

From Easter to Pentecost our readings focus on the early apostolic preaching of the Good News of salvation and on the promises of Jesus to his disciples, especially his promise of the Holy Spirit. Today's readings explain Who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are and how we can experience Him in our daily lives.

The first reading describes how the Holy Spirit helped the Deacon Philip to preach powerfully and convert the Samaritans in large numbers. It also explains how the baptized Samaritans received the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hands by the apostles Peter and John. In the second reading, St. Peter explains how the Holy Spirit will help Christians to practice self-control, to defend their beliefs with gentleness and reverence, and to lead Faith-filled and God-fearing lives in the midst of opposition and persecution. Today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' "Last Supper Discourse," describes the gift he will send, the Holy Spirit as the *Paraclete*, Divine Advocate, to live in those who obey Jesus' commandments, especially the commandment of love. Thus, Jesus will continue to live in his believers with the Father and the Holy Spirit and they will not be left as orphans. The risen Jesus' continued presence in us and in the Church through the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all we are and all we do in his name. As the Divine Advocate, the Holy Spirit will instruct us in Jesus' doctrines and illumine our minds and hearts to receive deeper knowledge of our Faith. In addition, the Divine Advocate will empower us to defend our Faith powerfully and guide us properly in the practice of true Christian love. Thus, we will be able to recognize Jesus in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast, in the drug addicts and even in the criminals ("*I was in prison...*"), thus becoming agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world.

What are we to do?

We need to be open to the Holy Spirit, our Paraclete. The purpose of the indwelling Holy Spirit is to help us grow towards maturity and wholeness. We all have faults that prevent our growth: blocks of sin and imperfections of various kinds, blocks owing to childhood conflicts, blocks due to deeply ingrained personality traits and habits, blocks caused by addictions, and blocks resulting from a series of bad choices we have made. We all have these blocks within us and they keep us from becoming what God wants us to be. They prevent us from growing into maturity and wholeness. God, the Holy Spirit, helps us see the truth about ourselves, to discern the blocks that inhibit our growth and to allow Him to transform us. Like the good counselor He is, the Spirit enables us to become stronger. The Holy Spirit also comes to our aid and gives us the strength to make difficult and painful decisions. God's Spirit actually lives in us, and we hear the voice of the Spirit, counseling and guiding us in the way of truth. Let us open the ears of our minds to hear Him and to obey His promptings.

Welcome to

May 16 & 17, 2020

St. Joseph Catholic Church- Zwolle

St. Ann Chapel- Noble

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MASSES are suspended until further notice.

Anticipated Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM (St. Joseph)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (St. Joseph)
11:00 AM (St. Joseph)
5:00 PM (St. Ann)
Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 AM (St. Joseph)
3rd Thursday: 10:00 AM at Toledo Nursing Center

Baptism: Children should be baptized within the first few months after birth. Baptism should take place in one's proper parish. Registered parishioners should contact the Office for information about scheduling a baptism class, regarding the selection of Godparents, any required preparations, and the date and time of Baptism.

Reconciliation: Confessions are normally heard on Saturdays before the mass from 3:15-3:40 PM. Other opportunities are possible by appointment by calling Father Ampatt.

Eucharistic Adoration: Spend a refreshing hour before the Lord in prayer in our daily chapel, from the conclusion of morning Mass until 3:00 PM on Thursdays.

Marriages: Either the bride or the groom must be a registered parishioner of St. Joseph/ St. Ann Parish. At least six months of preparation time is required in our Diocese. Weddings are never booked by phone or by third-parties; a **personal interview is required**. Call the office for an appointment.

Funerals: Contact the office to make necessary arrangements for the funeral liturgy.

New Parishioners: Welcome! To register, fill out one of the blue forms located at the church office or in the church foyer and return it to the church office or drop it in the weekly collection basket. Change of address or phone number? Please provide your updated information to the church office as soon as possible.

Parish Office Information

Hours: Monday 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM,
Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

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****During the mandatory suspension of masses, Fr. Ampatt is continuing to say the mass intentions.**

Mass Intentions:

May 16, Saturday

St. Joseph
 John Earl Rivers †
 Kevin Holden †
 Jack Parrie and Dorothy Boudreaux †
 Adam Jeter †

May 17, Sunday

St. Joseph
 James and Helen Bebee and
 Billy Wayne Sepeda †

St. Ann
 For our Parishioners

May 18, Monday

May 19, Tuesday

Alice Ezernack †

May 20, Wednesday

Willie and Lillie Meshell †

May 21, Thursday

Jake Leone †

May 22, Friday

Herman and Herman Joe Ferguson †

May 23, Saturday

St. Joseph
 For our Parishioners

May 24, Sunday

St. Joseph
 Willie LaRoue †

St. Ann

Connie Jordan †

Readings for this week:

- † **Monday:** Easter Weekday St. John I, Pope and Martyr
 Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26-16:4a
- † **Tuesday:** Easter Weekday
 Acts 16:22-34/ Jn 16:5-11
- † **Wednesday:** Easter Weekday St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest
 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/ Jn 16:12-15
- † **Thursday:** Easter Weekday St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
 Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20
- † **Friday:** Easter Weekday St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
 Acts 16:20-23/ Jn 16:20-23
- † **Saturday:** Easter Weekday
 Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28
- † **Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20



Please take a moment each day to read and reflect on these passages from Sacred Scripture. It is a wonderful way to join our personal prayer to the public prayer of the church.

We pray for:

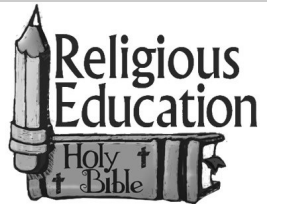


Jackie Craig; K.C. Sepulvado; Lula Mae Sepulvado; Thomas "Tin Man" Foster; Maurice Martinez; Annie Rivers; Amanda David; Raymond L. Ebarb; Juanita Manshack; Delma Rivers; Linda Sepulvado; Paul L. Rivers; Martin Crooks; Greg Crooks; Kathy Ebarb; Boyd Miles; Priscilla Walraven; JoAnna Presseau; Carolyn Cuthright; Helen Laroux; Staci Anderson; Catherine Hammon; Marilyn Laroux; Mary Martinez; Benny Remedies; Frances Sepulvado; Gary Bozzell; John D. Ebarb; Elaine Henderson; Pedro Ebarb; Abra Lachaussee; Van Martinez; Elaine Henderson; Wanda J. Rivers; David Louis Moore; Joe Garcia; Doyle Hagieh; Linda Meshell; Draven T. Ebarb; Sue Ellen Remedies; Gerald L. Sepulvado, Jr.; Monica E. McManus; Pedro Ebarb; Derrick Jordan; Allen Ray Garcia; Fr. Williams; Jeanette Garcia; Dagel Ebarb; Mattie B. Sepulvado; Kenneth McCormick; Billy Wayne Procell; Sammy Procell; Elsie Ezernack; Robbie Meshell; Tina L. Sepulvado; Phillip & Laura Jones; Vernon & Doris Ebarb; Cheryl Ebarb; Chandler Ebarb; Ann Rivers; Rose Meshell; Yvonne Maskai; Anne Bryant; Laurie & Reinardo Montero; Jimmy Brown; Ace Bowling; Richard Doggett; Ashlie & Eli Nolan; David Nichols; Kevin Leone; Norman & Jeannie Arbuckle; Celena Rivers; Rosella Sepulvado; Michael Dewayne Ebarb; Felicia Whitlow; Jackie Rivers; John Douglas Malmay; Felicia Whitlow; Maggie Manshack; Ronnie Brummerloh; Debbie Rutherford; Judy Ebarb; Tommy Leone; David Meshell; Robert Hersberger; Ricky Cryer; Jacob Wooley; Lucy Burns; Judy Ebarb; Joseph C. Sepulvado; Mark Austin; Benny Ray Sepulvado; Edward Pastureau; Howard Rivers; John LeRoy Meshell; Hosea Meshell; Eddie Remedies; Lula Mae Sepulvado; Anna Sistrunk; Mary Parrie; Punk Ebarb

(The names on the prayer list go through a cycle. Once they make it to the top they are removed as new names are added, to keep the prayer list current. Contact the office to add, re-add, or remove names from the list. Thank you.)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

All classes are suspended until further notice.



- In the near future there will be ad space on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested in advertising your business please leave a name and contact number with the office. Ray from the company has been making calls to some of the local businesses and leaving messages to those he was not able to speak to.

- We will post information as we receive it on our Facebook page and website.
- Although we can not have an actual mass we are leaving the church open from 7 AM until 5 PM at St. Joseph for those to have private Adoration and prayer.
- Thank you to those who have continued to respond with contribution envelopes.
- **Anyone in need of spiritual help during this time, Fr. Ampatt can be reached at 318-426-0142.**

Week of: May 17

Sanctuary Candle

For our Graduates

St. Joseph Candle

In Memory of Willie LaRoue

Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of Lovell and Donna Renstrom

St. Ann's Candle

In Memory of Jack Parrie and Dorothy Boudreaux

Please remember as you pray...
 The family of:
Dixie Ebarb

Reminder: Fr wants 100% of our Parishioners to give something to the Diocesan Appeal no matter how large or small. We would surpass our goals with 100% pledging.

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2020 (5/15/2020)	Fam.	Donors	% Fam. Pledged	Goal	Pledged	% Goal Pledged	Pledge Paid	% Pledge Paid
St. Joseph, Zwolle	750	147	20%	\$62,500	\$52,800	84.48%	\$34,092	64.57%
St. Ann, Ebarb	125	36	29%	\$17,000	\$11,195	65.85%	\$5,280	47.16%

The family of Elsie Ezernack would like to thank everyone for their kind words and gestures during this extremely difficult time. Thanks Fr. Joseph Ampatt for the lovely service. Thank you to everyone who sent flowers and food which brought us comfort. Also, thank you to the loved ones who were with us from a distance at the service. You will be remembered in our prayers and please remember us in yours.