

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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May 10th. 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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WITH THE SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE INTENTIONS THAT ARE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN ARE HERE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE INTENTIONS THAT YOU REQUESTED ARE BEING PRAYED FOR AT THE PRIVATE MASSES OFFERED.

MASSES FOR May 10- May 17

Saint Agnes

Sunday For Mother's of the Parish
Tuesday + Ralph & Marie Heidlage
Thursday + Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

Mon.
Wed.
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, May 10 **Mother's Day**
Wednesday, May 13 **Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima**

EVENTS COMONG UP:

Your Gift to the Church: \$1165 .00 Home Mission Appeal \$165.00 Life House \$56.00

Readers

Servers

Extraordinary Min

Gift Bearers

Usher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Sharon Wolfe, Theresa Heidlage, Paul Mettlach, , Marie Jasumback, Mary Lenore Droska, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Linda Russell, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

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INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE: Concerning the directives from the diocese on the COVID-19 Virus you may visit their webpage at www.dioscg.org or visit their Facebook page Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. There is also a letter on the bulletin board.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:(22)1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Monday May 11

Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-4,15-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday May 12

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-13ab,21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 13

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday May 14 St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Ps 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Friday May 15

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-10,12
John 15:12-17

Saturday May 16

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-2,3,5
John 15:18-21

Today's Gospel reading ends with a very astounding verse: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and greater far than these." What does he mean? How can we do the same – and *greater* – miracles that Jesus himself did?

The answer is found in the context of the entire chapter. Jesus is explaining his close relationship with the Father. Remember, Jesus was (and still is) both human and divine. We need to look at these verses with that in mind. How did he serve the Father as the Son of *Man*? And how did he serve the Father as the Son of *God*?

The "works I do" come from his human nature: He loved, he taught, he conversed with a listening heart, he dined with others, he worked hard at his job, he took his ministry very seriously. "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do" – he is our example of what it means to be a holy human. We will love others as

he loves them, teach the faith to others, listen to those who need someone to understand them, work hard at our jobs, offer a helping hand when we see a need, etc. There's nothing supernatural about it. It's being who we are: human children of a loving Father.

The "greater" works come from his divine nature: He did the supernatural works of his Father. "Whoever believes in me will do the works of the Father." We are called to be the Father's conduits of miracles in our world today.



When Jesus united himself to us as a human, he showed us how to rise above our human limitations. Now, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, we are united to Christ's divine nature so that we can continue the works of the Father. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, any disunity is removed. We can love the unlovable after they've pushed us past our human limits. We can be conduits of the supernatural. We can do everything that God asks of us, despite our inadequacies..

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Make a list of your gifts and talents. Then reflect on how each of these are the human works of Jesus for the world today. How has the Father also worked through you supernaturally?
2. Name some of the good works being done in your parish or group: How do these reflect the human nature of Jesus?
3. Name some of the ways that your parish or group shows the Father's supernatural nature to the world.
4. How can we become better able to do the "greater works" of the Father?

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FROM THE PASTOR

I WOULD HATE TO SPECULATE AS TO WHY, BUT HERE I AM FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN A ROW TELLING YOU THAT I HAVE LESS OF WHICH TO SPEAK. BELIEVE ME, IT IS NOT THAT I AM OUT OF IDEAS, JUST GOOD ONES! NOT TRUE. REAL REASON IS THAT WHAT FOLLOWS IS WHAT I HAVE TRIED TO HAMMER HOME OVER THE YEARS IN SO MANY SUNDAY AND FUNERAL SERMONS. IT BEARS REPEATING, AS, REPETITION IS THE MOTHER OF LEARNING, NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION, AND THE MOTHERS OF INVENTION IS THE NAME OF FRANK ZAPPA'S BAND. TIRESOME TO HEAR THAT JOKE AGAIN ISN'T IT? IT IS DIFFICULT TO PUT INTO WRITING, THAT WHICH I THINK WOULD BE BEST EXPRESSED IN SPEECH, YET ONE USES WHAT IS BEFORE HIM.

THE CHURCH CHOOSES TO PUT BEFORE US A PORTION OF WHAT IS CALLED THE "LAST DISCOURSE" FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN. THIS IS HIS LAST TEACHING OF HIS DISCIPLES BEFORE HE GOES TO DIES TO ACCOMPLISH THE WILL OF THE FATHER. THE PURPOSE IS TO HELP US REALIZE THAT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION IS OUR CALL TO DO THE WORKS OF CHRIST. BEFORE HE GOES TO THE CROSS, HE TELLS THEM THAT THEY (WHICH ALSO MEANS US) WOULD DO THE WORKS HE DOES AND FAR GREATER. THE WORKS ARE DONE IN HIS NAME, UNITED TO HIM AND GLORIFY THE FATHER. "SO WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME, I WILL DO, SO AS TO GLORIFY THE FATHER IN THE SON." Jn 14:13. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME THIS WEEK, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO READ AND REFLECT ON THE ENTIRETY OF CHAPTER 14. AFTER DOING SO, GIVE THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER IN HEAVEN, THROUGH CHRIST FOR ALL THE GOOD THAT YOU HAVE DONE BECAUSE YOU ARE ONE WITH CHRIST. THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE THE ETERNAL GLIMPSSES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN THAT CHRIST HAS ENTRUSTED YOU TO BRING INTO THE WORLD, AND WILL BE A PART OF THE GLORY THAT THE FATHER WILL BESTOW ON YOU ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION. ENOUGH SAID ON THAT,

THIS SUNDAY IS MOTHERS' DAY. ALTHOUGH A CIVIL REMEMBRANCE, THERE IS A VERY DEEP SPIRITUAL ASPECT TO IT. WE CALL TO MIND HOW A MOTHER'S LOVE IS A MEANS BY WHICH WE, WHEN WE ARE YOUNG, AND IN FACT THROUGHOUT OUR LIFETIMES, GIVES US A REALLY CONCRETE EXAMPLE AND SHARING OF THE LOVE OF GOD, A SENSE OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST, AND A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, MOTHER OF ALL CHRISTIANS IS THE MODEL AND INTERCESSOR FOR ALL MOTHERS. THIS IS WHY EACH MOTHERS' DAY, AT THE END OF MASS, IT IS MY HABIT TO SAY, "IF YOU HAVE A MOTHER, STILL WITH YOU HERE ON EARTH OR GONE TO HER REWARD, SAY AT LEAST ONE HAIL MARY FOR HER." IN THIS RENDITION, I ADD, SINCE YOU HAVE A MOTHER, MARY, REALIZE THAT WHEN YOU SAY THAT "HAIL MARY," YOU ARE TELLING HER HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HER TOO.

SO ENDS THIS DISCOURSE FOR THE WEEK. GOD BLESS - FR. MATT.