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And Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

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Online opportunities
St. James
www.aitkincatholic.org
Connect to St. James Church via Facebook

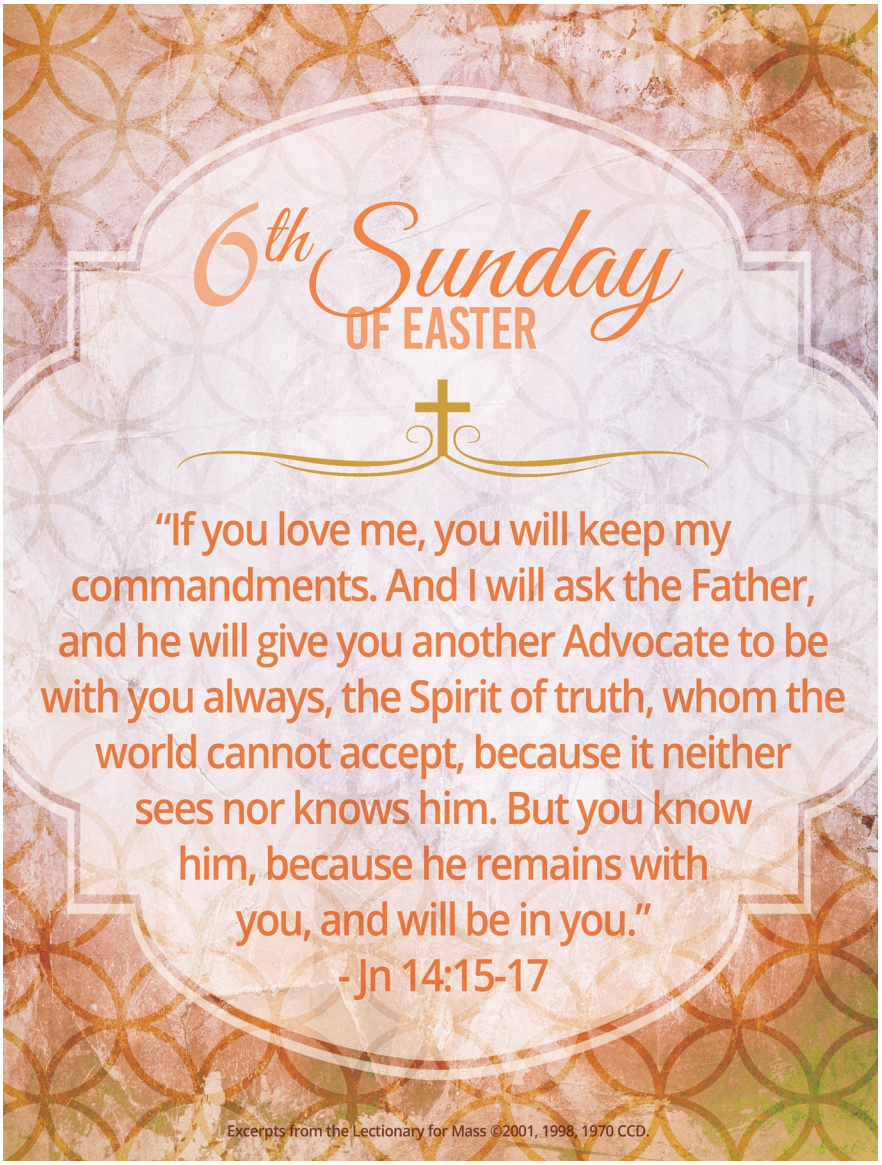
Holy Family & Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
www.mcgregorcatholichchurch.org

Other sites for more information:
Diocese of Duluth: www.dioceseduluth.org
USCCB: www.usccb.org
Dynamic Catholic: dynamiccatholic.com

Bulletin Submissions
218-927-6581 or bulletin@aitkincatholic.org
Deadline - Mondays at 4:00 pm.
Find the Bulletin anytime at:
www.parishesonline.com
www.aitkincatholic.org (SJ)
www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org (HF)

Mass Schedule	Confessions
All public Masses are suspended until further notice. Please participate in Mass online, television or radio.	Wed: 10:30 am—Noon St. James Thurs: 7:30—9:00 pm St. James Sat: 10:00—10:45 am St. James Sun: 9:30-10:15 am Holy Family (or by appointment)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2020



A Message from Father David

Hearing something you didn't want to hear. Going someplace you didn't want to go. Losing something you couldn't bear to lose. Seeing deep sorrow in another's eyes that you couldn't take away. Watching someone die before their natural time. Helping to move a dead person's body and then placing that body in their final resting place.

In other words imagine that... You have cancer. You are going to prison. You lost everything through a gambling addiction. Someone shares they want to kill themselves. A child dies after birth in its mother's arms. You help the mortician move your father's body into the black bag, atop the stretcher and then into the hearse. You are present at the graveside of many friends and family members.

Sorrow, is it the absence of joy? Or is it joy's precursor? Does it set the stage for something greater than the present moment? Something more powerful… that is, of greater spiritual influence? Does the darkness defeat the light? Ask Mary the Mother of Jesus. She had sorrow in her life and time after time found the light. The light and joy of Jesus permeated her life, even as and while God allowed great pain, loss and sorrow. The negative accentuated the hope of future joy. This is what we see in the Blessed Virgin Mary and it is why St. Pio of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio) said:

"Mary is <u>all</u> the reason for my hope"

Mary had hope despite all the sorrow in her life. Mary had hope even when all seemed lost. Mary is the reason for ALL my hope because to hope, as the Catechism defines, its action is:

1818 *The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity.*

I think I just recently quoted this paragraph to you a few weeks ago. How important hope is for all Christians and from the greatest Christian of all, the Blessed Virgin Mary, she witnesses for us reason to hope. Because sorrow did not end in or with her, unto a place of darkness, rather, her sorrow brought about greatness.

"Human greatness has always had sadness for a companion"

In these times (which I hope are soon coming to an end) we are faced with what to do. Do we take our sadness, our isolation, our frustration, (all of it) and waste it away or do we allow it to inspire and feed our passion for greater virtue, more loving action and dependence upon His Grace? Our Mother didn't live her life complaining and regretting her life of intermittent and intense sorrow. No, she, and we are called to embrace the Cross in life, our humanity, our weakness, the lack of control. The difference between the tree in the Garden of Eden and the Tree of Golgotha is obedience and the greatest human beings who ever live are obedient to God. And that is greatness.

Adam and Eve ran from the tree and Mary stood fast. Who is great and who do we put our hope in? How do we become the best or greatest version of ourselves? I think you know.

More to come…

God bless and have a good week everyone! *Fr. David*

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 19
Brad Irwin (SJ)

Wednesday, May 20
Don and Carla Emons
Mass of the Living (SJ)

Thursday, May 21
Henrietta Boyer (SJ)

Friday, May 22
Fr. Richard Oberstar, MSF (SJ)

Saturday, May 23
Judy Duerr (SJ)

Sunday, May 24
Jim Buttler
Mass of the Living (HF)
For the Parishioners (SJ)
Gladys Paquette (OL)

Father David's Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, May 20	
10:30 am—Noon	Confession (SJ)
Thursday, May 21	
7:30—9:00 pm	Confession (SJ)
Saturday, May 23	
10:00 - 10:45 am	Confession (SJ)
Sunday, May 24	
9:30 - 10:15 am	Confession (HF)

Looking for a Mass to follow?
Check out EWTN
https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live
Or
Bishop Barron saying Daily Mass
https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/

This Week

Office hours: Mon—Fri 9 am—5 pm
Church open:
St. James: Mon—Fri 9 am—9 pm
Saturday 10 am—9 pm
Sunday:Noon—9 pm
Holy Family:
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9:30 am—4:30 pm
Thursday 6 am—6 pm
Sunday 9:30 am—11 am

Thursday, May 21

6:00-am to 5:00 pm	Adoration (HF)
9:00 am to 9:00 pm	Adoration (SJ)
5:00-6:00 pm	Holy Hour (HF)

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James • (OL)-Our Lady of Fatima

Prayer For A New Bishop

God our Father, In Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We thank You for the previous bishops who have cared for the people of the Diocese of Duluth. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jerry and Carole Neuenfeldt who have recently registered at St. James.

Congratulations and welcome Hudson O'Neil Tesch who was baptized at St. James on May 2, 2020.

Please pray for Marian Magee and her bereaved family and friends. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

St. James Parishioners: Need help?

Need help getting medications, food, or supplies during this COVID-19 crisis? The St. James' "That Man is You" men are willing to help pick up and deliver items to your home if you are not able to get out yourself. Please call the parish office at 218-927-6581 if you need help.

Adoration at Holy Family

Thursdays from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in an hour to sit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament please contact Andrea at 763-360-2058, call or text.

Early Deadline for Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the May 31st bulletin is Wednesday, May 20th at 4:30 p.m.

Camp Survive will be held this summer!!

Attention Youth grades 6-8, (2019-20 school year) ***Camp Survive*** will be held for two different sessions this year; July 27-31 and August 3-7. (You may register for only one week.) Registration opens on Tuesday, May 19th.

Junior Counselor and Prayer Team members are also needed. Open to Students in grades 10-12, (2019-20 school year) applications can be found online on the Diocesan website. Questions? Contact Jen

Readings of the Week

May 17, 2020

Sun: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tues: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thurs: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
Fri: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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Stewardship Report

Through May 3, 2020
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)

St. James •

Weekly Goal	$5,448
Received through 5/3/2020	$6,140
Fiscal Year to date goal	$239,715
Fiscal Year to date received	$245,322
UCA 2020 Assessment	$58,429.33
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	$17,913.50

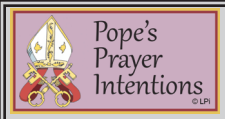
Holy Family •

Weekly Goal	$1,477
Received through 5/3/2020	$1,175
Fiscal Year to date goal	$64,985
Fiscal Year to date received	$63,275
UCA 2020 Assessment	$13,999.20
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	$3,265.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Weekly Goal.	$58
Received through 5/3/2020	$0
Fiscal Year to date goal	$2,538
Fiscal Year to date received	$5,096
UCA 2020 Assessment	$1,585.21
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	$358.62

Thank you for your contributions!
Please continue to give by direct giving, mailing your contribution or dropping it off at the office.



FOR MAY:
Prayer intention for evangelization–*For Deacons*
We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.