



# SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

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### CLERGY

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Kara Ford

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### *Saturday*

5:00 PM English  
7:00 PM Vietnamese

#### *Sunday*

7:30 AM English  
9:00 AM Spanish  
11:00 AM English  
1:00 PM Spanish  
4:00 PM Vietnamese  
6:00 PM Spanish

### WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)  
8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)  
6:30 PM Spanish (Mon only)  
6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri only)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Friday)  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Saturday)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:30 PM (Monday)  
9:00 AM (Friday)  
3:30 PM (Saturday)

### OFFICE HOURS

*Monday-Friday*  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
*Sunday*

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.*

**MAY 29, 2022**

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/  
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYÊN**

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**

5:00 PM All Souls in Purgatory†  
7:00 PM Joseph Huy Dang†

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Polycarp  
9:00 AM Eufemia Elias†  
11:00 AM Anna Maria Tu Nguyen†, Anthony Thu Trung  
Nguyen, Le Thi Nam, Hoang Quoc Huy,  
Maria Nguyen Thi Duyen, and All Souls†  
1:00 PM Enriqueta Lopez & Juan Hernandez †  
4:00 PM Voliba Alcalá† & Roque Alcalá Padilla;  
Collective Mass Intention  
6:00 PM Collective Spanish Mass Intention;  
Agustina Rosales Romero

**Monday, May 30, 2022**

6:30 AM Alaric Bey Monzon†  
8:30 AM Gloria Cuenca†  
6:30 PM Samuel Garcia†

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

6:30 AM All Souls  
8:30 AM Francis Zavie Tran†

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

6:30 AM All Parishioners  
8:30 AM Tran Van Nguyen† & Nguyen Thi Meo

**Thursday, June 2, 2022**

6:30 AM All Souls  
8:30 AM Teresa Hoai Pham†

**Friday, June 3, 2022**

6:30 AM Thomas Lai Pham†  
8:30 AM Anna Maria Tu Nguyen†, Anthony Thu Trung  
Nguyen, Le Thi Nam, Hoang Quoc Huy,  
Maria Nguyen Thi Duyen, and All Souls†  
6:30 PM Joseph Vi Duc Nguyen †

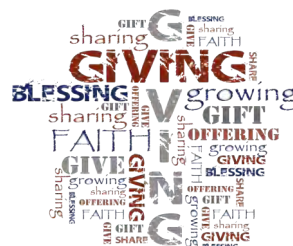
**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

8:30 AM Anna Maria Tu Nguyen†, Anthony Thu Trung  
Nguyen, Le Thi Nam, Hoang Quoc Huy,  
Maria Nguyen Thi Duyen, and All Souls†



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/  
Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,  
5-6/Lk 1:39-56  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab  
Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/  
Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7  
Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday:** *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28,  
29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/  
Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28,  
29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



May 21/22 Masses	\$ 16,127.50
May 21/22 online giving	\$ 2,349.00
<b>Total collection:</b>	<b>\$ 18,476.50</b>
<b>Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 18,500.00</b>

Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!  
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người

**PSA 2022 UPDATE REPORT** **UPDATE**  
**PASTORAL SERVICE APPEAL**

**PSA 2022 GOAL: \$98,000.00**

**# OF FAMILIES PLEDGES: 408**

**PLEDGES AMOUNT: \$ 168,008.00 71% (+)**

**PAID TO DATE AMOUNT: \$122,023.00 25%(+)**

**\*PLEDGES ABOVE OUR PSA 2002 GOAL: \$70,008.00**

Our faith. Our future.

Thank you

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR 2022 PASTORAL SERVICE APPEAL (PSA)

[WWW.RCBO.ORG/PSA](http://WWW.RCBO.ORG/PSA)

## Faith Formation Office Hours

### *Elementary Faith Formation/RCIA (English/Español)*

**Sister Teresa Thu Hồng (714) 892-3158**

Monday 10:30 AM—1:00 PM

\*Spanish Speaking Hours: 1 PM - 7:30 PM

Tuesday 1:00 PM—3:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

### *Vietnamese Faith Formation (Giáo Lý Việt Ngữ)*

**Sister MaryAnne Thiên Hương Nguyễn (714) 414-7437**

Monday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

### *Confirmation 1/2 (English/Español/Tiếng Việt)*

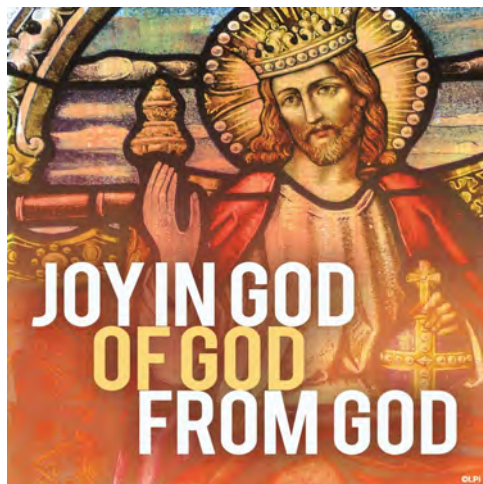
**Joseph Do (714) 723-4450**

Monday 12:00 PM—6:00 PM

Tuesday 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

Wednesday 12:00 PM—6:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM—1:00 PM



With the new database software we recently purchased, we are reviewing and updating our parishioner's database. The parish staff are making phone calls to verify your household information. **We will not be soliciting financial assistance in our phone calls.**

Please assist us as we hope to clean up our old database system to better serve your needs. You also can inform our office if there are envelopes being sent to your home for people no longer living there.

Thank you for your assistance!



## **Pope's Intention - May**

### *Faith-Filled Young People*

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.




## **Pope's Intention - June**

### **Families**

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

**farewell time**  
**BEST WISHES THANK YOU**  
**GOOD BYE**  
**SUNDAY, 6/26/2022**  
**9:00 A.M. 11 A.M. 4 P.M.**  
**AT THE PATIO**  
Let's give Msgr. Steve Fr. Tuan and Sister Teresa one last party!  
St. Polycarp Catholic Church  
8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton, CA

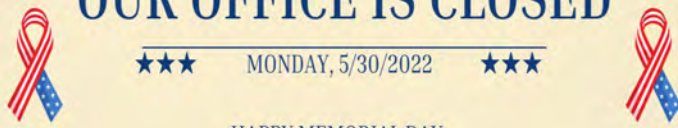
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 WWW.STPOLYCARP.ORG




**OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED**

★★★ MONDAY, 5/30/2022 ★★★

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY,  
 HONORING WHO ALL SERVED



Are you dealing with a loss and looking for a Grief Support group? St. Irenaeus Parish is offering such a group on Monday evenings in the Education Building from 6:30 to 8:30. Nurse Jennifer has indicated that parishioners from St. Polycarp Church are most welcome to join one of their groups. They have facilitators who speak English, Spanish and Vietnamese. If you want more information please contact Nurse Jennifer at [jdagarag@sticypress.org](mailto:jdagarag@sticypress.org) or 714-826-0760 ext. 124.




**Summer Classes Schedule 2022**

CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 27, 2022 - AUGUST 3, 2022

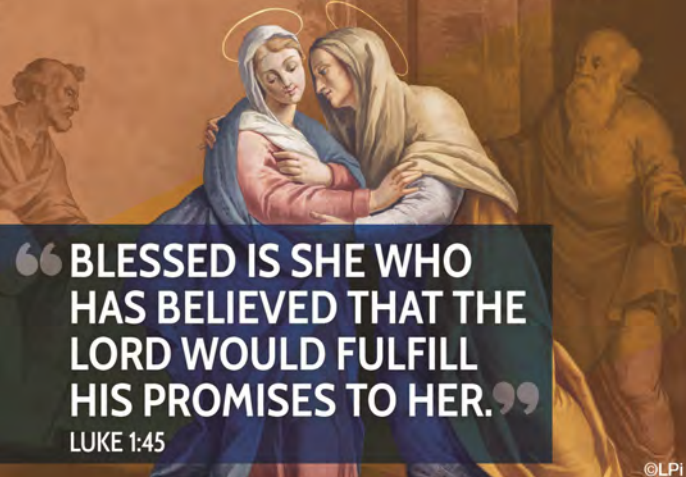
MONDAYS: COOKING CLASS FROM 12:00PM - 2:30PM  
 TUESDAYS: PIANO AND MUSIC CLASS FROM 1:30PM - 3:30PM  
 WEDNESDAYS: SEWING CLASS FROM 1:00PM - 3:00PM

ALL CLASSES ARE LIMITED IN SPACE!!!  
 \*SEWING CLASSES ARE LIMITED TO 12 STUDENTS (AGES 10-16) ONLY\*

PLEASE EMAIL [JDO@STPOLYCARP.ORG](mailto:JDO@STPOLYCARP.ORG)  
 OR REGISTER USING THE QR CODE




Pray  
 FOR  
 PEACE



**“BLESSED IS SHE WHO HAS BELIEVED THAT THE LORD WOULD FULFILL HIS PROMISES TO HER.”**

LUKE 1:45

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**U.S. CITIZENSHIP & NATURALIZATION TEST PREPARATION CLASS**

*CCOC Immigration & Citizenship Services*

"For the first 10 students to enroll before June 28 (in person or online) student material fee will be refunded at course completion."

**FREE 12 - WEEK IN PERSON COURSE**

- Learn the information necessary to pass the U.S. Citizenship test.
- Classes will be offered in-person.
- Classes are offered to those who are doing their USCIS Interview in English.
- Must register to attend.

Location: 1820 East 16th Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701



**CLASS SCHEDULE**

- Tuesdays 5:00 – 8:30 pm
- Wednesday 5:00 – 8:30 pm

*Open Enrollment 12-week course*  
 \*Once registered, a link will be provided.

**TO REGISTER**

Email: [jcasarin@ccoc.org](mailto:jcasarin@ccoc.org)  
 or Call: 714-347-9610

*To request Class registration appointment and initial student assessment.*

[ccoc.org](http://ccoc.org)  
 @ccocimmigrationservices

**SUMMER Camps**  
Activities for Girls and Boys!  
at ROSARY ACADEMY

Register at [www.rosaryacademy.org/summercamps](http://www.rosaryacademy.org/summercamps)  
1340 N. Acacia Ave., Fullerton CA | [www.rosaryacademy.org](http://www.rosaryacademy.org) | (714) 879-6302

# WORLD MEETING of Families

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2022  
"FAMILY LOVE: A VOCATION & A PATH TO HOLINESS"

- Young Family Retreat**  
St. Juliana Falconieri Parish | Saturday, June 18, 2022  
1316 N Acacia Ave, Fullerton, CA 92831
  - 3:00-7:00pm
  - Cost \$50 per Family
  - Webpage - [www.christusministries.org/events/holyfamily](http://www.christusministries.org/events/holyfamily)
- Santiago Retreat Center**  
27912 Baker Canyon Rd, Silverado, CA 92676
  - Catholic Family Campout on May 20-22, 2022
  - Blossom Girl Camp on July 10-15, 2022
  - Quo Vadis Boys Camp on July 17-22, 2022
  - Camp el Camino on July 24-27, 2022
  - Family Camp on July 28-31, 2022
- Picnic Familiar Católica**
  - Sábado, 30 de julio en Irvine Regional Park de 10am-3pm
- Thriving Marriages for all.**  
San Antonio de Padua Church | Sunday, August 21, 2022
  - 5800 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road Anaheim, CA. 92807
  - 1:00-3:30pm in the Church Hall
- Casados y Felices**
  - La Purísima Church | Domingo, 10 de Julio, 2022
  - 11712 Hewes St., Orange, CA. 92869
  - 1:30pm - 4:00pm en School Hall

Need more information? [www.rcbo.org/domestic-church](http://www.rcbo.org/domestic-church)

# Rekindle your love for the Eucharist

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 AT 4:30 PM

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will launch a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, starting on the feast of Corpus Christi.

Join the Diocese of Orange as we begin the National Eucharistic Revival on Saturday, June 18 with Mass and a Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop Timothy Freyer. Mass begins at 4:30 PM at Christ Cathedral with a procession around the campus to follow.

[rcbo.org/revival](http://rcbo.org/revival)

SAINT HEDWIG PARISH PRESENTS

# SCIENCE and the Shroud of Turin

June 17th, 2022

Guest Speaker  
**Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J.**

6:00 PM  
DOORS OPEN

6:30 PM  
POTLUCK DINNER

7:15 PM  
TALK BEGINS

LOCATED IN  
**QUINN HALL**

11482 Los Alamitos Blvd.  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

## Las lecturas de la semana del 29 de mayo de 2022

**Lunes:** Hch 19, 1-8/Sal 67, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/  
Jn 16, 29-33

**Martes:** Sof 3, 14-18 o Rom 12, 9-16/Is 12, 2-3. 4.  
5-6/Lc 1, 39-56

**Miércoles:** Hch 20, 28-38/Sal 67, 29-30. 33-35. 35-36/  
Jn 17, 11-19

**Jueves:** Hch 22, 30; 23, 6-11/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8.  
9-10. 11/Jn 17, 20-26

**Viernes:** Hch 25, 13-21/Sal 102, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20/  
Jn 21, 15-19

**Sábado:** *Mañana:* Hch 28, 16-20. 30-31/Sal 10, 4.  
5 y 7/Jn 21, 20-25

**Domingo:** *Vigilia:* Gn 11, 1-9 o Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20 o  
Ez 37, 1-14 o Jl 3, 1-5/Sal 103, 1-2. 24. 35.  
27-28. 29. 30/Rom 8, 22-27/Jn 7, 37-39  
*Vigilia Extendida:* Gn 11, 1-9/Ex 19, 3-8.  
16-20/Ez 37, 1-14/Jl 3, 1-5/Sal 103, 1-2.  
24. 35. 27-28. 29. 30/Rom 8, 22-27/  
Jn 7, 37-39  
*Día:* Hch 2, 1-11/Sal 103, 1. 24. 29-30.  
31. 34/1 Co 12, 3-7. 12-13 o Rom 8, 8-17/  
Jn 20, 19-23 o Jn 14, 15-16. 23-26

## Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 29 de mayo de 2022

**Lunes:** Día de los Caídos en Guerra (EEUU)

**Martes:** La visitación de la Virgen María

**Miércoles:** San Justino, mártir

**Jueves:** Santos Marcelino y Pedro, mártires

**Viernes:** San Carlos Lwanga y compañeros, mártires

**Domingo:** Domingo de Pentecostés; San Bonifacio, obispo y mártir

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Todos tenemos nuestras ideas de quién es Dios. Sin embargo, debemos recordar que nuestras ideas de Dios a menudo no captan quién es Dios en realidad. Dios es un misterio maravilloso cuya identidad es inagotable. Esto hace de la vida un viaje emocionante en busca de fe, amor, gloria y unidad. Mostrando toda la ternura de una historia de amor real, escuchamos de Jesús que Dios no quiere nada más, sino que el mundo crea. La misma profundidad de afecto que se le dio a Jesús, Dios Padre desea compartir con nosotros. Recibir este amor le da al creyente una mayor comprensión de lo que nos da propósito y significado. Con el amor incondicional de Dios como nuestra ancla, podemos soportar las mayores dificultades sabiendo que llevamos la esperanza de gloria dentro de nosotros. Compartiendo el mismo increíble destino eterno y la misma gloria que Dios le dio a Su Hijo, todos podemos ser uno, así como Jesús y el Padre son uno. ¿Por qué es importante comprender todo esto? Porque dada la miríada de opciones de lo que posiblemente puede definirnos, ahora tenemos la verdad primordial de quiénes somos que nos ha dado Dios. Sabemos, sin lugar a duda, dónde buscar la verdadera felicidad y dónde terminará nuestra vida.

## SUY NIEM LỜI CHÚA CHÚA NHẬT LỄ THĂNG THIÊN C THỜI KỲ CỦA GIÁO HỘI

### DẪN NHẬP

Thánh Lễ hôm nay tôn vinh Chúa Giêsu khi Chúa Cha cho Người siêu thăng trong vinh quang. Chúa Giêsu muốn chúng ta chia sẻ vinh quang của Người. Chúng ta hãy suy nghĩ về vinh quang mà chúng ta được mời gọi.

### ĐỀ TÀI CÁC BÀI ĐỌC

**Bài Đọc 1:** Công Vụ Tông Đồ 1, 1-11 : Chúng ta nghe thuật lại việc Chúa Giêsu lên trời và lời Người hứa gọi Chúa Thánh Thần đến với các môn đệ.

**Bài Đọc 2:** Êphêso 1, 17-23 : Phaolô trình bày ý nghĩa của sự kiện Thăng Thiên – Thiên Chúa đã nâng Đức Kitô lên trên mọi quyền lực trần gian, và đặt Người làm đầu Giáo Hội và làm Chúa mọi tạo vật.

**Tin Mừng:** Luca 24, 46-53 : Trước khi lên trời, Chúa Giêsu hứa sẽ gọi Chúa Thánh Thần đến với các môn đệ của Người.

### CHÚ THÍCH THÁNH KINH

Bài đọc từ sách Công Vụ nói về Chúa Giêsu lên trời, đồng thời cũng cho thấy bằng cách nào mà Chúa Giêsu giờ đây trong sự hiện diện vinh quang của Đức Chúa Cha, tiếp tục hoạt động qua Chúa Thánh Thần và qua các môn đệ của Người.

Ý nghĩa thần học của ngày lễ này được diễn tả trong Bài đọc 2: Thiên Chúa đã tôn vinh Đức Giêsu, nâng Người lên trên mọi quyền lực trần gian và đặt Người làm đầu Giáo Hội và Chúa mọi loài thụ tạo.

Bài đọc Tin Mừng trích trong phần cuối của Tin Mừng Luca. Nó chứa đựng trần thuật đầu tiên của Luca về biến cố lên trời. Ở đây Thăng Thiên được trình bày như xảy ra vào ngày Chúa Nhật Phục Sinh. Đức Chúa Phục Sinh cho các Tông Đồ thấy Kinh Thánh đã tiên báo về Đức Kitô phải chịu đau khổ và sống lại như thế nào. Đức Giêsu cũng trao cho họ một sứ vụ (kêu gọi sám hối để được tha tội). Người cũng hứa sẽ gọi Chúa Thánh Thần đến cùng họ. Họ vui mừng trở về thành Giêrusalem để chờ đón nhận Chúa Thánh Thần. Trong Tin Mừng của mình, Luca đã cho thấy “thời kỳ Itraen” đã nhường chỗ cho “Thời kỳ của Đức Kitô”. Giờ đây “thời kỳ của Đức Kitô” nhường chỗ “thời kỳ của Giáo Hội”. Lời mang ơn cứu chuộc sẽ ra đi từ Giêrusalem đến tận cùng trái đất. Luca sẽ thuật lại cho chúng ta điều đó trong cuốn sách thứ hai của ông, Công Vụ Tông Đồ. Lễ Thăng Thiên được xem như đỉnh điểm của đời sống Đức Giêsu và là khởi điểm của sứ vụ của Giáo Hội.

**Cha mẹ tôi làm tôi buồn vì loại nhạc mà tôi thường nghe. Cha mẹ tôi bảo đó là nhạc đồi trụy.  
Nhạc có thể đồi trụy sao?**

Âm nhạc là món quà giá trị mà Thiên Chúa ban cho con người. Âm nhạc tốt gây cảm hứng, xoa dịu, khai sáng con tim chúng ta, gia tăng nghị lực, tán dương, khơi động tâm tình, và nâng tâm hồn chúng ta lên cao xanh. Ông Herbert Spencer viết: “Phải xếp âm nhạc lên hàng nghệ thuật cao nhất-như là một nghệ thuật hơn nghệ thuật nào khác, trợ giúp an sinh con người.”

Âm nhạc, như bất cứ món quà nào khác từ Thiên Chúa, có thể bị dùng sai và lạm dụng. Chẳng hạn như việc lạm dụng rượu đưa người ta đến tận nghiện. Hoặc áp dụng sai dục tính gây ra tác phong lệch hướng, tai hại và yếu hèn. Làm sao để em biết được loại nhạc em nghe là tốt hay xấu? Đức Giê-su đã có những đường hướng để chúng ta theo khi Ngài dạy hãy xem quả thì biết cây (Mt 7:16, 18). Nói một cách khác, nếu điều gì tốt sẽ đem lại kết quả tốt. Em hãy tự hỏi nhạc em thích nghe có làm gia tăng “hoa trái của Chúa Thánh Thần” không? Nhạc đó có làm cho em : thêm yêu thương, bình an, nhã nhặn, vững tin, vui mừng, nhẫn nại, quảng đại, dịu dàng, trong trắng hơn không?

Nếu có - và như nhiều nhạc của Kitô giáo đương thời tạo nên chiều hướng tốt đó - thì đó là nhạc tốt. Ngược lại, nhạc sai và đồi trụy là nhạc gây nên hậu quả xấu. Hãy thận trọng với những âm tiết nhịp nhàng và những nhịp điệu hấp dẫn; đôi khi âm tiết nhịp điệu không ăn khớp với lời ca. Và cũng hãy tự hỏi về âm nhạc mà em đang thích nghe có:

- bộc phát sự giận dữ?
- khích động dục tính hỗn tạp?
- gợi lòng trắc ẩn?
- đưa đẩy đến trốn lánh bằng ma túy và rượu?
- chìm đắm trong cuộc sống vật chất ích kỷ?
- thừa nhận Lễ bái Satan?

Em cũng có thể quan sát cuộc sống của các nhạc sĩ mà em ưa chuộng. Các “tài danh” ấy đáng được em ủng hộ không? Họ là những người đáng kính và đáng yêu không, họ phải là những người mà em thấy hạnh phúc để tôn như mẫu mực của tuổi trẻ của em không? Họ có gieo cho em ấn tượng làm việc tốt không?

Hãy tránh xa âm nhạc và diễn viên (cũng như phim ảnh, báo, và chương trình tivi) sinh hoa trái xấu. Hãy nhớ lời báo động của các thảo trình viên máy vi tính: “Nhận rác rưởi vào, đổ rác rưởi ra”.

Michael Pennock

## **My parents give me grief over the music I listen to. They say that it is immoral. Can music be immoral?**

Music is one of God's great gifts to us. Good music inspires, soothes, lightens our hearts, energizes, celebrates, evokes deep feelings, and lifts us to the heavens. Herbert Spencer wrote, "Music must rank as the highest of the fine arts-as the one which, more than any other, ministers to human welfare."

Music, like any good gift from God, can be perverted and misused. For example, misuse of wine leads to alcoholism. Or a perversion of sex causes deviant, harmful, and debasing behavior. How do you judge if the music you listen to is good or bad? Jesus gave effective guidelines to follow when he told us to judge things by their fruits (Mt 7:16-18). In other words, if something is good, it will bear good fruit. Ask yourself if your music enhances any of the "fruits of the Holy Spirit." Does your music make you more: loving, peaceful, kind, faithful, joyful, patient, generous, mild, chaste? If so - and a lot of contemporary Christian music does - it is probably good.

On the other hand, music is wrong or immoral when it produces bad fruit. Be wary of lovely rhythms and seductive beats; sometimes there is no connection between the rhythms and beats of the music and a song's lyrics. Also ask yourself if the music you listen to:

- enflames your anger?
- encourages promiscuous sex?
- promotes self-pity?
- endorses escapism through drugs or alcohol?
- glamorizes a life of selfish materialism?
- approves of Satanism?

You might also examine the lifestyles of your favorite musicians. Do these "stars" deserve your support? Are they respectable and loving people, the kind of people you would be happy to hold up to a young child as a role model? Do they call forth the best in you?

Avoid music and performers (as well as movies, magazines, and television programs) that produce bad fruit. Remember the warning of computer programmers: "Garbage in, garbage out."

By Michael Pennock



# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."  
(Acts 7:56)

## PSALM:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97)  
Or Alleluia.

## SECOND READING:

The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon."  
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev 22:20)

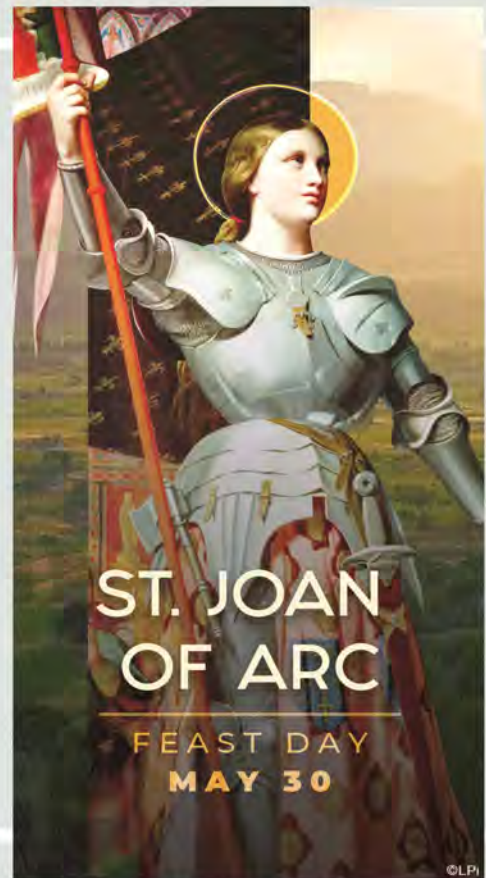
## GOSPEL:

That they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.  
(Jn 17:23)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

- Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord;  
St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day
- Monday: Memorial Day
- Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Justin, Martyr
- Thursday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr



## Saint of the Week

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiègne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members.

## GOD'S GAME OF TELEPHONE

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is

disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## AT A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, OUR PASTOR MENTIONED THE NEED FOR DEACONS. IT IS SOMETHING I AM CONSIDERING. HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE A VOCATION? WHAT STEPS SHOULD I TAKE NEXT?

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director,

someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes!





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