

**MAY 12, 2019, 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Joseph's: Weekends: 5:30 PM Saturday, 8:30 AM Sunday**

**Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday**

**(Saturday at 8:30 AM is the traditional Latin Mass)**

**Adoration at St. Joseph's at 6:00 PM on Wednesday's**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary: Weekends: 10:30 AM Sunday**

Sun	May 12	8:30 AM	SJ	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM	Fri	May 17	8:30 AM	SJ	Melissa Drew
Sun	May 12	10:30 AM	IHM	Mark Ormsby	Sat	May 18	8:30 AM	SJ	Sally Chapman
Mon	May 13	8:30 AM	SJ	+ Dick & Betty O'Halloran	Sat	May 18	5:30 PM	SJ	Kelly Lammers
Tue	May 14	8:30 AM	SJ	Kevin Schilling	Sun	May 19	8:30 AM	SJ	Heath & Mary Chapman
Wed	May 15	8:30 AM	SJ	Peggy Frye	Sun	May 19	10:30 AM	IHM	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM
Thurs	May 16	8:30 AM	SJ	Fr Kevin Drew	<b>Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass</b>				

**OFFERING**

**May 5**

St. Joseph's	\$1,558.00
IHM	\$ 565.00

**ROSARY**

**Sunday's at 8 AM at St. Joseph's**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Chris Muscik Marsha Waldorf  
 Karen Bailey Lucy Sampson  
 Howie Lynch Becky McKee  
 Jolene Buffington Bill Walker

**FROM FATHER DREW**

**St Matthias, May 14**

The first act by the Apostles in the *Acts of the Apostles* was to find a new bishop to fill the vacancy left by Judas. Any objective reader would conclude that Peter was the first among equals as he gently guided the proceedings. Peter's one criterion was that the new bishop be an eyewitness to the Resurrection. That was important. Someone who saw the risen Christ would not back down later in the face of danger. And danger was in the Apostles' futures.

It's also important how the Apostles prayed on the decision. They acknowledged that the choice of bishop is God's, not the Apostles. That is why they cast lots, and that is how we get Matthias. Then we lose Matthias; we hear no more of him in Scripture. But tradition says he made it up northeast of Turkey, to the present-day republic of Georgia, where he was stoned to death. So today we honor the Apostle, bishop, and martyr, St. Matthias. And we wear red for Mass. The Divine Office prayer for his feast states: *Now we meet those who during their earthly lives planted the Church with their own blood.*

*With their own blood.* On May 12, 2013, the Church canonized 800 saints; all martyrs. They are known now as the Martyrs of Otranto.

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## Fr. Drew, Continued

Otranto is in the far south of Italy on the coast. Italy looks like a boot, and Otranto is at the bottom of the heel of the boot. In 1480 the Muslim Turks invaded Italy with the intention of conquering Rome. After the invasion, Christian survivors included the archbishop and some clergy who took refuge in the Otranto cathedral. When they refused to convert to Islam they were slain. Then eight hundred townspeople were rounded up who also refused to convert to Islam. They were all beheaded, martyred for witnessing to Christ.

Their courage inspired others to stand up and defend Catholic Europe 90 years later at the Battle of Lepanto, when the Muslim navy was destroyed. If you look up “Otranto Cathedral Altar”, you will see the skulls and bones of these martyrs. They are in the wall of the sanctuary that surrounds the altar. Their relics are still giving witness today.

Yesterday, May 13, we honored Our Lady of Fatima, honoring Our Lady’s appearance to shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. It is interesting that Our Lady would take on the name of Mohammad’s daughter, Fatima. People who have devotion to the Virgin Mary, as many Muslims do, perhaps will find through Our Lady’s intercession the belief in the Divinity of her Son.

In the meantime, we honor our martyred saints whose witness inspired thousands to band together and defend Catholic Europe. We look to these martyrs in our present age of mass apostasy from the faith. May their witness and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary give us strength and courage to witness Christ--to never back down in the face of danger.

### ROSARY

Sunday's at 8:00 AM at St. Joseph's

## Announcements

### WEDNESDAY'S AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Holy Hour & Confessions at 6 PM

**May Crowning** will be this morning at St. Joseph's. There will be no religious education afterward because it is Mother's Day.

**Thank you** Kristi Urich for organizing the nice reception for Kennedy last Sunday.

**Easter lilies.** Those who donated a lily for Easter are welcome to take one home after they are removed from the Sacristy.

**Happy Mother's Day to all our parish mothers.  
May God bless you abundantly today and every day.**

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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.