

## Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2019

### Staying in the Hands of Our Good Shepherd

Jesus said that no one can snatch us out of his hand. But we are free to jump out of his hand.

- Little by little we can drift away from Him.
- The cares and concerns of everyday life can get to us.
- We can get tired and forget why we do what we do.

Socrates famously said that the unexamined life is not worth living. The Church has taken this universal wisdom and frequently proposed a daily examination of conscience to help us remain in the hands of Christ.

- In fact, St Ignatius Loyola told the early Jesuits that even if they omitted all other daily prayer, they must not drop the daily examination of conscience.

So, here's the take-away from this Mass. Each day this week, let's commit to 10-minute conscience exam. Here's how.

- First, I remind myself that I'm in the presence of God. I am His temple.
- Second, I give thanks to God. I pick a few things from my day that I'm especially grateful for: my family, the weather, the food I've eaten, the basketball game.
- Third, I prayerfully review my thoughts and actions from the day. Where was God trying to lead me? How did I respond?
- Fourth I ask forgiveness for any sins I've committed.
- Fifth, I ask for God's help to grow in His friendship.

The examination of conscience is one of the best ways to stay in Christ's hand, and experience the joy that he promises us. And now we begin to prepare to receive communion.

- In the Mass we receive Jesus Christ. We receive his presence and his promise and his joy that no one can ever take away from us.
- And we know that even as we receive him now, in the Eucharist, someday we're going to see him face to face forever in heaven at the Heavenly Banquet of the Risen Lamb.

**Father Blake Evans, Pastor**



She opens her mouth with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:26

**Mother's Day Masses** - the parish will offer 9 masses for all of our Mothers (Living & Deceased) during the Month of May. Please sign their name in the Marian prayer books on the altar rail. Certainly, we should pray for all of our Mother, grandmothers and godmothers as well.

**Mary & the Saints in May** - May is the month of the apparition of Our Lady to the poor shepherd children of Fatima Portugal. (May 13). This month is a great time to rediscover a love of the Rosary and pray for peace and in atonement for sins. May is also the month of St. Joan of Arc the Patron of France. Father Evans will offer a votive Mass of St. Joan during the daily masses of May.

**Father Ebuka's First Mass! June 16th is Father E's first Mass at Nativity at 10 am on Fathers' Day.** 300 guests will be attending. A reception follows Mass in the Colonnade Room. **ALL** parish ministries are expected to attend the Mass. Father E. asks for all parish ministries to contribute to his Reception. Volunteers are needed for greeting, set up, clean up and serving.



**Advertisements and goodwill messages for Deacon Ebuka.** If you would like to place a message in the brochure/program in honor of Deacon Ebuka Vincent Mbanude,

the first African to be ordained as a priest for the ADW, please contact Amado Alvarez (240) 381.9276, Catherine Ugo (240) 444.9506. A flyer with all the information is located at both entrances to the church.

# Mass Intentions

May 11- 18, 2019

Sat. 5/11	8:00 am	Peace in Washington
	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 5/12	8:00am	All mothers living & deceased
	10:00am	All mothers living & deceased
	1:00pm	All mothers living & deceased
Mon. 5/13	12:00	All mothers living & deceased
Tue. 5/14	12:00	+Leoncio Loza
Wed. 5/15	12:00	De Rosa family
Thu. 5/16	12:00	All mothers living & deceased
Fri. 5/17	12:00	+Sri Lanka martyrs
Sat. 5/18	8:00 am	Jonathan Tyler (birthday)
	5:30 pm	James Pope (healing)

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*Carmen Dolores Campos, \*Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, \*Eileen Carroll-Doshier, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege, \*Kevin Fagan, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Linda Foster, \*Fr. Ricky Gancayo, \*Charlie Gick, \*Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, \*John Green, Sr., \*Fr. William Gurnee, \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \* Sydney Horge, \*Francis Howard, \*James Humphries, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Irene Jimenez, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Charles Johnson, \*Manuel Juarez, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Emilio Lowey, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Theresa McNair, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Clarence Morris, \*Gina Myers, \*Iris Newman, \*Father \*Larry Morris, \*Everett Pearson, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Fr. Vince Rigdon, \*Auristela Roman, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Andre Sims, \*Bonafacio Selayo, \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Suzie Thompson, \*Isabel Valdes; \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta.

**Attendance Report**  
**5/5/2019**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>395 souls</b>
Offerings & Tithes:	\$8,709
Spanish Mass:	\$755
Utility fund:	\$321

**Question of the week:** Do I try to hear Jesus' voice in the voices of those I encounter? Through whom is Jesus speaking to me?



Rescheduled  
Grab your work gloves and mark your calendar to join us for a Nativity Church spring cleaning of our outside campus grounds. We will also do some painting of the outside hand railings, so bring

a paint brush or two if you enjoy painting. We will get together on **Saturday morning, May 18, 10am - 12 noon**, gathering at the Youth Center. I'll break out the grill for a lunch of hotdogs, brats, and tacos, some vegan as well. For additional information, please contact Amado Alvarez 240-381-9276.



A big thank you to Clara Castillo, Salesian Cooperator, Sacristan, Catechist, Lector, Eucharistic minister, etc., for all her hard work at Nativity. Clara recently moved back to the Dominican Republic. Please keep her in your prayers. We will miss her!

**Campus Matters:** The Church AC has been broken on the West Side of the building for 3 years now. We have received no significant donations to repair it. Please expect very warm days in the summer for Masses. **2.** the A/C in the Colonnade Room is broken and being repaired, CCPS is paying for the repairs. **3.** The Ga. Ave. doors to the Youth Center and the gates must be removed and replaced due to code issues. CCPS will pay for these changes. **4.** The Parking lots is going to be repaved and repainted. The Archdiocese will cover these repairs in part from funds from the CCPS school.

**Water issues** - Please do not drink the tap water anywhere on campus, please do not use it to wash your face.

**Shelter** - The Women's shelter is the Catholic Charities' Shelter for Women "on the Nativity campus." It is not to be called the Nativity shelter. Nativity does not and is legally not allowed to run the shelter nor do intakes or consult on matters of clients or staff there. Should anyone need assistance they may call Cath. Charities or the shelter directly. The staff does not arrive until 5pm. The shelter operates 7pm till 7am. Sadly, the media frequently says that Nativity runs a shelter on Georgia Ave. we do not. We only own the building which is leased. Thank you!