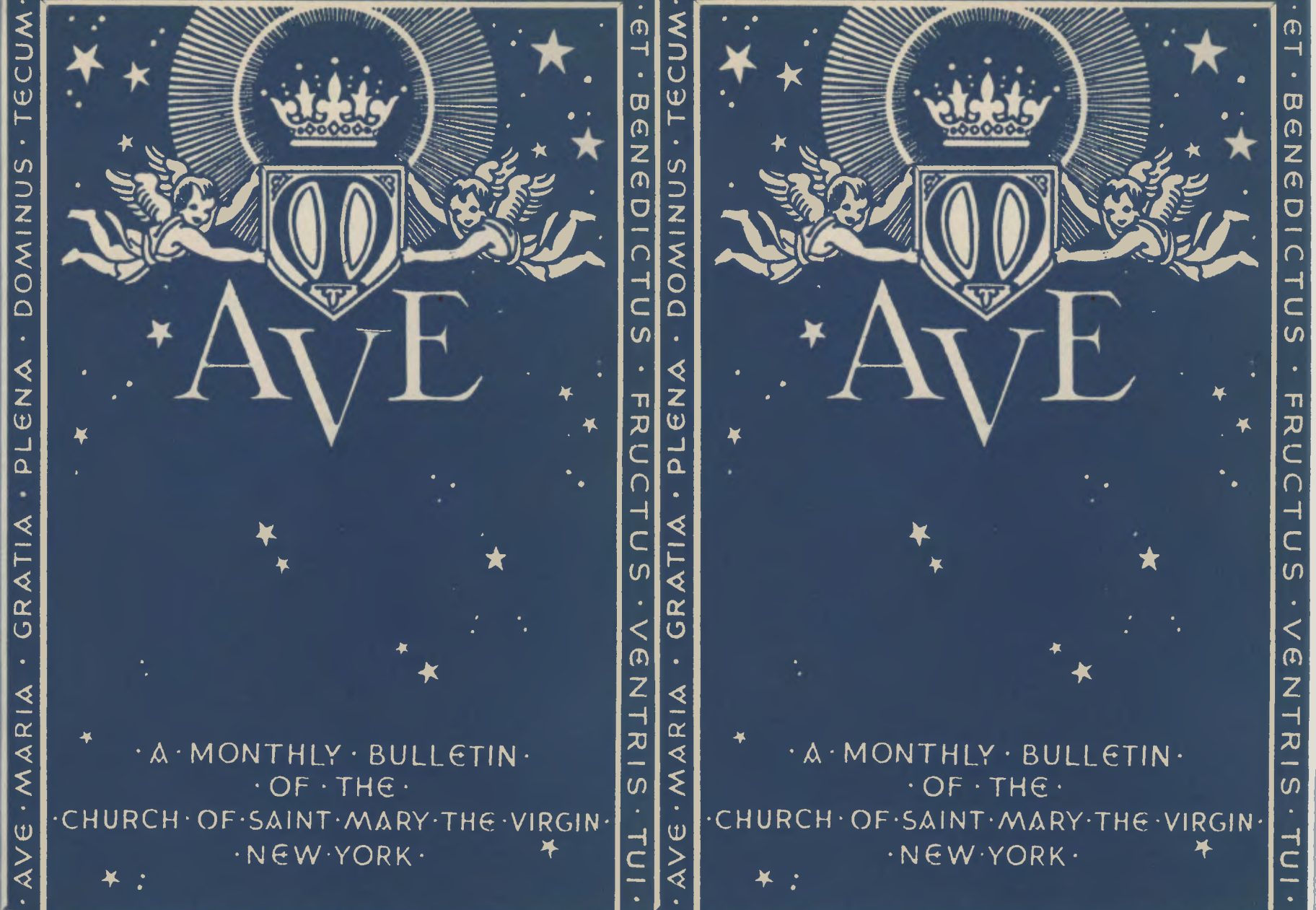


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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,

It is the glorious month of May. Glorious it is because it is Our Lady's month, the month of Mary. Titles have been showered upon Our Lady but were we compelled to use one title only I am sure that that title would be "Mother of God".

Many would question "How can Mary of Nazareth be called the Mother of God when God is three persons in one eternal being"? We would reply "Blessed Mary is not the Mother of the Godhead but rather the mother of Jesus, a Divine Person born to her on earth as man." You see although Jesus was man by nature, that nature which He joined unto Himself in Our Lady's womb, yet He retained His unique divine personality. Indeed He joined human nature to His divine nature and this meant that He had two perfect natures, human and divine, in His one Person. So Our Lady may be properly spoken of as Mother of God. For this motherhood she was prepared by God who filled her with grace and this preparation was acclaimed by the Angel Gabriel when he greeted her with "Hail Mary, full of grace!"

How natural it is then for us children to address Our Lady in our prayers thus: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death". Indeed, she is holy and indeed she is the Mother of God. We need not to be persuaded that she is in heaven as Queen of all the holy ones there and that she is praying for us followers of her Divine Son and that she prays more nearly in the name of that Divine Son than any other saint could possibly pray. How natural then for us to beg her to pray for us, especially since we are fully aware of the fact that our poor

prayers, though we end them with the words "Through Jesus Christ our Lord" are often too mixed up with self-love and self-will honestly to have such an ending.

We should busy ourselves not only in seeking the aid of the Mother of God through prayer, but we should also be very much occupied in proving our solid devotion by striving to imitate her spiritual life. To do this we must develop a lowly opinion of ourselves and a love both of obscurity and of silence. We must imitate her wonderful simplicity in prayer as well as her love of small duties. Above all we must join with her in the continual sacrifice to Jesus of ourselves and all that we most dearly love. Through constant imitation of Our Lady we shall be very happy in going very far in the conquest of self-love, that one thing which holds us back from a life of glory.

Affectionately yours,

Guiney Taber

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WHEN I AM HAPPY

THE pursuit of happiness is probably the most common pursuit in the entire human race, but unless happiness is identified with joy — a spiritual and abiding quality of the soul — it is not worth pursuing.

Happiness, our dictionaries tell us, is good luck or good fortune. There you have it. It depends upon what happens with regard to external things. It places man at their mercy. If by chance they are propitious and felicitous, man can consider himself happy — fortunate or lucky would be a better term. However, let propitious external circumstances be withdrawn and man is plunged into the gloom of despair. A shrinking bank account, losses in gambling, failure in health, a depression, a reduced budget, shortage of food and liquor supplies, the inability to procure the mink coat or the luxurious automobile and all the rest — these rob the

world of its happiness which has been founded upon hitting upon prosperity as a matter of luck or accident or good fortune. Worldlings like small children simply must take their toys to bed with them each night else the darkness would be unbearable, even though day always follows upon night.

The true Christian, however, renounces worldliness, the dependence upon external things. He meets his Lord's challenge to live in the world but not of it. He puts the life of the soul ahead of the life of the body. He seeks the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, knowing full well that following upon such seeking the external necessities of life though not its luxuries will be his. Is he unhappy because he lives on a spiritual plane? By no means.

The true Christian is happy because there are at his disposal the infinite merits of the Passion of his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He knows that as he proves his sincerity in Christian living, namely by truly following the pattern set by Christ, he may avail himself of the merits of the Christ he has followed whereby his own demerits will be swallowed up. "Within Thy wounds hide me" he prays in confidence to his Lord for he knows of a certainty that the wounds of his adorable Saviour have the power to heal the wounds he has inflicted on himself through self-love, since the wounds of Christ are the sign of a spotless Life offered on the Cross on behalf of all who could not keep themselves unspotted from the world, himself included.

The true Christian is happy because through the merits of Christ inexhaustible stores of grace are his and by tapping those stores he may live life more abundantly. Spiritual strength or grace comes to his soul most powerfully as he frequents the two sacraments which may be administered daily, namely, Holy Penance and Holy Communion. From the first of these sacraments he gains the strength to start life all over again and from the second he gains the power to keep going. What is more, unceasing strength is his as he prays without ceasing, as his whole life is an attitude of prayer, of putting himself in God's hands for God's service.

The true Christian is happy because, although he recognizes that he is a member of a fallen race, a race in which there is an unremitting inclination to pride or self, yet he has been reborn through Holy Baptism into the race of the redeemed. He has become a

branch of the Vine and that Vine is Jesus the Redeemer. He exults in the fact that as long as he allows the life of the Vine to flow into his life, as a branch he is always on the way of salvation.

The true Christian is happy because persecution brings him nearer to the persecuted Christ and poverty brings him closer to the Christ who though rich for his sake became poor and suffering offered as expiation brings him into union with the Suffering Saviour.

The true Christian is happy because he is never alone. When he goes to Mass the entire Church Catholic is praying that Mass for you cannot separate the members of Mystical Body of Christ. Indeed, the angels are present adoring their Lord. Thus when the Christian prays he is joined to other Christians, those on earth, in purgatory and in heaven, for all are one in the bond of prayer. He rejoices to ask the Saints in glory to pray for him. He practices his belief in "the communion of saints".

The true Christian is happy because he learns to give sacrificially. The cheerful giver is the sacrificial giver. He has learned that the only true gift is that which is offered at real cost to the giver — cost to his time, his convenience, his pride as well as to his pocketbook.

The happy Christian is not merely the mirthful Christian. Mirth flowers forth like a skyrocket whereas Christian happiness has a permanency about it for it represents a steady fulfillment of holy purpose in living. It springs from the habit of self-surrender to God's will and the reaching out to Him for light and power. Because of its permanence it can no longer be called happiness, but rather joy.

Yes, Christian joy is an abiding quality of the soul. It is an undying light that shines forth once the Christian has made up his mind to touch the powerhouse of heaven at regular intervals. The grace that issues from that powerhouse produces holiness and holiness is the only true joy.

The saints were joyful Christians — St Philip Neri, St Francis de Sales, and all the rest. It is related that St Dominic radiated such Christian joy that at the very sight of him his brother friars were restored to highest enthusiasm. The psalmist has written "There is a river the streams whereof make glad the city of God".

Yes, the city of God is built on joy. The citizen of the City of God builds his life on joy. May we accept such citizenship!

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CHRISTIAN SACRIFICE (7)

SACRIFICE is an expression of love, joy and thanksgiving. I believe our studies so far have shown this to be true not only historically of all sacrifices, but most specifically of the supreme Christian Sacrifice of our Blessed Lord on Calvary. It is true also that pain, privation, suffering and death have their parts to play in sacrifice; and they are part of the preparation and basis which are so necessary in this life for the climax and fulness of joy, though they are pushed into the background at that climax. Although not too much reference is made to the Passion and Crucifixion in the rejoicing of Easter Day, yet the Crucifixes are all unveiled and the Easter Mysteries take place in their immediate presence.

Two of our Lenten preachers have pointed out to us that life in this world is a balance or tension between suffering and joy, and that the only path to the glories of the Altar is the Way of the Cross. We need to realize now that this is true not only for our Lord in the fulfilling of His mission and the accomplishment of His work for us but it is equally true in the fulfilling of our missions and the accomplishment of our work.

The quiet joy of the Last Supper and the more exuberant joy of the Resurrection have their roots in the foundation of the Passion. They cannot be divorced from it, and our own lives follow a similar pattern. We have seen what we must do to make our Lord's sacrifice our own, that we as members of His Body may enjoy its fruits. This requires acceptance and effort on our part. But the effort doesn't stop there. Although what He did *for* us is in a real sense the most important element of the Christian religion; the way He did it is important for our whole lives, too. For Christ is not only our Sacrifice, He is also our example.

In earlier articles I had some harsh words for those who regard Him only as an example and not a sacrifice. But I have some equally harsh words for those who think the example doesn't matter much if we accept the Sacrifice. One thing never to forget is that the Sacrifice is the thing, and the only thing, that can pro-

vide us with the strength, the grace, to follow the example. It can't be done without that grace. But if we accept that, then it must be done. In short, we have and must have our own sacrifices, in pain, privation, suffering and death, to offer to God in union with His supreme Sacrifice.

Now, what have we to offer? Nothing much, perhaps, that is worthwhile in the absolute sense from the Divine point of view, but in another sense, all that we are and all that we have. We dare not forget that God has chosen to make this world and its salvation — our salvation — depend in large measure on us. Furthermore, to paraphrase St Paul, "What do we have that we have not received?" and therefore owe to Him from Whom we have received it?

Look at the pattern our Lord provides. He offered His life for us. Can we do less than offer ours for Him? If we offer Him our lives, He will tell us what He wants us to do with them; whether it be the complete dedication to him of the Religious Life as a monk or a nun, or a life of service to His Church as a cleric or a layman, or a life of service to His people in the common tasks of everyday life in the family and in the world. Or it may be that He will ask us to follow His example to the letter and lay down our lives for His sake. This is happening in the world today no less than it did in the days of the Apostles.

Remember that sacrifice is an expression of love, joy, thanksgiving, generosity, and then remember our Lord's own words that no man has greater love than the one who will lay down his life for his friend. Are you a friend of Jesus Christ, or aren't you? Offer Him yourself as a true friend.

If you truly offer Him what you are in this fashion, there will be no difficulty about offering Him what you have. That will come almost automatically as it did in our Lord's life. What we have, we have received from Him. St Thomas points out that the institution of private property can be justified only if we hold our material goods in trust for God and His work. And so our dedication of them takes place in the same way as the dedication of our lives, whether it be complete as in the Religious vow of poverty, or to the service of His Church or of His people.

These are our sacrifices.

E. B.

FATHER SIMPSON

FATHER Simpson, who has endeared himself to the parishioners of St Mary's over the past several years, will take his leave of us the last of this month. He has been appointed Regius Professor of Hebrew and Canon of Christ Church Cathedral at Oxford, England, and he takes up his new duties in June. Selfishly speaking, we are extremely sorry to see him leave New York, yet we do felicitate him on this great honor that has come to him — an honor richly deserved.

Although Father Simpson has not been officially a member of the clergy staff of St Mary's, yet while serving as Professor of Literature and Interpretation of the Old Testament at the General Theological Seminary, he has celebrated Mass at St Mary's at least three times each week and has sprung to our rescue when ever we found ourselves shorthanded. And we loved to have it so! Indeed we have always thought of Father Simpson as part of our St Mary's family and we beg him to call St Mary's his spiritual home whenever he visits New York in the years that are to come. Pray a rich blessing on him in his future priestly and scholarly work for God's glory.

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PARISH NOTES

THE nationwide Builders of Christ Campaign being conducted throughout the Episcopal Church has over a four million dollar goal for capital building funds. This campaign is a mandate from General Convention and each parish is expected to take its generous part. St Mary's is looked to for four thousand dollars. The campaign comes to a head on Sunday, May the second and a special offering will be made or, for those who prefer, pledged in to be paid before the meeting of the next General Convention in the fall of 1955. The money is greatly needed for church and seminary buildings at home and abroad in order that the work and worship of the Church may be properly housed. Prayerfully and generously each of us will want to offer his share in building for the honor and glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ON Ascension Day, Thursday, May the twenty-seventh, the faithful will attend a Mass and if possible receive Holy Communion in honor of their Lord on His Coronation Day. Low Masses are celebrated at 7, 8 and 9:30. The High Mass will be celebrated at twelve with a brief sermon by Father Taber.

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THE next presentation of the United Thank Offering will be made at the Corporate Communion at the ten o'clock Mass at the Cathedral of St John the Divine on Tuesday, May the fourth. Every woman of the parish is invited to attend this service as well as the business meeting which will follow in the Synod Hall. Contributions for the United Thank Offering may be sent to our Parish Custodian, Mrs Charles Edgar, 535 East 14th Street, New York City 9, before Sunday, May the second, or given to her personally after High Mass on that day. The members of the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will make their offerings through their own Custodian. It is hoped that any women of the parish not at present having a share in the United Thank Offering by faithful use of the blue boxes will request the Parish Custodian for such a box.

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THE Annual May Festival will be held this year on Sunday evening, May the ninth at eight when Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be sung, followed by a Procession and the Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady and closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All will wish to set aside this date for paying special honor to Our Lady, Mother of God. The preacher on this occasion will be Father Vockler, graduate student at the General Theological Seminary from the Diocese of Newcastle, Australia.

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THE Day Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall at three on Friday afternoon, May the twenty-first. The Annual Mission Tea will be held from four until six, during which Father Bell, Rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York City will give a talk on Social Service work. A Corporate Communion will be held at the nine-thirty Mass on the morning of the twenty-first.

The evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary holds its last meeting of the season in St Joseph's Hall, at seven on Tuesday evening, May the eighteenth. A brief business session will be followed by a social hour. The monthly Corporate Communion will have been held at the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday, May the second.

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THURSDAY, May the thirteenth, has been assigned to St Mary's as our Station Day in the Cycle of Prayer sponsored by the American Church Union. The Masses on that day will be offered for the Conversion of America to the Catholic Faith and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel from twelve-thirty noon until five-thirty in the afternoon at which time a continual Watch will be kept by the members of the American Church Union and others. The schedule for this Watch for your signatures will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church in due time.

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IN the Annual American Red Cross Campaign our parish chairman, Miss Rena Garlick, gratefully reports gifts from the parishioners of St Mary's in the amount of \$503.69.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

March 28 — Mildred Cevira Bergmann

CONFIRMATIONS

By the RIGHT REVEREND ROBERT ERSKINE CAMPBELL, O.H.C.

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye were sealed unto the day of redemption."

March 28 — Mildred Stark Bergmann	Carol Marie Olson
Antoinette Hungerford Booth	Eleanor Franklin Pina
Elizabeth Ann Dougherty	Richard Kenneth Smith
Florence Hamilton Gorman	Barbara Edith Snyder
James Darden Mathis, Jr.	Sarah Katharine Thomson

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"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

March 3 — Louise Florence Grady March 19 — Madolin Cervantes
 March 3 — Elizabeth Ann Van Leer March 22 — Muriel Steeves
 March 11 — C. Douglas Bredt March 23 — Alson Dougherty

BURIAL

"Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest and may light perpetual shine upon her."

March 19 — Jennie Graham

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THE CORPORATE Communion for the month of May are as follows:

Sunday, May 2, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross. The Woman's Auxiliary (Evening Branch).

Wednesday, May 5, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.

Sunday, May 9, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.

Friday, May 21, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary (Day Branch).

Sunday, May 30, The Church School. The Order of St Vincent. The Guild of St Stephen.

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THE altar flowers for the month of May are given in memory of the following:

May 2 — The Second Sunday after Easter. Emily Speir Arnold.

May 6 — The Feast of St John before the Latin Gate. Departed members of the Fellowship of St John the Evangelist.

May 9 — The Third Sunday after Easter. Annie Rebecca Durang.

May 16 — The Fourth Sunday after Easter. Glover Crane Arnold.

May 23 — The Fifth Sunday after Easter. Emma Frances Taber.

May 27 — Ascension Day. Mary Selena Arnold.

May 30 — The Sunday after Ascension. Newbury Frost Read.

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WEEKLY GLOOM FOR WEAK KNEES

Monday's a gloomy day,
 I have to go to work,
 And letters come and bills
 And other things I shirk
 Because I find that they
 Seriously irk.

Tuesday's terrible.
 There's hash from Sunday's roast,
 Or chicken scraps eked out
 With flour paste and toast,
 And never any beer
 Just when I need it most.

Wednesday's very dull
 With all the hours ahead.
 Get up, get dressed as usual
 And then go and get fed,
 And nothing to do but work
 Until it's time for bed.

Thursday's ghastly too.
 All that I haven't done
 Earlier in the week
 Spoils the thought of fun.
 I wish it would rain and sleet,
 'Cause there isn't any sun.

Friday's something else;
 There's no use to wish,
 When you know dinner will be
 Something that smells like fish,
 Or maybe scrambled eggs
 Runny in a cold dish.

But Saturday's the worst;
 The weekend's never right.
 Things are so SLOW, and people come
 Who aren't very bright,
 And the water's never hot
 For baths Saturday night.

It's Sunday. Oh, dear God,
 Why did You make *this* day?
 We've got to go to church,
 And sit, and sing, and pray.
 And then we eat and sleep
 And throw the papers away.

In short, the week
 Leaves much to seek.

— A. D. S.

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KALENDAR FOR MAY

1. Sa. SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APP.
- ✕ 2. Su. EASTER II. Com. St Athanasius, B.C.D.
3. M. Finding of the Holy Cross. Com. SS Alexander I, B; Evertius, Theodulus, MM., and Juvenal, B.C.
4. Tu. St Monica, W.
5. W. PATRONAGE OF ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the B.V.M., Confessor, Patron of the Universal Church. Com. St Pius, B.C.; and Conversion of St Augustine of Hippo, B.C.D.
6. Th. St John before the Latin Gate, Ap. Ev. Com. Octave.
7. F. St Stanislaus, B.M. Com. Octave. *Abstinence.*
8. Sa. Vision of St Michael, Archangel. Com. Octave.
- ✕ 9. Su. EASTER III. Com. St Gregory of Nazianzus, B.C.D., and Octave.
10. M. St Antoninus, B.C. Com. Octave, and SS Gordian and Epimachus, MM.
11. Tu. Of the Octave of St Joseph. Requiem, 7.
12. W. Octave Day of the Patronage of St Joseph. Com. SS Nereus and Comp., MM.
13. Th. St Robert Bellarmine, B.C.D.
14. F. St Boniface, M. Com. St Pachomius, Ab. *Abstinence.*
15. Sa. St John Baptist de la Salle, C.
- ✕ 16. Su. EASTER IV. Com. St Ubald, B.C., and St Simon Stock, C.
17. M. St Paschal Baylon, C.
18. Tu. St Venantius, M.
19. W. St Peter Celestine, B.C. Com. St Dunstan, B.C., and St Pudentiana, V.
20. Th. St Bernadin of Siena, C. Requiem, 8.
21. F. St Yves, Pr. C. *Abstinence.*
22. Sa. Of our Lady.
- ✕ 23. Su. EASTER V. (Rogation Sunday).
24. M. ROGATION DAY. Com. St Vincent of Lerins.
25. Tu. ROGATION DAY. Com. St Gregory VII, B.C., St Urban I, B.M., and St Aldhelm, B.C.
26. W. ROGATION DAY. Com. St Philip Neri, C., Vigil of Ascension, and St Eleutherius, B.M.
- ✕ 27. Th. ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. High Mass at noon.
28. F. St Augustine of England, B.C. *Abstinence.*
29. Sa. St Mary Magdalene of Pazzi, V.
- ✕ 30. Su. SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION. Com. Octave, St Felix I, B.M., and St Joan of Arc, V.
31. M. St Angela of Merici, V.

Days indicated by ✕ are days of precepts, with an obligation of attendance at Mass.

MUSIC FOR MAY

MAY 2 — EASTER II

Mass, Missa festiva in D.....Gretchaninoff

Motet, Haec diesNanino

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittisPalestrina

Motet, Today hath Salvation comeRachmaninov

O salutaris hostiaGoodman

Motet, O bone JesuIngegneri

Tantum ergo (4 voice)Victoria

MAY 9 — EASTER III

Mass, Missa in honorem Sanctae LutgardisPeeters

Motet, Ave ReginaPalestrina

Vespers of the B.V.M.

Magnificat and Nunc dimittisWhitlock

Motet, Alma Redemptoris materPalestrina

O salutaris hostiaGates

Motet, Jesu dulcis memoriaHandl

Tantum ergoMessner

MAY 16 — EASTER IV

Mass, Missa in honorem B.V.M.Craig

Motet, Ave ReginaPhillips

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittisHunt

Motet, When the Lord hast risenRachmaninov

O salutaris hostiaFarnaby

Motet, Ego sum panis vivusGoodman

Tantum ergoGigault

MAY 23 — ROGATION

Mass, Mass in CHenschel

Motet, Beata es Virgo MariaGabrieli

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittisFayrfax

Motet, Salve ReginaMonteverdi

O salutaris hostiaByrd

Motet, Adoramus teAichinger

Tantum ergoHenschel

MAY 27 — ASCENSION DAY

Mass, Missa Orbis factorGregorian

MAY 30 — ASCENSION I

Mass, Missa in simplicitateLanglais

Motet, AlleluiaGoodman

Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc dimittisTompkins

Motet, Salutis humanae satorSchroeder

O salutaris hostiaCalvisius

Motet, O bone JesuBai

Tantum ergoUnknown Sixteenth Century

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Low Mass 7:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer 7:40 a.m.

Low Mass 8:00 a.m.

Sung Mass (St Francis' Altar) 9:00 a.m.

Low Mass (Lady Chapel) 10:00 a.m.

High Mass, with sermon 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service and Benediction, and address . 8:00 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily 7, 8, and 9:30 a.m.

Also on greater Holy Days as announced

11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Intercessions

Wednesdays 12:10-12:40 p.m.

Mass, Fridays 12:10 p.m.

Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays) . . . 9:00 a.m.

Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays) . 6:00 p.m.

Special Devotions, Fridays (St Francis' Altar) . 8:15 p.m.

*Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals,
as announced on the preceding Sunday.*

The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m.

Adults or children can be prepared at any time for the First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following times:
Mondays to Fridays 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5
Closed on legal holidays.

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CONFESSIONS

FATHER TABER: Fridays, 12 to 1; Saturdays, 2 to 3 and 8 to 9 p.m.

FATHER BOSSHARD: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.

FATHER LAVEY: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard Sundays, 8:40 to 9:00 a.m.

A Priest can always be seen after any service.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays after High Mass by arrangements with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen.

MARRIAGES are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days' notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God's law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living.

SICK CALLS.—Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy, in person, by telephone, or by post.

BURIALS.—The clergy should always be consulted *before* any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St Mary's to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.

MUSIC.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr White, the Director of Music.

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