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*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*

# The VIGIL

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Sunday, May 21, 2023 (A Cycle)

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**





**The Beyond:** *Jesus looked up to heaven.* (John 17:1)

Once during Holy Week Jesus made the covers of *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *U.S. News and World Report*—a phenomenon that might lead us to think that he had really changed the world for good, except for the fact that the Unabomber appeared on all three covers the following week.

Anyway, the three magazines vary greatly in their knowledge about Jesus. The real superstars of the articles are speculative theoreticians, whose own imaginings and desires we find in abundance.

Robert Funk, who started the Jesus Seminar and has taught at the academic shrines of Texas, Harvard, and Emory, wants to “set Jesus free,” he says, from scripture and creed.

But what, one might ask, is left of Jesus Christ without scripture, without creed? Well, he’s more like a “Jewish Socrates or Lenny Bruce,” we are told: “Jesus was perhaps the first stand-up comic”—not political, not programmatic, offering no program for the world. It turns out that the most reliable description of Jesus is that he is “an ironic secular sage.”

Some theoreticians say that Jesus is a projection of Christian need and faith. Isn’t it strange, then, how like a professor their Jesus is, this “ironic secular sage”? ’Tis a pity he himself was not tenured, that he was not interviewed by one of the more reputable reporters of his time, that he had not published in a peer-reviewed journal.

I do not mean to belittle or caricature the contemporary academic readings of Jesus Christ. Surely there is a rich diversity of opinion and quality in the theologians quoted by our newsweeklies. There is also devoted and painstaking research going on in our universities.

But the media coverage merits a clear and critical look. The cover stories of our magazines represent a religious crisis of our times: not just the refusal to face up to the crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but a deep resistance to the transcendent God whom Jesus reveals.

How close is the so-called contemporary account of Jesus to a rejection of any faith in a God beyond? What criteria are used? All miracles must be deemed impossible; any mention of transcendence is suspect; all messianic claims, all reference to an afterlife are unacceptable; any thought that we need salvation by his death on a cross must be repressed.

The contemporary “secular sage” insists that it is all so ordinary, this faith, this story, this gospel, this Jesus. Yet it is precisely the extraordinary, the supernatural, that makes him what he is—not only his moral teachings (which some great sage might dream up), but also his resurrected body (which no other religion has come up with), and the seeming disgrace of his cross.

No human inventiveness would dare to concoct what was an embarrassment to the Roman Empire, a stumbling block to the Greek world, and a repudiation of Gnosticism. As the luminous Kierkegaard suggested, if faith is an offense to rationality, how might reason deal with faith other than by rejecting it?

It is not new, this struggle of faith in Jesus Christ. Since the beginning it was known that if we banish Christ’s divinity, he and all of us are utterly alone. He was just another heap of chemicals who died. It is humanity alone on that cross. And it is a stranded humanity that is left with post-Resurrection delusions.

**It is the God who called history forth and loved it enough to marry it, to preserve and save it, to redeem its terrible, fragile beauty.**

But if we believe that Jesus is indeed the eternal Word of God made flesh, then our very God was crucified as well; and the destiny of our dying bodies is somehow found in the presence of the almighty God. If we do not believe that the cross bore the sorrows of God as much as it does our own, we ought not to have approached that wood to kneel. If we do not believe that by his Resurrection we are destined to be free, we ought not to have sung our alleluias on his day of victory. If it was not a heavenly, unearthly Jerusalem to which Jesus ascended, we ought not gather to look and pray to a God beyond who beckons us.

For it is sheer folly, the things we have done this Paschal season, if Christ does not reveal our sublime fortune. It was all a charade if our saving God was not on that cross, if it was not miraculously one of us who ascended on high. But if we worshiped in faith this season, we have again professed that, rather than being dupes of folly, we are the agents of the only true revolution that has graced human history. In the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, neither Christ nor we are “confined” to dogma or scripture. Rather, our God is revealed and we are therein liberated.

It is God-with-us, Emmanuel, who died our death. It is the God who called history forth and loved it enough to marry it, to preserve and save it, to redeem its terrible, fragile beauty. Thus it was with full heart that we could pray: “We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee, because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.” And it is with faith in the miraculous, the transcendent, that we, like Jesus in the Fourth Gospel, look to heaven for the giver of eternal life, the glory of the earth and the love and truth from which we all came.

John Kavanaugh, SJ

**NEW INFO, RE: MASK WEARING: As of Sunday, April 30, 2023, if you choose to wear a mask, please do so and sit on the south (choir), side and if you choose to not wear a mask, that's ok too and we ask that you sit on the north (ambo) side. If you want to socially distance, please feel free to do so as well.**

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**Nativity Pantry Update...** The Nativity Family would like to thank our St. Charles family for their continued support of the food pantry. As you know, prices at the grocery store have skyrocketed, especially on the staple items we generally keep on our shelves. Our families are struggling to make it month to month. Your help continues to help us keep basic staple items on our shelves to pack for families so that their limited resources can go further. We thank you for your continued support. **This week the pantry needs: Fruit (canned), Side Dishes, and Peanut Butter**

**Sunday Community Dinners...** As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to learn more about sponsoring a meal or if you're ready to sign up, please call or email Georgia Kingsley at 586-206-2202, [gfk111@aol.com](mailto:gfk111@aol.com).

#### MAY & JUNE DINNER SCHEDULE:

May 21, 2023 – NO MEAL

May 28, 2023 – Memorial Day Weekend (NO MEAL)

June 4, 2023 – Joan Jacobs and Friends

June 11, 2023 - Sponsor Needed

June 18, 2023 - Father's Day (NO MEAL)

June 25, 2023 – Sponsor Needed

July 2, 2023 – Independence Day Weekend – No Meal



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#### Why Do Catholics Celebrate Ascension?

For 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Bible says that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth. Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.



**PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE**

Mary Canaday  
Joy Harris  
Joan Jackson  
Michael Martin  
Jerry McFee  
Tommy Nance  
Elizabeth Pilette  
Dr. Bob Preuss  
Alicia Smith  
Anna Tyler  
Rene VanZaelen  
Alonda Walker  
Jerry Walker  
Theresa Williamson  
Pam Young

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Acts 1: 1-11  
**(Christ's Ascension)**

Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
**(Praise to the Lord)**

Ephesians 1: 17-23  
**(Glorification of Jesus)**

Matthew 28: 19a, 20b  
**(Christ's Abiding Presence)**

Matthew 28: 16-20  
**(Commission of the Apostles)**

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 2023**

*For church movements and groups*

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**RISE!**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon., May 22:** Acts 19: 1-8; Psalm 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Colossians 3: 1; John 16: 29-33

**Tues., May 23:** Acts 20: 17-27; Psalm 68: 10-11, 20-21; John 14: 16; John 17: 1-11a

**Wed., May 24:** Acts 20: 28-38; Psalm 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17: 17b, 17a; John 17: 11b-19

**Thurs., May 25:** Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Psalm 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17: 21; John 17: 20-26

**Fri., May 26:** Acts 25: 13b-21; Psalm 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 14: 26

**Sat., May 27:** Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11: 4, 5 and 7; John 16: 7, 13; John 21: 20-25

**Sun., May 28:** Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; First Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Deceased members of the Kelly Family

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

Carl Ayoub  
Nefatari Kuumba

**Sunday, 4, 2023**

Carl and Georgine Ayoub  
Carolyn Alexander

**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

Jim Ruhanna

**Sunday, June 18, 2023**

Victor & Suzanne Fileccia  
Angela McDonald

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

All Deceased and Living Alumni of East Catholic Class of 1971  
Georgine Ayoub  
Catherine Bogotaitus

**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:**

**Stewardship Prayer**

*"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9*

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of **Stewardship**.

Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort.

Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**5-14-2023**

Collection \$ 1,969.58  
Online Donations \$ 1,082.00  
**TOTAL \$ 3,051.58**

**BE enraptured!**



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**Celebrating the Mass at Our Family of Parishes**

**Ascension Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** 11:30 Mass livestreamed; Presider and Preacher: Father David Preuss

**Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** [5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart SSAM: SVDP Food pantry, Men's Faith Sharing/6 PM Men's Faith Sharing]

**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** [SSAM **NO** 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass/ Presider: Capuchin Father, Preacher: Deacon Chris; Zoom Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** [Nativity, in the church **NO** 8 AM holy hour; 9 AM Mass; Emergency Food Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00 SSAM 8:15AM holy hour for priests and vocations]

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> St. Charles **NO**** 8 AM holy hour/11 AM Mass Fr. David Preuss

**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** [No Saturday Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass this month]

**Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** 11:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing; Priest and preacher: Fr. David Preuss

**2021-2023 IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Do you know an emerging young adult leader? Are you one? Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) is a leadership program for young adults (age 24-39), rooted in the spirituality tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The world needs Ignatian leaders – passionate “contemplatives in action” discerning God’s movements in their lives and responding out of love as hopeful, joyful people with and for others. This kind of leadership flows from a deep spiritual life and inspired sense of purpose.

If you are a young adult, learn more about CLA and the application process [contemplativeleaders.org/about-cla](http://contemplativeleaders.org/about-cla)! If you are a seasoned adult, please nominate younger adults you know who would benefit from this national program at the email address below.

**Apply by May 31.**

To learn more, visit [CLA-Detroit](http://CLA-Detroit) and our [FAQs](#).

Local Contact: Anthony Marciniak, [cladet@ignatianyoungadults.org](mailto:cladet@ignatianyoungadults.org).

# May 2023

## St. Charles Borromeo

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>8am Holy Hour</i> <i>11am Mass in church</i>	6
7 <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>Community Meal</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <i>8am Holy Hour</i> <i>11am Mass in church</i>	13
14 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>NO Community Meal</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>8am Holy Hour</i> <i>11am Mass in church</i>	20
21 <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>Community Meal</i>	22	23	24	25	26 <i>8am Holy Hour</i> <i>11am Mass in church</i>	27
28 <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>Community Meal</i>	29	30	31			



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**Rectory Hours:**  
Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p  
**Pastoral Team**  
Fr. Dan Trapp, Pastor  
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education  
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry  
**Council Members**  
Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey,  
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King,  
Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss, Nicholas Rennpage

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES  
MASS TIMES**

**St Charles Borromeo Detroit  
Mass Times**  
Friday: Holy Hour – 8am; Mass 11am  
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity of Our Lord  
Mass Times**  
Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am  
Sunday 9:30am

**St Augustine / St Monica  
Mass Times**  
Wednesday, 9am  
Sunday 10am

**Family of Parishes Prayer Groups**

**Tuesday Men’s Prayer Group**  
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

**Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study**  
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.  
For Zoom link go to [www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime](http://www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime)

**St. Charles Mission Statement**

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ’s Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ’s ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes.

**Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse**

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides “clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse,” Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. “I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority,” the archbishop said. “No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God’s law.” Pope Francis announced the new norms. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General’s Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov)). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit’s Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org).



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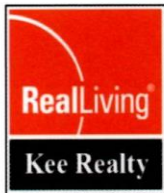
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