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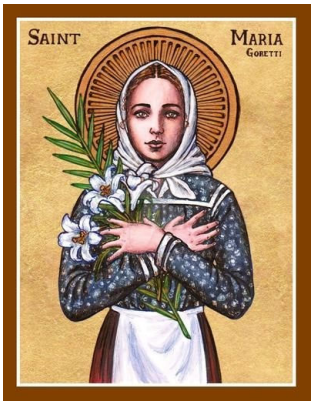
Holy Virgin Martyrs
Saints Beatrice & Maria Goretti



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Weekend Mass:
Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: **Monday—Thursday at 8:30am**

Holy Day Masses: **8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm**

Confession (Reconciliation): **Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm**

Baptisms: **Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm**

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we begin this month of May, we not only continue our celebration of the Easter season, but our Church also especially honors our Blessed Mother Mary during May. So, this weekend we will crown our statue of the Virgin Mary at each weekend Mass. We honor our Mother because she is not only the best and purest example that we have of a disciple of Christ (which we all strive to be), but she also loves us so much that she is constantly praying for us, that we might join her and her Son one day in heaven.

Also at the beginning of this month, we offer a beautiful sacrament to our young people for the first time. On Saturdays, May 1st & 8th, we celebrate First Holy Communion with our 2nd grade and Sacramental Prep. Religious Ed. students. This is an important step in their faith journeys (and I like to remind them that this is only one step of many, and that their First Communion should not be their Last Communion!) We are having four separate Masses to allow for more guests for each family (because of capacity limits). The names of the children who received First Communion this weekend are listed in today's bulletin, and the names of those who will receive First Communion next weekend will be in next week's bulletin. Please pray for them and their families.

And as many people know by now, I'm happy to say that the St. Maria Goretti building is now being rented – and not just to anyone, but to a church! In fact, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (the renter) is the oldest church in Chicago, and the 2nd oldest Greek Orthodox church in the United States. They are currently in the process of re-growing their congregation, and they're hoping to expand down the road. This Sunday they are celebrating Easter Sunday (according to the Greek calendar). It's great, I think, to have another church congregation in Schiller Park, and I invite you to join me in praying for and welcoming them.

I also want to remind everyone that if you ordered DVDs of the St. Beatrice and/or St. Maria Goretti Legacy Masses, you can pick them up in church after Mass this weekend, or anytime during business hours at the rectory, Monday to Friday. We might have a few additional copies of the DVDs available (I'm not sure how many, by the time you read this). If you would like to buy a copy and we do not have any in stock, we can always order more from Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home.

Finally, the Archdiocese's Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to participate. Please note that, while the Mass is being planned as a live event, if Covid guidelines change, it may need to be moved to an online liturgy. More details on the Mass, including its location, will be available in early summer. For more information, and to register for the Mass, please visit https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding or email familyministries@archchicago.org.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

FEAST OF FAITH
The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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Holiest Flower
Mary is the lily
in God's garden.
—St. Bridget of Sweden

Readings For The Week

Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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Masses For The Week

Sunday—May 2nd
9:30—Lena & Raymond Gennetti, req. Family
Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
Margaret Florio, req. Guenther Schuch
Thomas Griffin, req. Family
Maria Rosa Calderone, req. Family
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
11:30—Rita Valerio, req. Teresa Vitucci
Dorothy Hodges, req. Ministry of Consolation
Nancy Niecikowski, req. Noreen & Greg

Monday—May 3rd
8:30—Eugene Gersten, req. Richard Gersten
Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family

Tuesday—May 4th
8:30—Jesusan Rosales, req. Ministry of Consolation
Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family

Wednesday—May 5th
8:30—Gorgonio Alarcon, req. Family

Thursday—May 6th
8:30—Joseph Cunningham, req. Family

Saturday—May 8th
4:30—Ronald & Vernon Piltaver, req. Eugene Piltaver
Charlene Cruz, req. Linda Schultz
James Lucak, req. James & Anna Wysocki
Pasquale Chieco, req. Family

Sunday—May 9th
9:30—Nellie Arnone, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier
Catherine Solare, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier
James Florio Family, req. Family
Gene Danhoffer, req. Alice Danhoffer
Betty Saathoff, req. Lima Family
Thomas Griffin, req. Family
Madeline Pavone, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier
Ann Gualtier, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier
Evelyn Solare, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier
Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother, req. Kraft Family
Patricia Bombacino, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka
Helen Myszka, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka
Frances Rodgers, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka
Bobby Irsuto, req. Toots & Family
Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
Lena & Raymond Gennetti, req. Family
Giuseppa & Salvatore Fazio, req. Frank & Josephine Fazio
Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
Helen Kalamarie, req. Joan & Family
11:30—Elizabeth Gersten, req. Richard Gersten
Evelyn Majca, req. Family
Andrew Arambula, req. Family

Lectors

Saturday—May 8th
4:30—Char Fiore
Sunday—May 9th
9:30—Kitch Gorzynski
11:30—Moses Diaz

Mass Presider

Saturday—May 8th
4:30—Fr. Rob
Sunday—May 9th
9:30—Fr. Rob
11:30—Fr. Rob

Rest in Peace
It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead," please remember:
Dawn Reiss
in your prayers.

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Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 6, 2021
First Communion Rehearsal—6:00 & 7:30pm

Saturday, May 8, 2021
First Communion—10am & 1pm

Monday, May 17, 2021
Confirmation Rehearsal—7pm

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Confirmation—7pm

Monday, May 24, 2021
Confirmation Rehearsal—7pm

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Confirmation—7pm

Monday, May 31, 2021
Confirmation Rehearsal—7pm

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Confirmation—7pm

Registration Information

Registration will soon be opening for the 2021-2022 year! You DO NOT need to be a parishioner of Holy Virgin Martyrs to enroll your child in the Religious Education Program.

Our classes meet on Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:30am or Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm.

If you would like more information about the religious education program or would like registration materials, please contact the Religious Education office.

First Communion

Congratulations to our 2nd grade and Special Sacraments students who celebrated their First Communion on Saturday, May 1, 2021

Adrian Aguilar
Aiden Alarcon
Aileen Albino
Henry Fiore
Gabriella Glinski
Sophie Hohmeier
Andrew Janco
Bianca Jimenez
Richard Kohler
Jayden Mendez
Ivan Nevarez
Dominic Paasch
Aliyah Papish
Chiara Petrucci
Sophia Quinones
Cassandra Ramirez
Evelisse Ramirez
Joseph Rico
Leo Trischan
Brooklyn Wirth

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

Andrew Arambula
Betty Bajzek
Tina Baroni
Sonia Bonacci
Gus Campeotto
De Covelli
Bernie Cwan
Angela DeFranco
Claude Di Benedetto
Joseph & Beatrice Giannone
Howard & Carol Heidorn
Gerry Hickerson
Jerry Hoss
Edith Jenruczek
Michael & Vivian Jennings
Regina Kasper
Brian Kelly
Ted & Joan Lester
Norma McGowan
Paul Medo
Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Deacon Ron Pilarski
Jim Puchner
Barbara Rodgers
Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Blanca Selsky
Sarah Tripoli
Rev. Michael Valente
Eleanor Vogel
Joan Weichbrodt
Karen Weichbrodt
Jean Wesolowski
Nancy Wright

Names placed on the sick list will be listed for 4 weeks, if you would like the name to be on the sick list longer than 4 weeks, you will need to contact the rectory.

Please Pray For Those in the Military:

Sergeant Michael Bavone
Private Christopher Bavone
US Army. Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner U.S.A.F.
Sargeant Michael Keaty
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy,
U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez
U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth

Hypod Winner

April 26, 2021

$500 Winner—Anita Madrid

Ticket #02525

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week

Weekly Offering

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Week of April 24th & 25th

Weekly	$3,189.00
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MANY THANKS!

Second Collections:

The second collection on May 9th is for Catholic Charities.
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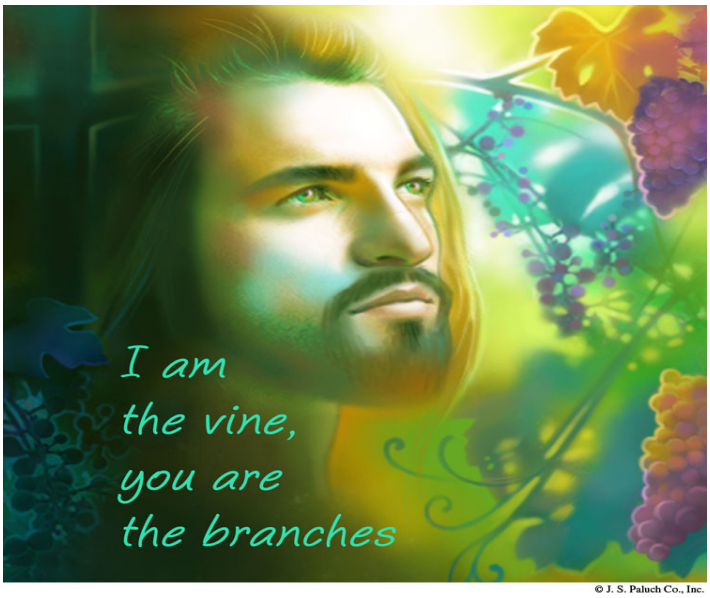

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"You're *extremely* generous, Joseph, but you should only donate eyeglasses you aren't using anymore."

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Face Coverings

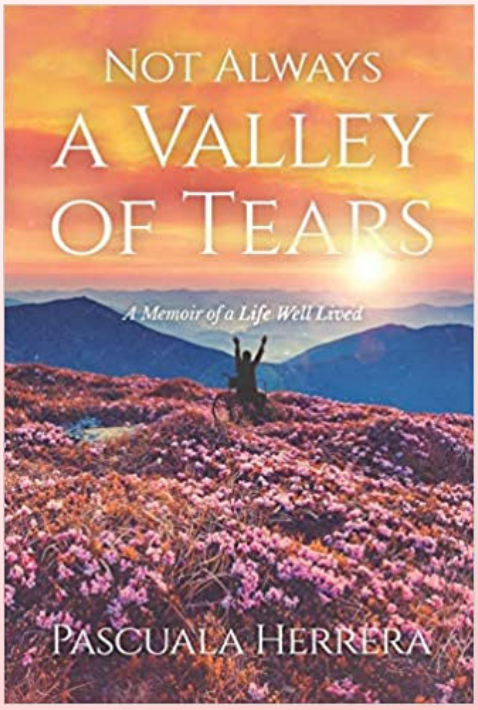
Face Coverings must be worn the entire time you are in church and in all parish buildings.

Hand Sanitizer and Social Distancing

- Please use the hand sanitizer located at the entrances of church.
- Please make sure to sit 6 feet away from those not in your household.
- Please follow the lines in the center aisle when you come up for Communion.

Reception of Communion

- Please make sure to leave your mask on when you come up to Communion.
- Communion will only be given in the hand.
- After you receive Communion, please step to the marker on either side of Father and pull down your mask and consume the Consecrated Host ***before*** returning to your pew.



One of our parishioners, Pascuala Herrera, has written an autobiography entitled, "*Not Always A Valley of Tears: A Memoir of a Life Well Lived*". Her inspirational story covers many facets of the human experience: race, health, disability, religion, poverty, immigration, access to medical care, education, disability rights, miscarriage, adoption, and much more. For more information about her story and her book, please visit **www.pascualaherrera.com.**

Pascuala and her book are featured in the April 25th issue of the Chicago Catholic Newspaper!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF Easter

MAY 2, 2021

I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

THE FRUIT OF FAITH

In today's Gospel, Jesus likens our relationship with him to a plant with many branches. We, the branches, are called to remain so close to Jesus that we bear fruit, loving one another as Christ loves us. Saul bore the fruit of his faith through powerful witness that drew others to Christ. And the branches that grew into the early Church were extraordinarily fruitful. What is the fruit of your faith in Jesus Christ?

VINES, BRANCHES, AND FRUIT

Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 9:26–31
Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32
1 John 3:18–24
John 15:1–8

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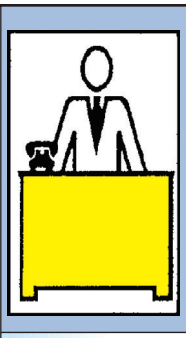

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