



### Further Reflections on the Meaning of Sunday

*From the Apostolic Letter of St John Paul II, "Dies Domini" (The Day of the Lord)*

#### The Eucharistic Assembly

"The Eucharist is not only a particularly intense expression of the reality of the Church's life, but also in a sense its "fountain-head". The Eucharist feeds and forms the Church: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread (1 Cor 10:17). Because of this vital link with the sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the mystery of the Church is savored, proclaimed, and lived supremely in the Eucharist.

This ecclesial dimension intrinsic to the Eucharist is realized in every Eucharistic celebration. But it is expressed most especially on the day when the whole community comes together to commemorate the Lord's Resurrection. Significantly, The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life".

At Sunday Mass, Christians relive with particular intensity the experience of the Apostles on the evening of Easter when the Risen Lord appeared to them as they were gathered together (Jn 20:19). In a sense, the People of God of all times were present in that small nucleus of disciples, the first fruits of the Church. Through their testimony, every generation of believers hears the greeting of Christ, rich with the messianic gift of peace, won by his blood and offered with his Spirit: "Peace be with you"! Christ's return among them "a week later" (Jn 20:26) can be seen as a radical prefiguring of the Christian community's practice of coming together every seven days, on "the Lord's Day" or Sunday, in order to profess faith in his Resurrection and to receive the blessing which he had promised: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (Jn20:29). This close connection between the appearance of the Risen Lord and the Eucharist is suggested in the Gospel of Luke in the story of the two disciples of Emmaus, whom Christ approached and led to understand the Scriptures and then sat with them at table. They recognized him when "he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them" (24:30). The gestures of Jesus in this account are his gestures at the Last Supper, with the clear allusion to the "breaking of bread", as the Eucharist was called by the first generation of Christians."

Next week: The Sunday Eucharist

Continued Easter blessings!

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## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am**

Open

**10:30am Pro Populo**

**Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am**

Mildred Taylor

**Tuesday, May 4 at 8:30am**

Open

**Wednesday, May 5 at 8:30am**

Open

**Thursday, May 6 at 8:30 am**

Janice Cornelius (Birthday)

**Friday, May 7 at 8:30am**

Thanksgiving Mass for a Spiritual Miracle

**Saturday, May 8 at 5pm**

Open

**Sunday, May 9 at 8:30am**

Open

**10:30am Pro Populo**

*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)*



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*

### **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*



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE**

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