

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 19, 2019

Saint "Mother" Teresa and the Right Idea of Love

Mother Teresa walked the holy campus of Nativity and prayed and assisted at Mass here often. She is a great teacher on how NOT to follow **false idea** of love. We tend to think that true love is always accompanied by **nice feelings**, and if the feelings go away, that means the love has gone away too. That's what radio and TV tell us, but that's not what the Gospel tells us. Love, true love, Christ-like love, goes **deeper than feelings**. It demands sacrifice, self-giving, and self-forgetfulness. **Christ-like love always involves a cross**. That's what makes it Christ-like; that's what makes it true love.

If we can get this truth to sink down from our **heads** into our **hearts**, we will be freer **to love more as Christ loves**, and we will lead **happier** lives, and make those around us **happier**.

Maybe the words of a real expert in Christ-like love will help convince us of this. Here is a profile of real Christian love from **Mother Teresa**:

"People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway.

If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway."

Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

People who really want help may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and you may get hurt. Give the world your best anyway.

Why? Because in the final analysis, all of this is between you and God...It was never between you and them anyway."

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Congratulations to this year's First Communion Class!

Laureen Aghanya, *Aeron Alde, *Andrei Alde, *Misel Cordova, *Rosa Corea, *Victoria Diatta, *Nnanyereugo Duru, *Jonathan Cruz, *Franklin Glascon, *Heidi Gomez, *Leland Johnson, *Carlos Lopez, *Sasha Lopez, *Kelci Lewis, *Brian Martinez, *Glenis Martinez, *Varion Martinez, *Oscar Morales, *Angel Olguin, *Daniel Olguin, *Jose Prudencio-Paz, *Jessica Rickman, *Lewis Sanchez, *Madeline Sanchez, *Reina Saunders, *Roselyn Silva, *Michael Ukwandu, *Emmanuel Ukwandu.

Let us pray for our First Communicants that they will live as faithful disciples of Jesus, approach the sacraments often and with great faith, and let the Light of Christ shine through them into this world.

To the First Communicants,

Praise the Lord for this greatest of days! You have received Jesus, the one who is total Love. Did you know that Heaven is full of the Love of God? This means that you are now like a little Heaven! God is giving you so many graces and I am so happy for you! **-Br. Michael Solomon, O.P.**

1st Communion Reception after 10am Mass on Sunday

Light refreshments including: Cake, salads, lemonade and coffee. Picture time and **yes**, the cut out prop up of Pope Francis will be there for pics!

Reception sponsored by the Employees of the Rectory; we also wish to thank: the Fernandez-Cruz; Juarez-Davila; Carters; Williamson's, Rosales'; Pereras (sic) of Rockville, Md; the Daughtry family and the Evans and Campos families and anonymous members of the Legion of Mary and Alumni of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary.

Mass Intentions

May 18 - 25, 2019

Sat. 5/18	8:00 am	Jonathan Tyler (birthday)
	5:30 pm	James Pope (healing)
Sun. 5/19	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	First Communicants
	1:00pm	First Communicants
Mon. 5/20	12:00	Barbara A. Hill + deceased children
Tue. 5/21	12:00	Robert Myers (healing)
Wed. 5/22	12:00	All mothers living & deceased
Thu. 5/23	12:00	Baby Ricky (healing)
Fri. 5/24	12:00	All mothers living & deceased
Sat. 5/25	8:00 am	Clara Castillo
	5:30 pm	+George H. Ruth

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Catherine Baum, *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, *Larry Morris, *Everett Pearson, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Robert Schaeffer, *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.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

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 Evans asks for all parish ministries to contribute to his Reception. Volunteers are needed for greeting, set up, clean up and serving.

Question of the week: Am I willing to put others before myself? How can I show this love for my sisters and brothers?

Finance Update

DC has 33 downtown parishes. 3 are in good financial shape. 30 are hurting. All parishes must be self-supported by Church Law; Nativity has not been for many years. We are a subsidized parish (through rent) and listed as a "needy" parish of the ADW. Our A/C was installed in 1979. It has been broken 2 summers. We have a tentative approval for \$20,000 loan to repair it which would **have** to be paid off in 10 months. Our recent tax bill to the Archdiocese was over \$9,000.

The Colonnade A/C repair will cost \$43,000 and the deposit has been paid. For those who asked, your Pastor is **not** allowed to take up 2nd collections for Church repairs, however any and all payments marked as "Donation" 100% of the funds stay at Nativity tax free. Any special collections must be approved by the Office of Development and Msgr. Antonicelli. The biggest contributor to Nativity in the past 5 years was Cardinal Wuerl, and the El Shaddai Community which annually has given more than \$10,000 per year to the parish. Thank you!

Update - Donations for A/C received: \$108

Recent bills: Monthly property insurance bills: \$3400
Monthly water bills for the Church: \$2156

For those who tithe and give regularly thank you! For those who do not please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial gift to keep your Nativity parish home strong and alive. Your ADW taxes help support the St. Anthony school in NE Washington and many other regional schools.

Staff. Nativity has one full time employee, Fr. Blake Evans. Rectory staff is part time. They take instructions only from Fr. Evans.