



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOST SVĚTÝCH
CYRILA A METODA



A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday, May 17, 2020 - We accept good things from God; should we not accept evil? (Job 2:10)

This statement of Job - the Sufferer from the Old Testament - offers valuable insights into the mental world and faith perception of Job himself and of the ancient world. It also poses questions for people of the present time.

The ancient world was not able to draw a clear line between faith and reason the way that we are. Therefore, it would always point to God as the immediate cause and origin of everything: good and evil, life and death, fortune or poverty, war and suffering, famine and floods. Things simply did not, and could not, have natural causes. This mindset allowed for only one response to external events, and this response was religious.

Job - the Sufferer - undergoes a horrible test, perhaps even too cruel, considering it is only a test. Job, though, does not know that, and therefore takes everything at face value. The suffering is real to him; the curtain will not go down once it is over; he will not walk off the stage and return to a normal life. He only has one life to live and that is where he has to decide: for God or against God. He passes the test after all, but he still has to grapple with his own limitations and with God as well, for the next 40 chapters of the book: claiming his innocence and hitting a deaf wall with his pleas. He learns that even not receiving what he is entitled to and not having his rights respected is the way in which God communicates with him.

Our lesson from Job? We live in a different social context, which not only allows us to value individual human rights much more than ever before. Even more, Enlightenment has taught us to better navigate through the intricacies of life. We are able to separate the world of faith from the world of reason, where natural causes result in natural effects. Is it a gain or a loss? Very few people mourn the time before electricity, although some might mourn the disappearance of the past, when things just used to be much simpler, or so we think.

The world is not going to go back to the period before the Pandemic, just as it has never returned to the times before 9/11. Why should our mind even be set on returning to the past and conserving things from long ago? Does Christ not teach us to strive for the new heaven and the new earth? The old has to pass away and that is inevitable. In the midst of the world, where faith is not responsible for explaining storms, lightning, or even viruses, it finally can and must go much deeper. Faith helps us to live as people redeemed from the old ways of life. People who preserve and exercise their humanity even if the externals push us in the opposite direction. Things just might have a natural cause, which might be easier or harder to control. Can we say with Job: We accept good things; should we not accept evil? Can we live as redeemed people in the midst of the world that longs for redemption?



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Azda máme len dobré brať od Pána, a zlé prijať by sme nemali? (Jób 2,10)

Slová Jóba - Trpiteľa zo Starého Zákona ponúkajú hodnotný pohľad na mentálny svet a chápanie viery u Jóba samotného a v starovekom svete. Zároveň nechávajú priestor i pre úvahu moderného človeka.

Staroveký svet nedokázal definovať jasnú deliacu čiaru medzi vierou a rozumom tak ako to dokážeme my dnes. Preto Boha vždy pokladali za príčinu a počiatok všetkého: dobro a zlo, život a smrť, bohatstvo a chudoba, vojna a utrpenie, hlad, záplavy... Veci nemali a ani nemohli mať prirodzené zdôvodnenie. Mentálne nadstavenie umožňovalo iba jedno vysvetlenie všetkých udalostí a toto vysvetlenie bolo vždy náboženské.

Jób trpiteľ podstupuje strašný test, ba takmer to nie je voči nemu fér! Ale Jób nevie, že je to iba test, a preto všetko vníma veľmi reálne. Pre neho je toto utrpenie skutočné, opona sa nezastrie a on nebude môcť zísť z javiska, aby sa vrátil do bežného života. Jób má iba jeden život a v ňom sa musí rozhodovať za Boha, alebo proti nemu. Jób nakoniec test zvládne, ale ostáva mu ešte 40 kapitol knihy, kde bojuje s vlastnými obmedzeniami i s Bohom: tvrdí, že je nevinný, no jeho prosby sa iba odrážajú od steny. Musí sa naučiť, že i nedostatok to, na čo má nárok, alebo nemať svoje vlastné práva rešpektované je spôsob, ako s ním Boh komunikuje.

Ponaučenie pre nás? Žijeme v odlišnom svete, ktorý nám nielen umožňuje oceniť si individuálne ľudské práva viac než kedykoľvek predtým. Oveľa viac, Osvietenstvo nás naučilo nepomerne lepšie sa pohybovať v spleťosti života. Vieme rozlíšiť svet viery od sveta rozumu, kde prirodzené príčiny majú prirodzený efekt. Je to strata, alebo zisk? Veľmi málo ľudí smúti za časmi bez elektriny, no niektorí smútiť za minulosťou, keď sa mnohé veci zdali jednoduchšie.

Svet sa nevráti späť pred vírusovú pandémiu, ako sa ani nevrátil pred 11. september. A prečo by sme sa vlastne mali upierať na návrat do minulosti, alebo konzervovať veci? Neučí Kristus, že sa máme usilovať o nové nebo a novú zem? Staré sa pomínulo. Vo svete, kde viera už nemusí vysvetľovať búrky a blesky, ba ani vírusy, konečne môže, ba i musí ísť hlbšie. Viera nám pomáha žiť ako ľuďom, ktorí boli oslobodení od starého spôsobu života. Ľudia, ktorí si zachovávajú a ukazujú ľudskosť, aj keď sú vonkajšie okolnosti otočené proti nám. Aj veci s prirodzeným zdôvodnením nie vždy vieme kontrolovať. Dokážeme vtedy povedať s Jóhom: Azda máme len dobré brať, a zlé prijať by sme nemali? Dokážeme žiť ako vykúpení ľudia uprostred sveta, ktorý po vykúpení túži?

**Fr. Libor Marek**



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## Parish Announcements – May 17, 2020

**Please see the website for complete details on the following information:**

- Public Holy Masses will resume on Tuesday. A basic outline about our Holy Masses is published in our bulletin and a detailed outline about our Holy Masses is published on our website. Beginning on Tuesday, our weekday Masses will take place at 12:00PM outdoors. Our weekend Masses are as follows: Saturday, outdoors, at 5:30PM, Sunday, outdoors, at 9:30AM and 8:30PM. Sunday, indoors, at 7:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak) and 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine). Due to space limitations and guidelines, registrations will be required for the indoor Masses and pre-registration is needed for the outdoor Masses in order to properly prepare for them. Masks will be required at indoor and outdoor Holy Masses and, if possible, please bring hand sanitizer. If you attend an outdoor Mass, you will need to bring a portable folding chair. All outdoor Masses will take place unless there are dangerous weather conditions so please dress accordingly and bring an umbrella if weather dictates. Please read all the details and register on our website and check the website before you come to Mass for any last-minute changes or cancellations. Arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass in order to be properly seated with 6' social distancing. And, please be patient as we do our best to adapt during this transitional period.
- We are in need of reliable adults to help clean and sanitize the church areas after the Saturday 5:30PM and the Sunday, 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Holy Masses. If you can make a weekly commitment to help clean for approximately one hour after the Mass concludes, please email the Parish Office at [parishoffice@saintcyrils.church](mailto:parishoffice@saintcyrils.church). Thank you for your consideration.
- Confessions continue Monday - Friday from 6:00PM - 7:00PM and they are scheduled by reservation. Please visit our parish website to fill out a simple form in order to reserve a time-slot. People who come without a reservation will only be heard, if there are still open slots available. Please, remember to wear a face mask.
- Tomorrow, Monday, May 18, we will host a "Drop Off Food Drive" and a "Drop Off Face Mask Drive" to help our needy brothers and sisters in Detroit. Non-perishable foods and professional or hand-made face masks will be collected from 10:00AM - 12:00 NOON. Please enter through the Activity Center 18 Mile Road entrance, drive to the back of the Activity Center to drop off your donations and then exit out onto 18 Mile Road again. There will be

volunteers to take the food out of your car if you are unable so please put the food in your trunk or back seat to maintain social distancing.

- Mass Intentions are still being accepted by either emailing your Mass Intentions to parishoffice@saintcyrils.church or by calling the Parish Office and leaving your name and telephone number. Someone will return your call.
- Life Teen will meet "Virtually" this Monday night for Sophomores through Seniors and on Tuesday night for Freshmen and 8th Graders. The topic this week is Fearless Future. Please contact Alex Lewis or Christian Dresen if you would like to attend.
- The next virtual Zoom night for the EDGE Youth Ministry is this Thursday. It will be a Scripture Game Night. Please contact Alex Lewis or Christian Dresen for complete details and if you wish for your child to participate.
- The Chapel remains open daily for private prayer from 1:00PM - 10:00PM. Please wear a mask or scarf over your mouth to help protect yourself and your neighbor.
- Next week's Sunday Holy Mass will be livestreamed at 7:30AM.

## **Farské oznamy – 17. mája 2020**

- Od utorka začíname znova sláviť verejné sväté omše. Prosím, vždy sledujte oznamy v bulletine a na farskej stránke. Sväté omše budú v pracovné dni o 12:00 vonku na parkovisku. V sobotu o 17:30 na parkovisku, v nedeľu o 7:30 vnútri v kostole, o 9:30 na parkovisku, o 11:30 v kostole, o 18:00 v kostole a o 20:30 na parkovisku. Na sväté omše vnútri v kostole môže prísť najviac 200 ľudí, a preto bude registrácia. Slováci budú mať na slovenskú omšu prednosť, ale aj tak prosíme, aby ste sa vždy zaregistrovali - veľmi nám tým pomôžete. Na svätú omšu si vždy prineste masku a ak je to možné, prosím prineste si aj dezinfekciu na ruky. Prosím, prichádzajte včas, lebo dvere kostola budú počas omše zamknuté.
- Zajtra, v pondelok 18 mája bude zbierka potravín a rúšok pre núdznych ľudí v Detrote. Ak chcete pomôcť, prosím, prineste trvanlivé potraviny a doma vyrobené rúška medzi 10.00 a 12.00. Zbierka bude pri Pastoračnom Centre.
- Ak máte záujem dať odslúžiť svätú omšu na vaše úmysly, prosím, kontaktuje farský úrad mailom, alebo telefonicky.
- Stretnutie mládeže Life Teen bude tento týždeň v pondelok a v utorok a stretnutie mládeže EDGE vo štvrtok.
- Kaplnka býva otvorená každý deň 13:00 do 22:00. Prosím, dodržiavajte hygienické opatrenia..
- Možnosť prísť ku svätej spovedi je od pondelka do piatku, 18.00-19.00. Treba sa zaregistrovať na farskej stránke.

# MASS *Intentions*

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*Father Libor & Father Juraj  
will celebrate the scheduled Mass Intentions as follows:*

**May 16, Saturday – Sobota - (Private Mass)**

- ❖ For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena ❖ For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites
- ❖ For John & Sandi Brady & Family ❖ For Cecelia & †Anthony Bustamante
- ❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family ❖ †Robert Stout ❖ †Ann Schefke ❖ †Brian Czach req. Fayad Family

**May 17, Sixth Sunday of Easter - Nedela**

Private Mass Livestreamed at 10:00AM: [www.saintcyrls.church](http://www.saintcyrls.church)

Acts 8:5-8,14-17, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

- ❖ For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners ❖ For Medical Workers
- ❖ For Michael Purzycki (B'Day) ❖ For Nadine Nelson (B'Day) ❖ For Emily Davis ❖ For Joe Fisher ❖ For James & Grete Varchetti
- ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family ❖ For Tommy & Angela Kassab ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- ❖ For the Makarewicz Family ❖ †Sam Marrow ❖ For the Dec. Members of the Bayus Family req. Janka Stewart
- ❖ For the Dec. Mem. of the Dolecki Family req. Shirley Polakowski ❖ †Katherine Waldecker ❖ †Joe Venglar
- ❖ †Paul Magusin ❖ †Urszulka & Piotr Rolbiecki ❖ †David Davis ❖ †Brian Czach req. Fayad Family

**May 18, Monday – Pondelok - (Private Mass)**

- ❖ For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena ❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti

**May 19, Tuesday – Utorok - 12:00PM (Outdoor Mass)**

- ❖ For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

- ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Luke Laconi ❖ For George & Helen Emmendorfer

**May 20, Wednesday – Streda - 12:00PM (Outdoor Mass)**

- ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Hallie Wolf (B'Day) req. Wolf Family

- ❖ For Joe Fuller ❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖ †Paul J. Palace req. Marian Maniaci

**May 21, Thursday – Štvrtok - 12:00PM (Outdoor Mass)**

- ❖ For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req. Grandparents ❖ For Matthew Desser (B'Day)

- ❖ For Lawrence Hines, III (B'Day) ❖ For James Gerard Novak (B'Day) ❖ For Jo Marie Nardi (95th B'Day) req. Debra Nardi

- ❖ For the Noel Nelson Family ❖ For the Shamoon Family ❖ †Amparo Fernando

**May 22, Friday – Piatok - 12:00PM (Outdoor Mass)**

- ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family ❖ For Gary Rudzewicz (B'Day)

- ❖ For Annette Rudzewicz ❖ For Ron, Claire & Family ❖ For Cynthia & †Brian Czach & Family

- ❖ †Ralph J. Weil req. James D. Weil ❖ †Souraya Nehromoses

**May 23, Saturday – Sobota - 5:30PM (Outdoor Mass - \*Please see website to register)**

- ❖ For Danny & Melissa Kray (5th Wed. Ann.) req. Wolf Family ❖ For James Wilkins req. Mother ❖ For Mark Varchetti

- ❖ For Anthony Maya ❖ For Terry Gasparski ❖ For Jim Glantz & Marguerite Seraphinoff (Wed. Day)

- ❖ †Brian Czach (B'Day) req. Family ❖ †Christine Branch ❖ †Wilfred Pennington ❖ †Al Newcomer & Family

**May 24, Sunday, The Ascension of the Lord - Nedela (\*For Mass times, please see website to register)**

Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:18-23, Matthew 28:16-20

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners ❖ For a Special Intention req. Maddalena DiCicco

- ❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality ❖ For James Yates (B'Day) ❖ For Tim Fuller

- ❖ For Daniel Wilkins req. Mother ❖ For Gabriela Liptakova req. Kopil Family ❖ For Margareta Urdova req. Kopil Family

- ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family ❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family ❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families

- ❖ For the Dec. Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council & their Families ❖ †Vera Bolday

- ❖ †Danny Babbie ❖ †Araceli Faraldo ❖ †Julita Valbuena ❖ †Stefania Bak ❖ †Paul Magusin ❖ †Joe Venglar

- ❖ †James Zabowski req. Wife ❖ †Donald Weil, II req. James D. Weil ❖ †Richard Francis Martus

- ❖ †Brian Czach req. Fayad Family ❖ †Helen Kujaw Chegash req. Janet Reichling

## **Celebrating Public Holy Masses Together Again ♦ Beginning Tuesday, May 19**

### **WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, May 19 through Friday, May 22:**

Daily Holy Mass at 12:00PM - Outside in the Back Parking Lot

### **WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, May 23:**

**5:30PM (Vigil) - OUTSIDE** in the Back Parking Lot (500+ People Allowed); Pre-registration (see details below)

**Sunday, May 24:**

**7:30AM - INSIDE** (200 People Allowed); Registration Required (see details below)

**9:30AM - OUTSIDE** in the Back Parking Lot (500+ People Allowed); Pre-registration (see details below)

**11:30AM (Slovak) - INSIDE** (200 People Allowed); Registration Required (see details below)

**6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) - INSIDE** (200 People Allowed); Registration Required (see details below)

**8:30PM - OUTSIDE** in the Back Parking Lot (500+ People Allowed); Pre-registration

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INDOOR & OUTDOOR MASS ATTENDEES!**

- ♦ A mask must be worn
- ♦ OUTDOOR MASS attendees must bring their own camping/folding chair
- ♦ Bring your own hand sanitizer, if possible
- ♦ INDOOR MASS Attendees: Doors to the church will open 30 minutes prior to Mass. Please arrive 20-25 minutes before Mass for check-in and directions from Ushers. The doors will be locked when Mass begins. Everyone will be required to leave the church immediately following Mass to allow for proper cleaning
- ♦ Social distancing is required; please follow the instructions of the Ushers
- ♦ Restrooms by the Parish Hall will be available during the OUTDOOR MASSES. People are encouraged to minimize their use as much as possible
- ♦ In order to minimize the health risks caused by handling envelopes and cash, if possible, please use PushPay for donations. PushPay is located in the upper right-hand corner of the website.
- ♦ Donation baskets will be available but will not be circulated during Mass. Baskets will be placed / held at the exits of the church / parking lots
- ♦ OUTDOOR MASSES are weather-permitting. Please bring an umbrella and/or dress for inclement weather. Outdoor Masses could be canceled at the last minute. Check the website for weather alerts
- ♦ Additional updates and procedures will be shared as soon as they are available. Before Mass, please check the website for possible last-minute updates and/or changes
- ♦ The Registration Form for Sunday Masses will be available on the Parish website soon: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church)
  - ♦Registration for INDOOR MASSES is mandatory
  - ♦Pre-Registration for OUTDOOR MASSES is necessary in order to gauge attendance in preparation for the Holy Mass

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Monday through Friday, 6:00 - 7:00PM: Registration Required.

Registration Forms for Confession are Available on the Parish website: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church)

### **PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS:**

Please stay home if you have a fever or cough, are feeling sick or have been exposed to anyone who may be sick or have coronavirus. If we put others at risk by exposing them to coronavirus at Mass, we are putting the entire Parish community at risk and potentially restrict our ability to offer public Holy Masses.

Thank you for your consideration of others.



## Ss. Cyril & Methodius Youth Ministries

### VIRTUAL LIFE NIGHTS ♦ Monday & Tuesday, May 18 & 19

Join our on-line Catholic youth ministry as we continue to gather together virtually to pray, share and grow in faith!  
MONDAYS EVENINGS are for Sophomores - Seniors & TUESDAY EVENINGS are for Freshmen & 8th Graders

Monday, May 18: *"Fearless Future: A Night to Celebrate"*  
Tuesday, May 19: *"Fearless Future: A Night About Looking Forward with Courage"*

To participate or for more information, please contact:

Alex Lewis and Christian Dresen, lifeteen@saintcyrils.church or edge@saintcyrils.church

A link will be sent to your family in order to participate in the Zoom meeting!

### VIRTUAL EDGE NIGHT ♦ Thursday, May 21

The EDGE Youth Ministry invites all 6th & 7th graders to gather together virtually to pray share and grow in faith.

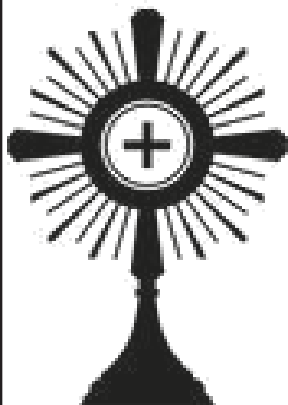
The exciting, upcoming virtual EDGE night is planned this Thursday, May 21, from 7:00 - 8:30PM as follows:

Topic: *Scripture Game Night – A Social Game Night with Scripture Meditation*

To participate or for more information, please contact:

Alex Lewis and Christian Dresen, edge@saintcyrils.church

A link will be sent to your family in order to participate in the Zoom meeting!



## ADORATION 101

### *I Don't Feel Like It* By: Paul Ray

It took me awhile to come up with a topic to write about in this week's article. Each time I began to write it just didn't feel right, and I would erase it. I prayed to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and ... nothing. "Lord," I said, "what do you want me to write about? I have nothing". Then it hit me.

There are times in all of our lives where no matter how devout we may be, we will lack inspiration and motivation. The Church and Saints refer to this as DESOLATION. Desolation is a **temporary** darkening of the mind and disturbance of the will and emotions, permitted by God to purify the souls of his followers. It may be caused by the evil spirit or brought on by a variety of other causes, but it is always purposeful, namely to withdraw a person's affections from dwelling on creatures and bring them closer to the Creator.

It's understandable in the times we live in today. However, we must bear in mind that God permits desolation for our greater good, no matter what the cause. We may have a feeling that God gave up on us or have abandoned us because we simply don't "feel" Him like we used to. As I write this I don't necessarily "feel" the love of God but I know what our faith teaches us about this and know that it's true. If it happens to the Saints, why would it not happen to us?

We must use this time to examine ourselves and our relationship with God. Yet at the same time know that God still loves us. We have to ask ourselves tough questions such as, "Is there something I did (sin) that created this desolation?" If so, repent sincerely before our Lord and go to Confession as soon as you are able. We can ask ourselves, "Have I been influenced by the evil spirit through my own means or from another?" If so, rebuke the evil spirit in Christ's Name and cut ties with anyone in your life who associates with the occult. "Have I been lax in my devotion to God?" If so, make it a point to watch, read or listen to more things about the faith. Then, create a daily rhythm. Lastly, ask people to pray for and talk about it with them.

The most important thing to understand during these dry times is to understand that "If we are faithless, He remains faithful – for He cannot deny Himself" (2 Timothy 2:13). Know that the dryness and desolation will pass. He loves us too much to allow us to go astray, but we must always do our part even when we don't feel like it. – Paul A. Ray

## A CHALLENGE TO DISCIPLESHIP

### From MAY 17 through MAY 23:

This week's Challenge to Discipleship is to read one of the Gospels out loud with your family or spouse and discuss it. If you're single, do the same, read it out loud to yourself and take what you read and see how it affects your life and how you can adapt what you learn to it. Sacred Scripture is the **living** Word of God. That means no matter how often you read it, it takes a whole new form according to what you're going through during that time in your life. You will be amazed at what God will do!

– Paul A. Ray

## Please Help Our Neighbors In Need

### DROP-OFF FOOD DRIVE at Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS for St. Christine's Food Bank

**THIS Monday, May 18**



With churches closed and unemployment increasing, St. Christine's Food Bank in Detroit is in great need of non-perishable food donations. To help stock the food bank, St. Cyril's will be sponsoring a non-perishable food drive at the Activity Center on Monday, May 18, from 10:00AM - 12:00 NOON.

**The foods that are most needed are:**

***canned meats or tuna, cereal, salad dressings, and taco or pizza making kits but donations of any canned or packaged foods (no glass jars, please!) will be greatly appreciated.***

**Please bring your donation in a sturdy cardboard box or a bag ready to be transported.**

Because of current restrictions, this will be a drop-off food collection. What does that mean? It will be a lot like the drop off for Catechism. You will **enter the Activity Center parking lot from 18 Mile Road** and drive to the back of the building. Volunteers will direct you to either place your donation in the back of the delivery truck while practicing social distancing –or– put your donations on a table and the volunteers will put them into the delivery truck –or– (if you are unable to unload the donations), the volunteers will remove the donations from your trunk or back seat so PLEASE PUT YOUR DONATIONS IN YOUR TRUNK OR BACK SEAT (to maintain social distancing). You will then continue around the Activity Center and exit to 18 Mile Rd.

**To make the drop-off run smoothly and quickly, the Activity Center parking lot will be closed to traffic from the main parking lot.**

### DROP-OFF FACE MASKS at CYRIL & METHODIUS for St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services THIS Monday, May 18



**Can You Make Masks for St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services?**

St. Al's Neighborhood Services staff are in need of masks to give to the low-income seniors and the homeless people they serve. If you like to sew, would you be willing to make some adult sized masks for St. Al's?

**Masks can be dropped off during the food drive at the Activity Center on:**

**Monday, May 18, from 10:00AM - 12:00 NOON.**

**\*Please enter the Activity Center from 18 Mile Road!**

**There will not be access to the Activity Center from the main parking lot.**

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at CYRIL & METHODIUS Thursday, July 23 & Tuesday, September 22



Thanks to the many who gave blood and scheduled upcoming appointments over the past couple of weeks, the American Red Cross has been able to meet immediate patient needs. During this uncertain time, the American Red Cross encourages individuals to keep scheduled blood, platelet or AB Elite plasma donation appointments and to make new donation appointments for the weeks ahead to ensure a stable supply throughout this pandemic.

Donating blood products is essential to community health and the need for blood products is constant. As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

There is no known end date in this fight against coronavirus and the Red Cross needs the help of blood and platelet donors. In times of crisis, the Red Cross is fortunate to witness the best of humanity as people roll up a sleeve to help those in need. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the public to keep hospital shelves stocked during this uncertain time.

Please schedule an appointment to donate blood today! Whole Blood donations can be made every 56 days, Power Red donations every 112 days, Platelet donations every 7 days and AB Elite Plasma donations every 28 days.

If you wish to be a Whole Blood donor at our Blood Drive on July 23, between 1:00PM - 6:45PM, your last blood donation cannot be later than May 28 so please schedule accordingly. Thank you for your generosity!

**You may sign up directly at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**

## In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

It has been a longstanding tradition at Ss. Cyril and Methodius that on the first Sunday in May, we honor our Blessed Mother with our annual May Crowning. The young ladies from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class are given the opportunity to write a letter expressing why they would like to crown Our Lady and the essays, with the author's name removed, are given to Fr. Libor to select a crowner (anonymously). Nevada Jaczkowski was selected to crown the Blessed Mother this year and we are hoping that at a later date, Father Libor will be able to find a day where we can honor the Blessed Mother with a Holy Mass and beautiful crowning ceremony. There were nine essays submitted this year. Seven of the essays were previously published (in no specific order) and the two remaining essays are featured here. Thank you, *Paul & Carroll Schuller*

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**Sofia Martinez:** The Virgin Mary: There's much to say about her and much of which she has given us. I would like to crown Our Blessed Mother during the May Crowning Ceremony because I feel like it would not only be a great honor but also a way to say thank you to her in a much deeper way and although a common tradition in the Catholic Church I have never been or actually known about this magnificent ceremony of our blessed mother until my family and I joined the SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church here I have to only furthered my knowledge of my faith, but also learned new cool traditions of it such as may crowning. Through out my childhood when living in Mexico I remember seeing walls and murals along the streets painted with the image of her beauty looking at us faithful followers of her son with the most caring and loving eyes. My grandma and aunts would always have a tiny figure or portrait of her in their house with candles lit and her son and husband beside her in the small shrine. The prayers that we would say in Spanish to Our Blessed Mother, La Virgen De Guadeloupe, would often be the ones that made me feel the most calm and inspired to be better the next day. Virgin Mary, I think is one of the strongest most influential women I know, I like many girls in the world have looked up to her as an example of women hood and what we want to achieve and shape ourselves to as we grow up someone which is someone who is humble, helpful, and always welcomes god with open arms. Mary has always been an inspiration to me is the way that she welcomed and never questioned God about her future in any way. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that "for God has decided to bless you! You will become pregnant and have a son, and you are to name him Jesus..." although hesitant she was more than enthusiastic about becoming a mother and serving God as well. Over the next years of my life I want to welcome God in to my life more by going to mass on Sundays more regularly as well as listen to God and trust him on what my future will look like. I believe Mary showed us that welcoming him in to our life's is one of the smartest thing to do and that if we do it and fallow in her foot steps we will be gifted with his blessing in life. Another way that Mary is an always been an inspiration to me since my childhood she inspires me to become a bigger part of my community and help those who are in need of it. Mary the mother of our God made the biggest sacrifice a mother could she gave up her only son so that we may all fallow him and be able to strive away from sin and continue in our path to God. "Do whatever he tells you." Were the last words she spoke and I want to honor that by walking down the right path and help the people and animals not only in my community but throughout the world because in the end we are all his children and we all want to honor Our Lady's last words. I believe that if we were all to live by her last words we could all make a better world for ourselves simply by putting other people as others before us. That simple. Last but not least Mary inspires me to be a more humble person in my day to day life. She never once showed off or felt like she was higher up than anybody because of her son. She loved her son so much she was even understanding and loyal to him when his time came in and his last words he said "Woman, here is your son..." and although we don't know what she was feeling I believe it was proudness and sadness that overcame her in that moment. I think that we should all strive and learn from her humbleness and use it in our day to day life. In conclusion Mary is one of the people I looked up to the most not only for inspiration but for guidance as well. I think that we could all learn and strengthen our way of life through her strong and powerful devotion to God, her will and big heart to help others, and her joyful self, full of humbleness. She always loved God and never rejected her path or responsibility for him either she accepted Jesus with open arms and her own faith up to the moment when she knew she had to let him go. I believe that there's more than a million more reasons out there as to why we should all look up to her generous and devoted self. "The turbulent course of Mary's remarkable life, the difficult choices she made, the terrible ordeals she survived, changed history and transformed the lives of millions for all time" (Biography - Mary of Nazareth,1996). She deserves not only our respect and gratitude but she deserves the crown of crowns, one that truly is suited for the one and only queen herself our Mother of Divine Grace.

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**Rachel Jimenez:** I would like to crown the Blessed Mother at the May Crowning because the relationship of blood related families of a mother and daughter is just as important as our relationship being the children of the Blessed Mother. Think of a mother and daughter today. Say the mom went up on stage and was being crowned for a very special reason. In the perspective of the daughter, she would absolutely love to crown her own mother with honor and passion. A little while ago, I grew fascinated with Mary and the stories of her life along with her constant care for others as they were her own. I was on a retreat concerning the Blessed Mother but I was not a candidate as I was too young at the time. I was there because my older brother was attending the retreat. At one point of the day, I went to where the candidates were and hid behind the door. There was someone speaking at that moment which was my mom and she was telling the story of Our Lady of Fatima and the Fatima Children. I was in awe of the Blessed Mother and the children as I clearly recall that time as it was probably my favorite sharing that I sat to hear that day. In remembering that story it led me in choosing my patron saint St. Jacinta Marto. Right now, I am that daughter watching my mother get up on stage and right now, I have the very opportunity to crown her. Being the daughter and child of the Blessed Mother. I would absolutely love the chance to crown Mary, Our Mother.







# *The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary*

*With Meditations from the Saints*



## **The Baptism in the Jordan**

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with Him, and rise with Him. John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps He comes to sanctify His baptizer; certainly He comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; He who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the Sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of Him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of Him who has already come and is to come again.

- St. Gregory of Nazianzen



## **The Wedding at Cana**

Returning to the wedding of Cana, we see that our Immaculate Mother does not need to say much. She says to us, "Obey the words of my Divine Son." That is the best Marian devotion, to avoid sin and strive for sanctity. Best of all, she helps us along the way. She is the surest and fastest way to the Christ. She is His mirror. She is the moon reflecting the light of the Sun. My God, how beautiful is the fair creature who we call Mother and Queen! She is all fair. Christ has given her all graces.

-St. Louis de Montfort



## **The Proclamation of the Kingdom**

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15). And all the crowd gathered about Him, and He taught them (Mark 2:13). Jesus sees the boats on the shore and gets into one of them. How naturally Jesus steps into the boat of each and everyone of us! When you seek to draw close to our Lord, remember that He is always very close to you, that He is in you: 'Regnum Dei intra vos est' (Luke 17:21). The kingdom of God is within you. You will find Him in your heart. Christ should reign first and foremost in our soul. But in order for Him to reign in me, I need His abundant grace. Only in that way can my every heartbeat and breath, my least intense look, my most ordinary word, my most basic feeling be transformed into a hosanna to Christ my King. Duc in altum. Put out into deep water! Throw aside the pessimism that makes a coward of you. Et laxate retia vestra in capturam. And pay out your nets for a catch!

- St. Josemaría Escrivá



## **The Transfiguration**

Domine, bonum est nos hic esse! "Oh! Yes, Lord! It is indeed good for us to be here!" You know very well what to do, brethren, when you are under some sorrow or difficulty! You come to Him and always find in Him a Good Samaritan. He pours the goodness of His Heart upon yours. He is waiting for you and treats you not as strangers, but as friends, as children of the family. Did not the Heavenly Father say: "This is My beloved Son"? And out of an incomprehensible love the Father gave Him to us. He gave Him to us at Bethlehem, on Calvary, and, above all and for always, in the Cenacle at the very time Jesus was also giving Himself to us. The Father begets Him and gives Him every day to each one of us. Oh! Let us listen to Him! Let us love this feast of the Transfiguration. It is entirely Eucharistic. Come to this hallowed mountain on which Jesus is transfigured. Do not come looking for glory or for sentimental bliss, but rather for the lessons of holiness He teaches you by His self-abasement. Come, and by your love and self-denial, be transfigured into Jesus Christ in His Sacrament while waiting to be transfigured into Jesus Christ in His heavenly glory.

-St. Peter Julian Eymard



## **The Institution of the Eucharist**

I promised you, who have been baptized, a sermon in which I would explain the sacrament of the Lord's table, which you now behold and which you became partakers of last night. You should understand what you have received, what you will receive, indeed what you should receive daily. The bread you see on the altar and that has been sanctified by the word of God is the Body of Christ. Through these things the Lord Christ wished to entrust to us His Body and His Blood which He shed for us unto the remission of sins. If you receive them well, you are that which you receive. The Apostle says, 'One bread and we, the many, are one body.'

-St. Augustine

*"Continue to pray the Rosary every day." Our Lady of Fatima*