

Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us thank our Almighty God for all the providence and the protection in our daily walks of the life. We praise God for the blessed occasion for meditating the passion of our Lord amid the threat of the pandemic. We also praise God for those twenty-three children who became full communicant members of our Church.



This month, we as the Church, meditate the post resurrection narratives of our Lord. It includes the restoration of Peter, the church evolving on the wayside (the Emmaus experience), the Great commissioning of the disciples, and the ascension of our Lord. May the Lord enable us to ponder upon the task that the Risen Lord entrusted to us.

The month May is incredibly significant internationally because 1st of May is observed as May Day, or International Worker's Day. It started in 1889 to commemorate the Haymarket affair in Chicago and the struggle for an eight-hour working day. May Day reminds us to proclaim the dignity of labor, and compassion to the workers.

Many of our children are graduating from schools and colleges these days. Let us uphold our generation next in prayers that their ambition, the ways to achieve that should be in line with the will of God. Let us also pray for the wellness of the Parish and its members. May our people receive that divine holistic healing that sustain our physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing.

May the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Amen

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus.

Come May month the month of mayfly and spring flowers. May Day, the May first in history (1886) working hours for all working-class people was proclaimed to be fixed for 8 hours a day. Three hundred thousand workers in thirteen thousand business centers across the US walked off their jobs this day to implement the proclamation. Chicago was the epicenter to this agitation. May Day is as American as apple pie and baseball. As we meditate through Church lectionary this month, in the first three Sundays we witness different incidents of Jesus' post resurrection appearances. First appearance in St. John 21 when Peter, along with other disciples, went fishing without Jesus' consent. The result was despair. Jesus steps in and turns the tide to fruitful labor with God and participants in building the kingdom of God. Second is Jesus' reinstating of Peter by reconfirming his faith three times in response to his three times denial before Jesus' crucifixion that immediately follows the above event. The third one is Jesus' appearance in St. Luke 24:13 -25 to disciples who walked away to Emmaus from Jerusalem. Jesus walks with them to restore their faith back to him. Fourth Sunday we are celebrating as divine music Sunday. In St. Luke 1:46-56 Mary's Magnificat, a song of praise, gives hope amid despair and strengthens the weak. Fifth Sunday through St. John 14:14-21 insists the need for the Church to remain wide awake through Christian values of selfless love rooted in the word of God.



Let reinstating, restoring, and sustaining our faith in resurrected Christ be our motto in these post Covid times. May God bless us all.

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