting wipe to each daily Mass so that you can wipe down your area after Mass.

These are trying times and we pray for your patience with your fellow parishioners and with us here at St. John as we try to manage this on the fly. We are likely to make mistakes. Also, I realize that still not everyone will be able to attend Mass under these conditions. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted in our Archdiocese. So it is not a sin if you cannot attend.

Lastly, with the new schedule we will be following, we will no longer be filming a Mass for uploading to our website or Youtube channel.

God Bless; you all remain in my daily prayers,

Fr. Vincent