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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 29, 2018

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Thursday - 5:40 pm - Holy Rosary
6:00 pm - Holy Mass

Friday - 3:00pm-Quyana Care Center

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 4:30 pm - Confessions
5:00 pm - Holy Rosary
5:30 pm - Holy Mass

Sunday - 10:30 am - Holy Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1). Catholic Home Missions Appeal Weekend April 28th & 29th. There will be second collection to Support mission work throughout diocese and US so please contribute generously.

2). Summer Vacation Coverage:

Fr. John Hinsvark will travel to Nome on 4th May and serve in the region through 3rd June, 2018. The weekend of May 13, he is scheduled to cover St Francis Xavier for 1st Communion.

Fr. Peter Gorges of the Diocese of Juneau who is offering to provide coverage in Nome from 7th June through the weekend of 1 July.

3). Fr. Kumar will be in Nome on the 5th of July.

READERS AND EM'S

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

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| Sat 4/28 | Elsa Bronson | |
| Sun 4/29 | Frances Contreras | Kitty Scott / Sylvia Paniataaq |
| Sat 5/5 | Janeen Sullivan | |
| Sun 5/6 | Kitty Scott | Jennifer Fast |
| Sat 5/12 | Angie Gorn | |
| Sun 5/13 | Sylvia Paniataaq | Gretchen Froehle /Megan Mackiernan |
| Sat 5/19 | Elsa Bronson | |
| Sun 5/20 | Julie Farley | Kitty Scott / Jennifer Fast |
| Sat 5/26 | Betsy Brennan | Volunteer |
| Sun 5/27 | Jennifer Fast | Bernie Alvanna- Stimple/Megan Mackiernan |

PARISH STAFF

Tom Moran - Parish Council President 443-6601
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FAMILY CONNECTION TO THE GOSPEL

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.



DIocese OF FAIRBANKS

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

9 April 2018

Dear Parish Administrator:

As you know, our diocese has just 18 priests to cover 46 churches across an area one and a half times the size of Texas. There are just not enough priests to go around, but God's people still need the Mass and sacraments as often as possible.

I am asking all Catholics in our diocese to join together in a "Day of Adoration and Prayer" for God to raise up priests from among our own people. It is especially important to me that our native Catholics one day have priests that represent them. **Will you please join me in praying for God to raise up native priests?**

I need the assistance of everyone to make this event successful. Will you please help by doing these things in your parish to promote the Day of Adoration and Prayer?

1. Organize a 1- to 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration vigil at your church during the month of May. If your parish is not familiar with this devotion, please see the enclosed flyer, "What is Eucharistic Adoration?"
2. Have parishioners sign up for Adoration. We have included a sign-up sheet for you to post. Make sure parishioners understand they are to pray specifically for native priests.
3. Schedule a Mass or prayer service to pray for native priests on the same day you have Adoration.
4. Put the enclosed poster up in a place where everyone will see it.
5. Read the enclosed announcement during or after every Mass until the event.
6. Give out the enclosed flyers at your Communion services or Masses until the event.
7. Host Eucharistic Adoration at the church on the day you chose.
8. Gather for Mass or a prayer service on that day, too. If you are having a prayer service and not Mass, please use the enclosed script.

God has blessed our diocese with many good priests, but we desperately need more. It would be a tremendous blessing for our diocese to have Yup'ik/Cup'ik, Athabaskan, and Inupiat priests to serve their own people. Let us take this opportunity to put our request before God to raise up native priests for the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski
Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska
Diocese of Fairbanks



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Diocesan Day of Adoration and Prayer for More Priests

Bishop Zielinski invites Catholics of all ages to join in a Day of Prayer and Adoration for God to raise up more priests for our diocese. Parishioners are encouraged to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration – 15, 30, or 60+ minutes in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, praying for more good men to answer God's call to the priesthood. It is especially important to him that we pray for native Alaskan men to answer God's call to the priesthood, so that our Y/Cup'ik, Athabaskan, and Inupiat brothers and sisters have priests from their own people. All are invited to the church to worship and pray for this intention. **(May I request the visiting priest to choose day of Adoration and prayer service/Mass time)**

