



MAY 1, 2022
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE
Weekends: 4:00PM Saturday - 8:30AM Sunday
Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday
Hour Hour 7pm Wednesday Adoration 7am Saturday

Mass Intentions

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| Sat | Apr 30 | 4:00 PM | St Ann Parishioners |
| Sun | May 1 | 8:30 AM | Eddie & Claudia |
| Mon | May 2 | 8:30 AM | Nancy Gorski+ |
| Tue | May 3 | 8:30 AM | Nancy Gorski+ |
| Wed | May 4 | 8:30 AM | Rita Gladbach+ |

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| Thur | May 5 | 8:30 AM | Nancy Gorski+ |
| Fri | May 6 | 8:30 AM | Greg Bono+ |
| Sat | May 7 | 8:30 AM | Forrest Rowe+ |
| Sat | May 7 | 4:00 PM | Dan Warren+ |

Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass

| <u>OFFERING</u> | |
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| April 24 | \$4,094.00 |
| Online giving | \$ 75.00 |
| Holy Land | \$ 110.00 |

PRAYER REQUESTS
Bill Greim, Tim Pingell, Michael Sena,
Stephan 'Doc' Kohl

FROM FATHER DREW

Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared.

St Cyril of Jerusalem was born around Jerusalem in 315 AD. In 350 AD he became the bishop of Jerusalem. Cyril, who is one of only 36 Doctors of the Church, wrote the *Jerusalem Catecheses* to teach Christian converts. The Church, as part of her Divine Office of Readings has the faithful read from part of this *Catecheses* (teaching) on the Saturday after Easter.

Listen to what St Cyril wrote about the Eucharist:

“On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: “Take, eat: this is my body.” He took the cup, gave thanks and said: “Take, drink: this is my blood.”” Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, ‘This is my blood’, who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood?... Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ ...

Now, was St Cyril confused? Was he simple-minded? Most people today would say so, because the world today is infected with the heresy of modernism. It teaches that the world is progressing or “evolving” in Darwinistic fashion to a higher state. Modernists then are convinced the people living and walking around today are smarter and more advanced than those who came before them. The biggest sin for them, then, is not the worship of false gods, or child murder or adultery, but the sin of “going backwards” and rigidly adhering to rules that no longer apply to modern man.

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Fr. Drew, Continued

Friends, just because we own modern amenities and amuse ourselves with electronic widgets made by slave labor in China, does not make us smarter and wiser than those who came before us. It's a dangerous thing, living in a fallen world, to think that one lives at the pinnacle of civilization. You see, a person who disparages all that came before him is a person more apt to worship himself and his surroundings instead of worshipping the person who came before him – God.

Listen to the smart person who came before you, St Cyril of Jerusalem:

Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith ... You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the body and the blood of Christ.

My friends, St Cyril didn't make that up. He was passing on what he had learned from those who came before him. Cyril passed it on, and so do we. We believe that if we do not eat Christ's Body and Blood, as Christ commanded us to do, then we will have no life in us.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP MEETING

The Respect Life Group will have their meeting on Monday May 2nd. We will meet in the church to recite the Rosary at 6:00 and then meet downstairs at 6:30 for our meeting. All are welcome.

May 8, Procession and May Crowning of Mary. First Communion. Directly before Mass on May 8 we will have a small procession ending with one of our children crowning Mary our Mother with a crown of flowers. During Mass our first communicants will come up to receive Our Lord first on this most special and holy days for them.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE— May 4 - June 22

Bible Study on Wednesdays at 5:30 starting May 4, and running every Wednesday until June 22. The cost of the program is \$26.95. See Linda Mayes for more information.

Make a holy hour early on Saturday mornings. Friends, for almost a year I have exposed the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 am on Saturdays. Get up early and come, especially on First Saturdays of the month, which Our Lady asked to be devoted to her. Bask in the silence and "stay awake and watch" (see Mt 26:41) with Our Lord.

Thank you for the breakfast, Knights! That was an incredible breakfast the Knights served last Sunday, on the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Eggs, sausage, pancakes, and biscuits and gravy! Yum. Thank you for your hard work and kindness.

CHURCH RENOVATION!

I've formed a committee to help us strategize for our upcoming church renovation. We will kick off our fundraising plans in mid-May and by God's grace will begin renovating in the fall. How exciting as we position St Ann for her future success. If you've any comments or questions, some members of the committee will be in the vestibule this weekend, May 1, after the 8:30 Sunday Mass by the mock up of our proposed sanctuary. Members are Mike Anderson, Lou Angles, Billy Greim, Merle Parsley, and Jeff Ousley.

To listen to Fr Drew's homilies, go to the "Podcast" app on your phone. Search "Daily Homily Father Kevin Drew". Touch that screen and listen to current and past episodes of his homilies.

Two ways to listen to the daily Mass at St. Ann, tune into Catholic Radio 1090 AM or go to catholicradionetwork.com. Click on "Listen Live"; aired at 11:00 AM; daily homily airs Monday-Friday at 3:50 PM.



If you would like to register to St Ann Parish call, email, or see Fr Drew after Mass.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Victim Assistance Coordinator, Whitney True-Francis, 816-392-0011