

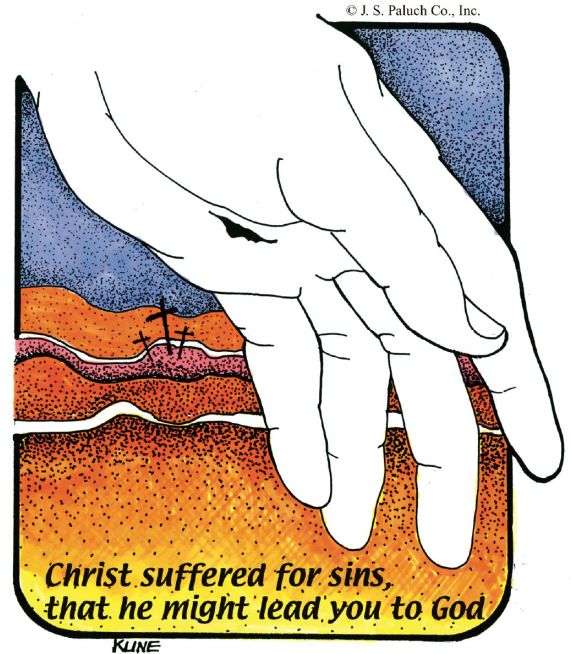
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 29, 2011

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.”— John 14:16-17

Liturgy Intentions for the Week May 30th - June 5th

- Monday
7:00 PM BJ McHugh by Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
- Tuesday
9:00 AM Rita Howard by her friends & family
- Wednesday
9:00 AM
- Thursday
No Liturgy
- Friday
9:00 AM Ray Bernard by his wife & family
- Saturday
5:30 PM Mark A. Rodriguez by Marta Eckendorf
- Sunday
9:00 AM Fr. Gene Grabowski by the parish
11:00 AM Intentions of Gary & Deborah Vaccaro by Father Don



Today's Readings

- First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).
- Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).
- Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.
- Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or John 17:1-11a.

Readings for the Week	
Monday	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

Saints and Special Observances	
Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday	Memorial Day
Tuesday	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	St. Justin
Friday	St. Charles Lwanga and His Companions; First Friday
Saturday	First Saturday



Check us out! We now have a Facebook page. Get information on our different ministries and find out what's going on in the parish community. Go to St. Mildred Catholic Church & like us.

Mass Schedule Change For The Summer: Saturday evening 5:30 PM and Sunday morning at 9 & 11AM. This Begins, Memorial Day Weekend and will Concluded on until Labor Day Weekend.

Happenings for the Week

Monday—May 30

6:30 PM Respect Human Life Rosary

Tuesday—May 31

8:30 AM Rosary for Life

9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

Wednesday—June 1

8:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes

Thursday—June 2

7:00 PM Choir Practice

First Friday—June 3

8:30 AM Pro Life Rosary

First Saturday—June 4

5:00 PM Pro Life Rosary

Sunday—June 5

8:30 AM Rosary for Lost Souls

10:30 AM Rosary for the Military & their families

Stewardship

May 14th & May 15th: Offertory: \$ 4,892.38

Building Fund: \$ 2,336.00

Appreciation to our parishioners and visitors for their generous support and contributions.

Excellent work from Joan McCrodden, Fred Lahey and Gloria Majewski on this weeks count. Many thanks and much appreciation is warranted.



The Rosary is a prayer about life - all life. Please join our crusade for life at 5:00PM Saturdays before Mass to pray the Rosary for Life. The Rosary for Life also offered on Tuesdays and Fridays before Mass.

Please pray for those of our parish and the community who are ill or may be in distress as well as those deceased who may be in need of our prayers. If you would like to submit a name for special prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain **via Terri Speciale at 252.393.6678**. You may also email her at terispeci@yahoo.com. If you would like to be a part of the Parish Prayer Chain, call Terri and she will add your name and phone number to the list.

Upcoming Meetings

The Knights of Columbus will have their business meeting on June 6th at 7:30 PM, **after** attending the 7:00PM Liturgy.

The next **Homeschool** Mass will be June 15th, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

The **4th Degree Assembly** of the Knights of Columbus will have their next business meeting at 7:30PM on June 20th **after** the 7:00 PM Mass.

Our **Parish Council** will be taking a well-deserved hiatus for the months of June & July. Therefore, their next meeting will not be until August 8th.



The next meeting for the **Women's Guild's** will be announced right at this spot. Please check back regularly to find out when it will be!!

A big thank you goes out to the Women's Guild for all their hard work and their many donations of time and talent to the parish!

Music Ministry News - Anyone 6th grade to adult is invited to join in on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. No experience necessary, just join in!!

Catholic Perspective, the weekly Diocesan TV program airs on the Time-Warner Faith on Demand Channel in Craven, New Hanover, Brunswick, Onslow and Pender Counties, allowing viewers to watch at any time during the week. The program is also available on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place weekly starting at 9:30am on Tuesday and continuing until 8:30am on Wednesday. All are welcome. Come & spend some quiet time in the Lord's presence. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or substitute for maintaining the vigil during Adoration, please call Don Keating at 252.393.6106.



In the 1680's Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, "I promise in the excessive mercy of my Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in the last moment."



The First Communicants give a big thanks to the lovely ladies of the Women's Guild for the wonderful gift they gave each of us for our First Communion. The gift is a nice little Mass book, scapular, and Rosary. Thanks!!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS!!



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Please join us on June 12th for a special Graduation Mass at the 11 AM Mass. Following the Mass, graduating seniors and their families are invited to join us for a light reception. The Knights will be awarding their Scholarship at the luncheon.



There will be a Blood Drive on Monday, June 6th at 3:00PM until 7:00PM. It will be held at Hem of His Garment in Swansboro, and is being sponsored by The White Oak Ecumenical Outreach Ministries.

Please bring a valid ID and drink plenty of fluids before donating. Thank you for your support!

MEMORIAL DAY

They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.

—Francis Marion Crawford

Anyone wishing to drop Fr. Gene some well wishes may do so. Please send mail to the following address:

Fr. Gene Grabowski
c/o John Fischer
6514 Kodes Clay Court
Spring, TX 77379-7729

He has been very grateful for the cards and well wishes he has received and says everyone remains in his prayers. The cards are very beautiful & uplifting!



Single/Single Again Ministry (Single, separated, divorced or widowed persons 35) once a month Sunday Mass is held at Cardinal Gibbon HS chapel at 5:30PM with a priest from the Dominican Friars of Raleigh. A social with pizza and activity information follows. For more information contact Joanne at 380-7546 or Celia at 267-4759 or visit the website: www.singlesingleagain.com. The Mass Schedule for Single/single Again is: June 12 2011.

Congratulations!!!

The Women's Guild is very proud to announce the Scholarship winner for 2011. The winner is Alisha (Ali) Grass. Ali is a senior at Swansboro High School and will be attending UNC Chapel Hill and will be entering the Nursing Program in the Fall. Ali will receive her scholarship at the Women's Guild Annual Luncheon on May 11th at the Icehouse Restaurant.



Children are a Gift from God and we would like to celebrate that! Our **2nd Annual Baby Bottle Drive**, is going on, you may pick up a baby bottle from the display in the Vestibule and fill with coins, dollars or checks. Once you have it full, we ask that you return the bottle by May 31st. The proceeds will benefit two different organizations.

The first - Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center - a local organization which has trained peer counselors to help moms cope with an unexpected pregnancy. They *do not* refer any for abortions, nor do they assist in finding a location for an abortion. They have a high success rate in deterring abortions and are a recommended center from the Priests For Life Organization.

The second - Room at the Inn - this is a home located near Belmont Abbey College, a Catholic college here in North Carolina. This home will provide housing for pregnant moms and their children. Room at the Inn is a safe haven for moms, who may otherwise be homeless or end up in the never ending cycle of poverty. The Knights will be matching a portion of the funds raised for Room at the Inn.

Please note the information on the bottles as to whom to make the check out to! We request that bottles for both be returned by May 31st. Please call [910-326-5589](tel:910-326-5589) for any questions.

The **first Sunday of each month** we will be doing a food drive for Infant of Prague Catholic Church, in Jacksonville for their food pantry, which is in dire need. IOP averages about 100 bags of groceries each month & help all surrounding areas. Please consider putting this necessary cause on your shopping list.



Parish Social Ministry

What can St. Mildred do for its Parishioners? Info is available in the pamphlet rack located next to the Religious Education bulletin board. If you need more info please call the church office at 326-5589.

The Mission of St. Mildred Parish Social Ministry is to assist the parish community in exercising charity to others. The Church acts in the parish community to heighten awareness of our parishioners to the issues of the needy & provides services to fulfill unmet needs. The parish social outreach ministry services people through advocating for social & economic justice as well as addressing immediate needs with emergency resources or direct services.

HELPING HANDS **Helping Hands, which is part of the Parish Social Ministry,** has a dedicated group of volunteers who are ready, willing & able to assist in numerous ways. Perhaps you need a ride to the doctor's, or maybe you know of someone who would benefit from a friendly chat. If you have recently had a setback in your health or been hospitalized please call & let us see if we can help make things a little easier.

Tradition teaches us Christ was conceived on the Feast of the Annunciation. We will watch the parallel development of "Jacob" in the womb beginning on March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation) until December 25.

Development of "Jacob"

Jacob is nine weeks old and just under an inch long. His name now changes from embryo to fetus. Everything is now present that will be found in a fully developed adult. If Jacob continued to grow all 9 months as fast as he has this second month, he would be born as large as two overfed elephants. Thankfully, development slows down. "For nothing will be impossible for God." Luke 1:37



Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith? A confraternity of the third order of St. Francis, based at St. Egbert in Morehead City meets on the first Thursday of each month. Members share experiences and insights in their efforts to grow in their commitment to Christ and his church by following the way of St. Francis of Assisi. For more info call the following: Norma Krajczar 252-726-7567, Pat Boni 910-326-7931, Chuck Stephan 252-504-3357.



HEY KIDS!! Join us nightly at 5 pm, July 24th - July 28th for a FUN and EXCITING adventure on Main Street! Come and learn about some of Jesus' amazing parables (Parable of the Whiny Worker, Parable of the Warmest Welcome...just to name a couple!). We will have great fun, games, stories, drama, snacks, crafts and more! Supper is served nightly from 5-5:45 pm, compliments of the Knights of Columbus.

Register today at :

<http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/stmildred>

Please contact Francine at 910-326-5589 for more information!



A very special thanks to the Women's Guild, without their **VERY** generous donation, we would not be able to have this wonderful summer program for our kids! A yummy thanks to the Knights, who always feed our kids and workers for no charge! This helps us out tremendously and parents, who don't have to worry about supper!

Are you looking for a way to help our kids but don't know how? We could use some help with extra resources for our Summer Vacation Bible School!

Please go to <http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/stmildred> and click on Resources at the bottom of the page. Check out the items you could help us with that would offset the cost of our VBS. Feel free to donate as little or as much as you like! If you do not have internet access and would like to help, please contact Francine at 910-326-5589!



Marriage Love and Life In the Divine Plan: Natural and Spiritual While marriage is a special blessing for Christians because of the grace of Christ, marriage is also a natural blessing and gift for everyone in all times and cultures. It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families, and to society and includes the wondrous gift of co-creating human life. Look what the United States Catholic Bishops are saying about marriage [http://www.usccb.org/laity/love and life/](http://www.usccb.org/laity/love%20and%20life/)

FEAST OF FAITH—The Collection: A Privilege

As the altar is prepared for the celebration of the Eucharist, the collection is taken up. In the early church, this part of the Mass must have been something to behold, as the people suddenly began to move, bringing forward to the deacons and priests freshly-baked bread and fine wine. Then, after the Eucharistic Prayer, that same community came forward again in the Communion procession, and they received back the very gifts they had given, now transformed into something infinitely more precious than bread and wine: the very Body and Blood of Christ.

Beginning around the eleventh century, it became the custom for people to present money instead of bread and wine, and the procession of the faithful gradually disappeared (it survives in the liturgy of Holy Thursday). But the meaning is the same. We continue to bring the fruit of our labors and to offer them freely to God. And God continues to transform them into Christ. It is through our generous sharing of time, talent, and treasure that our parishes can preach the gospel, reach out to the sick and the imprisoned, and celebrate the sacraments.

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LONGING

The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for. —German proverb

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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The changes to the Roman Missal will take place the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. To help us understand them a little better, we will be running several articles from the Diocese, each week, explaining some of the changes. Here is the third part of:

The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass



Finally, the fact that the Communion Procession is a profoundly religious action tells us something about the way in which we should participate in this procession. We are the Body of Christ, moving forward to receive the Christ who makes us one with himself and with one another. Our procession should move with dignity; our bearing should be that of those who know they have been redeemed by Christ and are coming to receive their God!

The new edition of the *General Instruction* asks the Conference of Bishops in each country to determine the posture to be used for the reception of Communion and the act of reverence to be made by each person as he or she receives Communion. The Conference of Bishops of the United States has determined that in this country Communion will be received standing and that a bow will be the act of reverence made by those receiving. These norms may require some adjustment on the part of those who have been used to other practices; however the significance of unity in posture and gesture as a symbol of our unity as members of the one body of Christ should be the governing factor in our own actions.

Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.



If you would like to have flowers put on the altar for a loved one or special occasion, please contact our Sacristan, Rosemary Boutwell at 910-326-4788 or at the church before and after Masses for complete details.

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