



Reflections on the Meaning of Sunday

Here are excerpts from the Apostolic Letter by Pope Saint John Paul II entitled "Dies Domini" (The Day of the Lord):

"We celebrate Sunday because of the venerable Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we do so not only at Easter but at each turning of the week": so wrote Pope Innocent I at the beginning of the fifth century, testifying to an already well established practice which had evolved from the early years after the Lord's Resurrection. Saint Basil speaks of this holy Sunday, honored by the Lord's Resurrection, the first fruits of all the other days; and Saint Augustine calls Sunday "a sacrament of Easter".

The intimate bond between Sunday and the Resurrection of the Lord is strongly emphasized by all the Churches of the East and the West. In the tradition of the Eastern Churches in particular, every Sunday is the *anastasimos hemera*, the day of Resurrection, and this is why it stands at the heart of all worship...

"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). This promise of Christ never ceases to resound in the Church as the fertile secret of her life and the wellspring of her hope. As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only a remembrance of a past event: it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people.

For this presence to be properly proclaimed and lived, it is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and Resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individually alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God. It is important therefore that they come together to express fully the very identity of the Church, the ekklesia, the assembly called together by the Risen Lord who offered his life "to reunite the scattered children of God" (Jn 11:52). They have become "one" in Christ (cf. Gal 3:28) through the gift of the Spirit. This unity becomes visible when Christians gather together: it is then that they come to know vividly and to testify to the world that they are the people redeemed, drawn "from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev 5:9). The assembly of Christ's disciples embodies from age to age the image of the first Christian community which Luke gives as an example in the Acts of the Apostles, when he recounts that the first baptized "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (2:42).

Continuing next week with: The Eucharistic Assembly and The Sunday Eucharist.

**Easter blessings,
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 25 at 8:30am

Frederica Dacruz

10:30am Pro Populo

Monday, April 26 at 8:30am

Open

Tuesday, April 27 at 8:30am

Helen Thousand

Wednesday, April 28 at 8:30am

Open

Thursday, April 29 at 8:30 am

Open

Friday, April 30 at 8:30am

Open

Saturday, May 1st at 5pm

Marie Calixte (Personal Intention)

Sunday, May 2nd at 8:30am

Open

10:30am Pro Populo

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for the sick:

Marie Henry, Linda Vital, Alison and Ken Sardinha, Chimene Jean Paul, Abeba Makonnem, Clara Morehead, Clarence McGhie, Ronnie Pierre, Ramesh Khudan, Debbie Khudan, The Khudan Family, Miyoshi Vital, Solange Faroul Kernizan, Diana Mallou & Child, Renee Williamson, William Davis, Stacy McGhie, Rafael Gonzalez, Marcia & Williams Texidor & Family, Veronica Quinn, Joshua Sardinha, Robert McGhie, Joseph Seletski, Ann Seletski, Roemund Cummings.

Pray for the deceased:

Kathleen Walsh, Bonnie Jones, Phyllis Shepherd, Daphne Brown, Stacey Rubio, Jackie Mitchell, Jim Williamson, Dora Rico, Kenneth Kelly, Frederica Da Cruz, Dorothy Whittle, Obie Goines, Anthony Cerullo, George Olivera, Floretta Pinnix, Barbara Dowie, Helene Thousand, Maria McGhie, Luz Maria Oquendo.

(Please, call the Rectory to add the names of parishioners and close relatives of parishioners who are ill or who have died)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The next Saint Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive will be held on Sunday, May 23rd in front of the church from 9am to 12pm.



Please pray for our young members of our parish who will receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, and their families.

**Noah Anthony Alfred
Manuel Morales Alvarez
Landon David Brown
Varro Cline Hume
Aliana Karen Legagneur
Anne Christine Legros
Dorian Marquis Rowe
Emma Rose Samedy
Gabriella Samedy
Joshua Samedy
Montgomery Cecolia Parker Steele
Sarah Elizabeth Torres
Martina Vargas
Grayson Castle DreiSeelen Wolfgang
Wharff-Ernst**