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Do not let your hearts be troubled. (JN 14:1)

A key word in this scripture passage for Sunday is the word “let”. That word indicates that you have the power to either “let” your heart be troubled or not. You decide. But ... In today’s trying times that may be easier said than done. How do you accomplish this? Further along in this Gospel (JN 14:6) Jesus gives us that answer when He says ... “I AM the way and the truth and the Life.”

The answer -Choose Jesus!
-Choose to get closer to Him through daily prayer -Choose to let go of your fears and trust in Him
-Choose to look for His good in things happening around you -Choose to be His love in this world

This Sunday (May 10) is Mother’s Day. Use it as an opportunity to “Choose Jesus”. Start the day by praying for all of the mothers in your life. Then intentionally extend blessings to all of the mothers you know. Be creative and include not just your own mother, but the mother of your children, the mother next door, neighbors, friends, those you know from the past, etc., etc.. (Remember that you can easily follow social distancing guidelines by being creative with texting, video chat, or even a simple phone call. You don’t have to be in person to say “Happy Mother’s Day”.)

You get the idea. Work to spread God’s love to all of these people and feel God’s love in return. What you’ll discover is that there’s no room in your heart for troubles when you are focused on being a blessing to others. So ... “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Choose Jesus!

Dear Lord ... On this Mother’s Day, bless all of the mothers in our lives. In addition, as the rest of us pay particular attention and honor to the mothers around us, please bless us by filling us with your love and have our hearts be free of troubles. I pray this in Jesus’ name.

Fr. Marvin Bries

Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook

Sunday, May 10: 10 AM

Sunday, May 17: 9 AM

Sunday, May 24: 10 AM

Sunday, May 31: 10 AM

The Knights of Columbus Flowers for Mother’s Day has been postponed until Father’s Day weekend.

During these times when it is not possible to attend Mass, please continue your financial gifts to the parish as you are able so that we can maintain our operations and continue our many ministries. There are 3 ways to give:



1. Drop off at parish office
2. Mail to the parish office(address above)
3. Donate Online:
maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/

Thank you for the generous gifts we have received this past month!

A Prayer to Honor Mothers

Lord, On this Mother’s Day, we pray for mothers everywhere.

Bless moms who are expecting a baby. Calm their fears and keep their new little life safe.

Bless mothers who have babies and toddlers and are in a busy season of bottles, sippy cups, and endless laundry. Give strength to moms of little ones. They need it, Lord.

Bless mothers who have busy school-aged children. Gift them with an extra measure of wisdom to answer questions, model maturity, and mold young hearts.

Bless mothers who parent teens. Allow them the grace to let go when needed and the courage to provide firm boundaries when required.

Bless mothers of adult children that they would savor the joy of friendship with their grown child.

Bless single mothers with the strength to fulfill many roles. Provide them with supportive people in their lives.

Bless moms who are married that they would care for their children by making their husbands a priority.

Bless grandmothers who have the double blessing of being both mother and grandmother. May they spoil their grandkids with abandon.

We pray peace for mothers who have lost a child and for women who are grieving because of infertility.

Give us eyes to see women around us who struggle to mother well. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus to them.

Thank you for our mothers. They gave us life and for that gift we are forever grateful.

We pray for mothers everywhere.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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Mass Readings for May 10, 2020, The Fifth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

Reading 1 [Acts 6:1-7](#): As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19](#)

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. /R/

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. /R/

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. /R/

Reading 2 [1 Peter 2:4-9](#): Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Alleluia [John 14:6](#): **R. Alleluia, alleluia.** I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel [Jn 14:1-12](#): Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

"I thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother. I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love." Amen.

"Silence is golden. Unless you have kids. Then silence is just suspicious."

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