

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF
THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME AND THE MOST HOLY BODY &
BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)**

May 27 – June 2, 2024

**Monday, 5/27 † Saint Augustine of
Canterbury, Bishop**

6:30pm: Olivia

Tuesday, 5/28 † Weekday

8am: Colette

9am: A.S.

**Wednesday, 5/29 † Weekday, Saint Paul VI,
Pope**

9am: A.S.

6pm: Patricia Dumenric by Family

Thursday, 5/30 † Weekday

8:00am: Mary & Nate (Anniversary)

9am: A.S.

**Friday, 5/31 † The Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

8:00am: Leo

9am: A.S.

First Saturday, 6/1 † Saint Justin, Martyr

8:30am: Reagan (Birthday) by Great Grandma

**Saturday, 6/2 † Vigil, THE MOST HOLY BODY &
BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)**

4:30pm: Parishioners

**Sunday, 6/2 † THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD
OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)**

7:30am: Alicia

9am: A. S. Linda Potempa by Sis Scutchfield

11am: Francis Moore, Jr. by Knights of Columbus

†† R. I. P. ††
Gilbert Franz, All Saints

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Wed., May 29 – 6:30pm – Synod Meeting, All Saints
Subject: Cultural Wars (Hosts SVDP)

Thurs., May 30 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., May 30 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Dear Padre

May 26, 2024

I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is "a call from God to a particular state in life," by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of vocation is really the understanding of God's call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God's call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●

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As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

Good News!

May 26, 2024

Most Holy Trinity (B)

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 / Romans 8:14-17 /

Matthew 28:16-20

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Voltaire, the French author, once commented that God created us in God's image, and ever since we have been trying to pay God back. When we fail to forgive, we may not believe that God forgives us. If we hate another person (or another nation), we may imagine that God agrees with us. "God is on our side," presumes that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, we tend to think of God being like us rather than discovering how we reflect God.

It is little wonder, then, that amid such confusing images we can find ourselves wondering who God is or even doubting God's existence. Yet faith of its nature tends to be sown with doubt simply because faith does not bring the kind of certainty we think science does. This week's Gospel tells how "the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:16-17). From the beginning believers seemed to be inclined to uncertainty and doubt.

How then do we live in faith? The reading from Deuteronomy tells of Moses asking the people to remember how they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, how God had taught them and taken care of them. It is in remembering past blessings that we recognize a power at work greater than ourselves, a remembering that will lead to renewed faith. We are people who live with the promise of Jesus "to be with you always, to the end of the age." ●

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How the Miraculous Medal Changed My Life

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

One of the most memorable experiences that I ever had was with the Miraculous Medal! It changed my life. In the fall of 1948, the year after my ordination, I was in what we call the Tertianship. This is a third year of Novitiate before taking final vows.

In October of that year, a Vincentian priest came to speak to us young Jesuit priests. He encouraged us to obtain faculties, as they are called, to enroll people in the Confraternity of the Miraculous Medal. Among other things, he said, "Fathers, the Miraculous Medal works. Miracles have been performed by Our Lady through the Miraculous Medal."

I was not impressed by what the Vincentian priest was telling. I was not the medal-wearing kind of person and I certainly did not have a Miraculous Medal. But I thought to myself, "It does not cost anything." So I put my name down to get a four page leaflet from the Vincentians, with the then-Latin formula for blessing Miraculous Medals and enrolling people in the Confraternity of the Miraculous Medal. About two weeks later, I got the leaflet for blessing and enrollment, put it into my office book and forgot about it.

In February of the next year, I was sent to assist the chaplain of St. Alexis Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. I was to be there helping the regular chaplain for two weeks. Each morning I received a list of all the patients admitted into the hospital that day. There were so many Catholics admitted that I could not visit them all as soon as they came. Among the patients admitted was a boy about nine years old. He had been sled-riding downhill, lost control of the sled and ran into a tree head-on. He fractured his skull and X-rays showed he had suffered severe brain damage. When I finally got to visit his room at the hospital, he had been in a coma for ten days, no speech, no voluntary movements of the body. His condition was such that the only question was whether he would live. There was no question of recovering from what was diagnosed as permanent and inoperable brain damage.

After blessing the boy and consoling his parents, I was about to leave his hospital room. But then a thought came to me. "That Vincentian priest. He said, 'The Miraculous Medal works.' Now this will be a test of its alleged miraculous powers!"

I didn't have a Miraculous Medal of my own. And everyone I asked at the hospital also did not have one. But I persisted, and finally one of the nursing sisters on night duty found a Miraculous Medal.

What I found out was that you don't just bless the medal, you have to put it around a person's neck on a chain or ribbon. So the sister-nurse found a blue ribbon for the medal, which made me feel silly. What was I doing with medals and blue ribbons.

However, I blessed the medal and had the father hold the leaflet for investing a person in the Confraternity of the Miraculous Medal. I proceeded to recite the words of investiture. No sooner did I finish the prayer of enrolling the boy in the Confraternity than he opened his eyes for the first time in two weeks. He saw his mother and said, "Ma, I want some ice cream." He had been given only intravenous feeding. Then he proceeded to talk to his father and mother. After a few minutes of stunned silence, a doctor was called. The doctor examined the boy and told the parents they could give him something to eat. The next day began a series of tests on the boy's condition. X-rays showed the brain damage was gone. Then still more tests. After three days, when all examinations showed there was complete restoration to health, the boy was released from the hospital.

This experience so changed my life that I have not been the same since. My faith in God, faith in His power to work miracles, was strengthened beyond description. Since then, of course, I have been promoting devotion to Our Lady and the use of the Miraculous Medal. The wonders she performs, provided we believe, are extraordinary.

New study: People who undergo transgender surgery are 12 times more likely to commit suicide

(LifeSiteNews) May 23, 2024 — A comprehensive new study provides unequivocal evidence that those who undergo so-called “gender reassignment” surgery put themselves at a vastly increased risk of suicide – an astounding 12 times that of the general population.

The giant study, “involving 56 United States healthcare organizations and over 90 million patients,” analyzed data collected over a 20-year period, from February 2003 to February 2023, examining “suicide attempts, death, self-harm, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) within five years of the index event.”

The researchers compared the experiences of persons aged 18-60 who visited hospital emergency rooms who had previously undergone “transition” surgery with those who visited emergency rooms without having undergone transgender surgery: A stunning 3.47% of those who had surgically “transitioned” were treated for suicide attempts, versus 0.29% for non-“transitioned” patients.

The study’s major finding: “Individuals who underwent gender-affirming [sic] surgery had a 12.12-fold higher suicide attempt risk than those who did not.”

The study, which was uploaded to PubMed, the National Institute of Health (NIH) database of peer-reviewed studies, did not include minors. The study is seen as authoritative because of its vast scope: It relies on medical records, not self-reports, thus eliminating a major source of bias; it examines millions of cases over a 20-year period, with no loss to follow-up; and it ably controls for confounders, including comparison with persons undergoing other medical interventions.

The researchers’ bottom line conclusion: Gender-affirming [sic] surgery is significantly associated with elevated suicide attempt risks, underlining the necessity for comprehensive post-procedure psychiatric support. The landmark study set off new alarm bells among those who were already skeptical about using surgical procedures in an attempt to imitate the genitalia of the opposite sex.

Jordan Peterson did not mince words on X, declaring that the study shows that “The butchers and liars were murderously wrong.”

He then took U.S. President Joe Biden and Canadian President Justin Trudeau to the woodshed: Canada and the US are still enabling this. That’s you [Biden] and [Trudeau] and it is utterly barbarous and inexcusable. Putting children to the knife. “‘Follow the science,’ gentlemen,” urged Peterson, citing the new study. Although it’s rarely reported, many with gender dysphoria who undergo transgender surgery ultimately experience “sex-change regret.”

According to the website “[SexChangeRegret.com](https://www.sexchangepetition.com/),” up to 20% have regrets about their “sex change.” The procedures “are not effective, say researchers,” according to the website. “Ten to 15 years after surgical reassignment, the suicide rate is 20 times that of comparable peers. Regret is NOT rare.”

Responding to Peterson, one X user posted the heartbreaking testimony of a young man, Yarden Silveira, who was so distraught after “sex-change” surgery that he committed suicide.

Yarden wrote elsewhere: I wish I never listened to the medical and psychiatric community when they told me it was possible to change my sex. What a lie. Very dangerous and unethical. Sex reassignment [sic] surgery is a hit and miss type of surgery, but they don’t tell you that. They never do. And maybe if I didn’t have autism, maybe if my brain wasn’t so defective, I would have caught on before it was too late. This is what I get for messing with nature. ... I just wanted friendship and love. I wanted life to be easier. I wanted to be a woman since I was 15. I wish I had the knowledge that I have today. I was a confused kid with no identity. I wish I could have done everything different, but it’s too late now. I’m royally screwed. The Transgender Ideology and its lies, along with the pro-gay media, medical and psychiatric community, have killed me. The feminization of America will continue to produce outcomes like mine. It wasn’t my fault for failing. Everyone failed me, my death shouldn’t surprise anyone.

Gracious, Sovereign God, Lord of all nations,

On this Memorial Day, we pause to reflect upon our blessings as a nation and the high cost of those blessings. We offer our prayers of thanks and intercession.

Thank you for the freedom we enjoy in this country, for opportunities to flourish, and for the security of our land.

Thank you for those who have served in the armed services of our country, risking their lives for our liberty.

Thank you for those who have given their lives in service to our country, sacrificing in such a costly way for the sake of others, including me. Thank you for those who have given their lives so that those who live in other countries might experience freedom from tyranny.

Thank you for a day set apart, not just for celebration, but also for solemn remembrance as we consider the sacrifices of so many in our military.

O Lord, may we be more aware of just how blessed we are as a nation. May we be more grateful for our blessings, more faithful in stewarding them well, more eager to share them with others.

We pray today for the families and friends of those who have given their lives in service to our nation. May they be comforted in their sadness. May they be reassured that the sacrifice of their loved ones contributes to a worthy cause. May they be proud of those they have lost, entrusting their ultimate fate into your gracious hands.

Even as we remember those who have given their lives in the past, we also think of those whose lives are on the line today. Protect them. Encourage them. Bring them home safely...and soon.

Give wisdom to the leaders of our armed services, that they might know how best to deploy the troops in the cause of freedom. May their efforts be successful, so that peace with justice might be established in our world.

Guide those who lead our nation in international affairs. Help them to pursue diplomatic paths that prevent needless conflict. May they have your wisdom about when and how to use the military might you have entrusted to us.

God of peace, stir in the hearts of the leaders of all nations and in all who would use violence to further their cause. Change their hearts and minds. Give them a passion for peace. Bring an end to the pain, suffering, injustice, and violence in our world.

We know, dear Lord, that ultimate peace will not come until your kingdom is here in all of its fullness. Nevertheless, we pray for a foretaste of the future. We ask for the growth of peace throughout our world today, so that fewer and fewer men and women will have to risk and even to sacrifice their lives. We long for the day when people will "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" ([Isa. 2:4](#)).

May your kingdom come, Lord, and your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven! All praise be to you, God of grace, God of mercy, God of justice, God of peace, King of kings, and Lord of lords! *Amen.*