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Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 08h30-13h00.

MASS TIMES

Monday	18h00 English
Tuesday	09h00 Portuguese 18h00 English
Wednesday	08h00 English
Thursday	08h00 English
Friday	18h00 English
Saturday	17h30 English 19h00 Portuguese
Sunday	08h00 Portuguese 10h00 English 14h00 Sotho/Zulu

Intentions

08/05 17h30 Parish Intentions

09/05 18h00 Maria Paixao da Silva, Shudley Fick
Birthday Blessings, Josefina das Neves Goncalves

10/05 18h00 Jose Teixeira RIP, Fr. D. Canestrini &
Mons. C. Mangot (can.) cs

11/05 18h00 To the Sacred Family, Fr. C. Rossi, Fr.
G. Baggio, Fr. D. S. Pierazzo & Fr. G. Vigolo cs

12/05 08h00 Maria Paixao da Silva, Spec. Int. for
Tiago, Arnold Perumal Birthday Blessings, Arnold and
Angele Perumal 25th Weeding Anniv. Blessings, Fr.

E. Ferraro, Fr. B. Tabbia & Fr. D. Corso cs

13/05 08h00 Spec. Int. for Sabrina, Fr. S. G. Zago,
Fr. S. Flipplin & Fr. E. Fanni cs

14/05 18h00 Devi Perumal RIP, Spec. Int. for Paul
de Andrade, Fr. L. Bertollo & Br. Diac. G. Dalla
Spezia cs

VI Sunday Of Easter – Year B:



Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching

to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is agape. The second is philia. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as

synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Catechism Classes Roster

Please make note of the dates that your child's grade needs to attend catechism classes at the church.

15-May Grades: 2, 3, 6, 8, 11

22-May Grades: 1, 3, 7, 10, 11

29-May Grades: 3, 4, 5, 9, 11

Rosary during the month of May: We will be praying the Rosary daily during the month of May. Each group/community will have an allocated date and time. Please refer to the back of the Church for a complete roster.

09-May Prayer for World Leaders-so that God may give them Wisdom [ZULU/SOTHO+CMF- 4 PM](#)

10-May Prayer for those affected by war, drought, floods, famine, etc. [NIGERIAN COMMUNITY-7 PM](#)

11-May Prayer for the elimination of crime in South Africa [CHOIR- 7 PM](#)

12-May Prayer for Justice and Peace around the world [MALAWAIN COMMUNITY- 7 PM](#)

13-May Prayer for elimination of Corruption in SA and around the world. [FRENCH COMMUNITY- 7 PM](#)

14-May Prayer for the victims of child abuse [YOUTH/ZIM COMMUNITY- 7 PM](#)

15-May Prayer for Unity in the Church around the world [CATECHIST- 3 PM](#)

16-May Prayer for old and infirm- those who are abandoned [ZULU/SOTHO+CMF- 4 PM](#)

Our Lady of Fatima Procession: Wednesday **12 of May 2021 at 19H00.** Please book with the parish office from Monday to Thursday between 8h30 and 13h00.

Proclaimers Workshop: Will be held on the 16th May after the 10h00 Mass.

Paper/ cardboard recycling bin: We have a paper/ cardboard recycling bin at the church. Please collect cereal boxes, tissue boxes, newspaper, magazines, toilet till inners, scrap A4 paper, cardboard boxes etc. The Recycling bin is inside the convent parking area.

The money we get back from recycling these items will be for the Catechism children.

Rosário durante o mês de maio: Estaremos rezando o Rosário diariamente durante o mês de maio. Cada grupo / comunidade terá uma data e hora alocada. Consulte a entrada da Igreja para uma lista completa.

Procissão de Nossa Senhora de Fátima: Quarta-feira 12 de maio de 2021 às 19h00. Por favor, reserve o seu lugar com o escritório paroquial de segunda a quinta-feira entre 8h30 e 13h00.

Quote by Mother Theresa:

"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start."