
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

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NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. PHILOMENA

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

May 12, 2024 A.D. – Sunday After the Ascension



Hospitality

“Let the charity of the brotherhood abide in you and hospitality do not forget; for by this some, being not aware of it, have entertained angels.” (Heb. 13, 1-2)

“Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God.” (Rom. 15, 7)

Gregorian Latin liturgy

Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured with the assistance of the Holy Ghost for the greatest glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Welcome Visitors!

We thank you for coming. Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a spiritual home, are returning to the practice of the Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church; we are happy to have you here, as you are.

Please take time to read this bulletin, to meet with the priest after Mass and to socialize. Enter the Holy Temple of the Good Lord to worship Him. *Pax vobis!* Peace be with you!



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News and Announcements

Today is the Sunday After the Ascension. This Sunday is a preparation for Pentecost. Before ascending to heaven, our Lord had promised, at the Last Supper, that He would not leave us orphans, but would send us His Holy Spirit, the Paraclete (Gospel, Alleluia); that in all things we might glorify God, through Jesus Christ our Lord (Gospel). Therefore, like the Apostles assembled in the Cenacle, we must prepare by prayer and charity (Epistle) for the holy Day of Pentecost, when Christ, who is “our Advocate with the Father” will obtain for us from Him the Holy Ghost.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Today’s Holy Name Society meeting is cancelled due to Mother’s Day.

The **second collection** will be for the **building fund**.

► **Saturday May 18th, the Vigil of Pentecost, is a traditional day of fast and abstinence for the SSPX and its 3rd Order members.** While not binding under pain of sin, the faithful are highly encouraged to join in this devotion to prepare for the Feast of Pentecost.

► **Easter Duty:** All Catholics have the grave obligation binding under pain of sin to worthily receive Holy Communion at least once each year between today and Trinity Sunday.

► **Mark your calendars:**

Saturday, May 18th: Ladies League meeting after the 10:00 am Holy Mass (every third Saturday)

Sunday, May 19th: Blessing of religious articles after each Mass and Q&A after the 11:00 am Holy Mass

Sunday, May 26th: Adult Catechism after the 11:00 am Holy Mass (every fourth Sunday)

Born at Montepulciano (Italy) on October 4th, 1542, **St. Robert Bellarmine** died in Rome on September 17th, 1621, was canonized by Pius XI on June 29th, 1930 and was proclaimed Doctor of the Church on August 15th, 1931. Apart from the three years he spent in Capua as its archbishop, he passed his life in Rome, where he rendered signal services to Clement VII, Paul V and Gregory XV. By his controversial books he dealt formidable blows to Protestantism, while by his catechism, translated into forty languages, he spread the knowledge of Christian doctrine in all countries of the world. As a religious he shone by his angelic purity, humility and obedience, and as bishop he was a model of watchful care and charity to the poor.

Born in the kingdom of Aragon in Spain, **St. Paschal** in his childhood tended sheep. At 20, he entered as a lay brother the Order of St. Francis where he became a model of the greatest austerity, of the most complex obedience and of the most perfect seraphic poverty. He was especially celebrated for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and spent hours in prayer before the tabernacle. Pope Leo XIII declared him protector of all Eucharistic Congresses and works. He awaited the coming of Jesus at the exact hour he foretold, May 17th, 1592, on Pentecost, the anniversary of his birth. Let us imitate the love of St. Paschal for the Eucharist.

*“The LORD is in his Holy Temple;
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”* (Hab. 2, 20)



ON HUMAN RESPECT by St. Alphonsus Liguori (Adapted)

“Whosoever killeth you, will think that he doeth a service to God.” JOHN xvi. 2.

In exhorting his disciples to be faithful to him under the persecution which they were to endure, the Savior said: “Yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doeth a service to God.” Thus, the enemies of the faith believed that in putting Christians to death they did a service to God. It is thus that many Christians of the present day act. They kill their own souls by losing the grace of God through human respect and to please worldly friends. Oh! how many souls has human respect that great enemy of our salvation sent to hell! If you wish to serve God and save your souls, you may guard as much as possible against human respect.

First Point. On the importance of not being influenced by human respect. Not only to offend God, but also to endeavor to make others offend him, is truly an enormous excess of wickedness. This execrable intention arises from a conviction that there are many weak and pusillanimous souls, who, to escape derision and contempt, abandon the practice of virtue, and give themselves up to a life of sin. Be attentive. Brethren, if we wish to save our souls, we must overcome human respect, and bear the little confusion which may arise from the scoffs of the enemies of the cross of Jesus Christ. “For there is a shame that bringeth sin, and there is a shame that bringeth glory and grace.” (Eccl. iv. 25.) If we do not suffer this confusion with patience, it will lead us into the pit of sin; but if we submit to it for God’s sake, it will obtain for us the divine grace here, and great glory hereafter. “As,” says St. Gregory, “bashfulness is laudable in evil, so it is reprehensible in good.” (Hom. x. in Ezech.)

Second Point. On the means of overcoming human respect. To overcome human respect, it is necessary to fix in our hearts the holy resolution of preferring the grace of God to all the goods and favors of this world, and to say with St. Paul: “Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God.” (Rom. viii. 38, 39.) Jesus Christ exhorts us not to be afraid of those who can take away the life of the body; but to fear him only who can condemn the soul and body to hell. “And fear you not them that kill the body; but rather fear him that can destroy both soul and body into hell.” (Matt, x. 28.) We wish either to follow God or the world; if we wish to follow God we must give up the world. “how long do you halt between two sides ?” said Elias to the people. “If the Lord be God, follow him.” (3 Kings xviii. 21.) You cannot serve God and the world. He that seeks to please men cannot please God. “If,” says the Apostle, “I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” (Gal. i. 10.)



To receive Holy Communion :

- You must be a **baptized Catholic**, having made a good confession since the last committed mortal sin - if any - in order to hopefully be **in the state of Grace**.
- You must believe in the doctrine of **Transubstantiation**. “*For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself*” (1 Cor. 11:29).
- You must observe one hour of **Eucharistic fast** (*except water and medicine. However, we advise to abstain from food and alcohol for three hours and one hour for other liquid before Holy Communion*).
- One must not be a **public sinner** (*public adulterer, concubine, public homosexual*), or excommunicated, or interdicted.

- **The most important requirement** is to have a **great desire** to receive the Body, the Blood, the Soul and the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can humbly approach the Communion rail at any time after the Communion of the priest. Then, open your mouth wide and extend smoothly and horizontally your tongue. There is **no special order**, so that nobody should feel compelled to follow a general movement. Do not judge your neighbor who abstains from receiving Holy Communion, as there is no obligation to receive it daily. However, “*Live in a manner to be able to receive communion every day!*” (St. Augustine)
- In this Church, the faculty to absolve sins is directly granted to the priests by the Holy Father.

“I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.” Rm 12:1

Out of respect for Our Lord Jesus Christ and for the edification of our neighbor, we beg all to appear in Church decent in deportment and modest in dress.

However, no one has the right to question others, especially visitors. It belongs to the parish priest alone to instruct the laity when they repeatedly dress or deport below expectation.

For gentlemen and lads: Neither shorts, T-shirts nor sneakers meet the norms of modesty.

For ladies and girls: Neither shorts, slacks, sleeveless, short nor low-cut dresses meet the norms of modesty.

Furthermore, according to apostolic custom or Church law, gentlemen are bareheaded in church; and ladies are requested to cover their heads.

Thank you for your charity.

Mass Times and Feasts from May 12 to May 20

Date	Time	Devotion	Chapel	Feast Day
Sunday, 12 th	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Low Mass† Low Mass† Sung Mass† Sung Mass	Davie Davie Davie W Palm Bch	SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla and Panratius, Martyrs
Monday, 13 th	—	—	—	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor
Tuesday, 14 th	—	—	—	FERIA St. Boniface, Martyr (Comm.)
Wednesday, 15 th	—	—	—	St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Confessor
Thursday, 16 th	—	—	—	St. Ubald, Bishop & Confessor
Friday, 17 th	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confessions Low Mass	Davie Davie	St. Paschal Baylon, Confessor
Saturday, 18 th	9:00 am 10:00 am 9:30 am	Confessions Low Mass Low Mass	Davie Davie W Palm Bch	Vigil of Pentecost
Sunday, 19 th	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Low Mass† Low Mass† Sung Mass† Sung Mass	Davie Davie Davie W Palm Bch	PENTECOST Whitsunday
Monday, 20 th	—	—	—	Monday in the Octave of Pentecost

† Confessions available **1/2 hour prior** to Holy Mass