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Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	5/04/2024	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	5/05/2024	9:00am	Elaine Kinzer †
Monday	5/06/2024	8:00am	Gary Broemeling †
Tuesday	5/07/2024	—	No Mass
Wednesday	5/08/2024	8:30am	Nathan Henrie †
Thursday	5/09/2024	8:00am	Fr. Richard Root †
Friday	5/10/2024	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory †
Saturday	5/11/2024	4:00pm	Jill Jeffreys
Sunday	5/12/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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Office Hours · Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm

Please join us on
 Sunday May 12th at 9:00am
 for this year's
 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation
 with Bishop Thomas Daly.

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 Khloe Ohlson
 Cleo Leer
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Treasure:
 The collection for the week of 04/29/2024
 Actual: \$8,159.50

Prayer Class offered to students 1st through
 4th grade starting this Sunday, May 5th in the
 church south annex from 11am-12:30pm. Please
 join us.



*"We make Idols of our concepts,
 but Wisdom is born of wonder."
 St. Gregory the Great*

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Mondays at
 8:45am in the church hall after morning Mass.
 Please join us!

**The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters will meet in
 May on their regular scheduled meeting times.**

**The Catholic Daughters will meet on May 13th in the
 church annex at 6:30pm.**

The Knights will meet on May 14th in the church hall at 7:00pm.

Prayer Requests



*Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the
 parish office at 758-6102 or email to dparis@dioceseofspokane.org if you
 would like someone to be added.*

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
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*Jesus died out of perfect love for us and because of His death we can have life
 in Him that brings life to others. Let us, therefore, receive the love of God and
 then selflessly share that love with others.*

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Fr. Michael Brungardt

Probably one of the most misunderstood things we do as Catholics is go to confession. Because (as with many things we do as Catholics) we were taught in second grade, which means that a second grade understanding is often the level we're operating at. For example, "examining my conscience" becomes, "What are all the 'Catholic rules' I broke?" And we confess the "broken rules."

But confession is much more than owning up to the rules we've broken. I've had penitents say things like, "Well, I know it's bad, and you're probably going to judge me—but I insulted my mother," as if breaking the rule is the problem. And to this I will say, "Look, I don't care that you insulted your mother. The question is: Do you believe that insulting your mother is an obstacle to your desire to love her?" Because that is the crucial question. Do you think that what you're doing is an obstacle to your desire to love? To love God, to love your mom or dad, to love yourself, to love your girlfriend, to love your boyfriend, to love your husband or your wife? This is at the heart of it. It's the distinction between: "Did I break this arbitrary rule on this sheet I was given that tells me 'the sins'?" Or, "Did I do something that prevents me from truly loving?"

In this Gospel today, Jesus gives us the greatest of the commandments: "Love one another as I have loved you...Love one another." This is not a lovey-dovey, feel-good, warm-tingly-feelings-inside "love," no. Jesus Christ loved us to the point of dying for us—so not a lot of warm tingles there. So then what?

As the Angelic Doctor himself said, "A person's life consists in the affection that chiefly sustains him and in which he finds the greatest satisfaction" (Summa Theologiae II-II, 179, 1). In other words, you can learn a lot about a person by asking one question: "Where do you find the greatest satisfaction in life?" If you catch someone with their guard down so that they answer honestly, you'll learn a lot, literally, what their life consists of. "Where do you find the greatest satisfaction in life? What has your affection? What do you love that gives life and joy and newness to your life?"

The things people say when they're being brutally honest are: "If I didn't have my job, I would die! I would kill myself." Some people are a little wary to admit it out loud, but it's sports, whether the sports they play or watch. Teenagers will talk about the love of their thirteen-year-old-life, and how without that person, their life would be over. More and more.

Ok. So what can you learn? You can learn that in which a person's life consists. You can learn what has their chief affection, their preference, their love. You learn what they are willing to make sacrifices for, what comes first in their life. You can learn what they are willing to give their life to, what they're willing to give their life for. You can learn that place where they find the greatest satisfaction, the place they are willing to do anything to remain.

When there is something, and especially when there is someone that captivates us, someone who causes everything within us to be stirred up, someone that attracts us because they promise some good—that is when what Jesus is saying, this dynamic of "love" as the great commandment begins to make sense. And not only does it begin to make sense, but you begin to understand that what Jesus is saying is not a new, arbitrary "rule." Jesus is revealing something that is truly human, deeply and profoundly human.

Truly human morality, the beginning of living the morality of Christ, the beginning of any truly human morality is an act of love. This new morality Jesus proposes is love, not just some rules to follow.

What you love, what has your preference, your affection, the place where you find the greatest satisfaction—it determines your life. You live a strict morality based on it. It's not just "rules you have to follow." If there is a presence, something, someone that has your affection, that gives you great satisfaction—you will remain, you will love, you will sacrifice, no questions asked.

"Do you believe that all of these things you're doing—do you believe that they are an obstacle to your desire to follow Jesus Christ, to remain with him, to love him?" When the Lord has our affection, when he sustains us and we find our greatest satisfaction in relationship with him—well, then the question is no longer, "Did I break some 'rules'?" Rather, "Is _____ an obstacle in my desire to love him?"

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Feast Day is May 13th

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Holy Week Ministries Schedule

Please register for open positions on your MSP app or call the parish office. Thank you!

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday May 11th 4:00pm	Linda Rossiter	Lynette Ausman	Addy Aceveda Not Filled	Leonard Babino Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
Sunday May 12th 9:00am	Pat Wolf Tina Cunningham	Pat Mills	Thang Dao Marcus Mills	Mark Ackerman Ron Gosselin Steve Nuxoll Doug Weaver

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If you have your weekly/monthly donations automatically taken out of your bank account, here is a list of the "special collections" you may not know of. Thank you.

Did you know, before we enter the worship area (sanctuary) we dip our right hand in the Holy Water and make the sign of the Cross. This gesture reminds us of our Baptism when we died with Christ and rose again with Him to new life, cleansing us of Original Sin. It also reminds us of the Trinity - Three Persons in One God.

This week at Holy Family...

- Sunday, May 5th:**
 - Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee and Donuts
 - Prayer Group for grades 1st-4th. 11:00am to 12:30pm in south annex
- Monday, May 6th:**
 - Mass 8:00am
 - Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am
- Tuesday, May 7th:**
 - No Mass
- Wednesday, May 8th:**
 - Mass 8:30am
 - Sacrament Class 3:30pm
- Thursday, May 9th:**
 - Mass 8:00am

- Men's Holy Hour 6:00pm
- Holy Family School Auction Online Bidding Opens
- Friday, May 10th:**
 - Mass 8:00am
- Saturday, May 11th:**
 - Confessions 3:00pm
 - Mass 4:00pm
 - Holy Family School Auction: 4:00pm Silent 7:00pm Live
- Sunday, May 12th:**
 - Mass 9:00am
 - Coffee & Donuts
 - Prayer Group for grades 1st-4th. 11:00am to 12:30pm in south annex

Letter from Father

5 May 2024
6th Sunday of Easter
A Just End

Greetings,

You may have noticed that I have been adding a prayer at the end of the General Intercessions during Mass. As a last prayer, I always pray for, "A just end to the violence in Israel and a safe return of the hostages". I was asked recently what I mean by "a just end" and what that would look like. At the risk of offending or alienating some of you, I will explain exactly what I mean when I pray for a just end to the violence in Israel and why it matters to us.

There are many who believe that all martial violence is wrong and that every conflict can be settled by means of negotiation and talking. I reject this notion out of hand. While I hold that these things should be tried first before any violence occurs, justice requires that, at times, martial violence must be used to end oppression and injustice. This is not merely my opinion but the teaching of Holy Mother Church.

The Hamas attack on 7 October last fall was only the most recent in a long line of violent actions against the people of Israel. This attack can in no way be considered just as it was not an attack on a defensible, military target. Hamas chose a music festival focused on unity and peace as its target and showed no mercy to any of the people they found there. They also entered several kibbutz communities and murdered entire generations of families, from great-grandparents to infants. This was not a just action regardless of what the UN and the main stream media purport.

So, what is a just end to this violence? In my reading of what the Catholic Church teaches regarding the justice of warfare, no less that the complete surrender or eradication of Hamas will be just. While this may seem extreme, it is important to remember that the nation of Israel has tried negotiation with Hamas, the PLO, and the Palestinian Authority many times over the past three decades. The slogan, "From the river to the sea" is evident that Hamas has no intention of a peaceful solution with Israel. They have said since the 7 October attack that there will be "10,000 more October 7ths". This is not the language of an organization interested in peace.

St. Thomas Aquinas provided us with a good model for Just War. According to Aquinas, three requirements must be met. Firstly, the war must be waged upon the command of a rightful sovereign. Secondly, the war needs to be waged for just cause, on account of some wrong the attacked have committed. Thirdly, warriors must have the right intent, namely to promote good and to avoid evil. Aquinas concluded that a just war could be offensive and that injustice should not be tolerated so as to avoid war. Nevertheless, Aquinas argued that violence must only be used as a last resort. On the battlefield, violence was only justified to the extent it was necessary. Soldiers need to avoid cruelty and a just war is limited by the conduct of just combatants. Aquinas argued that it was only in the pursuit of justice, that the good intention of a moral act could justify negative consequences, including the killing of the innocent during a war.

These conditions exist in Israel's response to Hamas aggression. The IDF sends texts to the residents of neighborhoods in which they are going to raid, warning non-combatants to leave so as to avoid collateral damage. The IAF drops dud bombs on the roofs of the buildings they are planning to destroy by air to be sure that any non-combatant knows that the building is a target and that they should leave. Israeli medics provide medical care for those injured by their actions and even treat the Hamas fighters they capture during operations.

Some have cited the requirement for proportionality in response as an element in a just war. This is true. There is a mistaken notion that proportionality is the equal loss of life and property by each side. In actuality, proportionality calls the responding side to use only what force is necessary to end the threat of the aggressors. Israel is not limited by justice to killing only 1300 Hamas members or by destroying an equal number of buildings. Instead, they may only wage war on Hamas until the threat of Hamas is not just diminished but negated. They may not intentionally target civilians, though this limitation is complicated by the practice of Hamas to hide behind civilian targets, using schools and hospitals as operations bases and weapons storage. As I wrote earlier, the IDF and IAF are taking extraordinary steps to address this evil while avoiding unnecessary casualties. A just end to this violence means that the Israeli people can sleep at night without the worry of rocket attack or terrorist infiltration into their homes, and this will only happen when Hamas is neutralized. This is hard to countenance because of the violence required to accomplish it but, great evil requires great action to destroy.

More than 200 men women, and children were taken hostage by Hamas on 7 October and have been help in what can only be described as hellish conditions. They still hold a baby who "celebrated" his first birthday in captivity. They hold an elderly woman in her eighties who should be home with her husband and grandchildren. And they hold an estimated 123 more hostages of various ages and nationalities, refusing to release them.

We must continue to pray for a just end to this violence and a safe return of the hostages. Safe is a relative term as many of the hostages have been beaten, raped, and denied basic human necessities. This prayer must also include and desire for peace throughout the world and for a renewing of the virtue of charity for all people.

Blessings,

Fr, Jeff Core

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"Your workmanship is marvelous - how well I know it." -Psalm 139:14

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(Pre)~10 bks; Sydney (5th)~10 bks

Great job everyone!

We will be celebrating our amazing teachers for their dedication to our school and students this next week.

Thank you!



AUCTION

May 11th, the gym doors will open at 4 p.m. for our HFS Auction! Live auction begins at 7 p.m. We hope you will be able to join us! If you are unable to attend, please register online to bid on silent auction items. It will be a fun evening for all: Free Admission and casual dress, must be 21 to attend.

If you would like to donate an item/monetary donation to our **HFS Auction**, please contact the school. We need all donated items in the office by Tuesday. If you are a business and would like to **sponsor our auction**, please contact Mrs. Gehring to see what levels of sponsorship we have. We appreciate your continued support of HFS! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

upcoming events

- 5/8 - Mass 8:30 a.m. by 8th grade
- 5/8 - Enrichment 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 5/9 - SCRIP orders due
- 5/9 - Upcoming Kindergarteners: Plan to attend the Kindergarten Round Up for screening. Teacher Karlie and other screeners will be at Grantham Elementary. HFS has a screening time of 4:15-6:30 p.m.
- 5/10 - NO School - Auction Set Up/Teacher Professional Development
- 5/15 - Spring Program, 6 p.m. at the church - all are welcome!
- Blood Drive (need 30 good donations for our STEM grant) - Thurs, May 16, 1:30-6 p.m. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/BloodDriveMay24>
- **No mass May 15 or May 22 (Fr. Jeff is gone both weeks)-we will have a rosary at church
- May 20-24 – please pray for our 7th graders, staff, & chaperones who will be traveling to WA DC for their History Trip

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