

6th Sunday of Easter, 25 May, 2025

Intentions:

May 25 - In loving memory of **Roger St. Martin**, requested by Avelina Bercades.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection

May 18 - \$718.95 Thank You

May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury: In 596, Pope Gregory the Great sent Augustine - prior of St. Andrew's monastery in Rome - and about 40 monks to evangelize England. The group was well received by King Ethelbert of Kent, who later became a saint himself. Augustine was soon made bishop and instructed to develop a hierarchy for England and to substitute Christian feast for pagan celebrations. Apart from the Welsh refusal to accept either Augustine or the Roman traditions he proposed, the mission was successful.

Augustine established a Benedictine monastery at Canterbury. The first archbishop of Canterbury, the "Apostle of the English." Augustine continued to work for the faith in Britain until his death in 604.

May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This feast, commemorating the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, has been celebrated in the Roman liturgy since the 8th century. Found in Luke's Gospel, this event is one of rejoicing in the wonders God has done, as both the barren Elizabeth and the young Virgin Mary find themselves with child. Each woman experiences an outpouring of the Holy Spirit; Elizabeth's response is to declare Mary and her child blessed; and Mary's response is the hymn of praise, the Magnificat.

Pope's Intentions for the Month of May

For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Gospel Reflection: The only way God dwells among us is to let go of ourselves and hand ourselves over to Jesus. On our own we would not be able to succeed; the good news is that we are not alone, but God dwells within us and gives us all we need to be faithful. These Sundays before Pentecost remind us that as disciples, we never have to feel like the whole task of living the gospel falls on our shoulders alone. God is always present, dwelling within us, to give us the strength we need to be faithful to Jesus' commands. Only in this way can our everyday lives be fruitful. (*Living Liturgy, p.128*)



NOTE:

St. Gabriel's Friday Masses

Please note that all Fridays in June there will be confession/Mass at St Gabriel 8.30am and 9am respectively.

Administrator's Corner

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Pray for the Gift of Knowledge:

In today's world, opinions and beliefs are diverse and complex, making it challenging to discern absolute truth. However, God has given us a special gift - the Holy Spirit's gift of knowledge. This gift enables us to understand ourselves, the world around us, and our relationship with God.

The gift of knowledge helps us see created things in their proper perspective, recognizing their limitations and potential to lead us to God or away from Him. It allows us to use created things in a right and holy way, rather than making idols out of them. As Saint Augustine noted, "*The gift of knowledge befits those who mourn, because they have learned a hard lesson by the difficulty of defeat they experience whenever they seek evil things as goods.*"

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that the gift of knowledge is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, which "*enables us to judge rightly about created things in relation to our ultimate end*" (CCC 1831). It helps us "*to discern the signs of the times*" (CCC 1831) and "*to understand the mysteries of God's plan.*"

Let's consider a practical example of how the gift of knowledge might work in everyday life. Imagine you're considering buying a new car, and you're torn between two different models. One model is sleek and shiny, with all the latest features, but it's also very expensive. The other model is more practical and affordable, but it doesn't have all the bells and whistles. With the gift of knowledge, you might see beyond the surface-level appeal of the flashy car and recognize that it's not just about the car's features, but about what's driving your desire for it. You might realize that you're being tempted by a desire for status or prestige, rather than a genuine need for a reliable vehicle. This insight could help you make a more informed decision, one that's guided by your values and priorities rather than just your emotions or desires. You might choose the more practical and affordable option, not just because it's cheaper, but because it aligns better with your goals and values.

With the gift of knowledge, we can discern the truth and deepen our understanding of Scripture. Pope Francis has encouraged us to seek a deeper understanding of God's plan and to live out our faith in practical ways. This gift is not for personal gain or intellectual superiority but for the good of the Church and humble service to others.

To nurture this gift, we need to pray for guidance and discernment, engage in guided study of Scripture and the writings of saints, and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and reconciliation. By embracing the gift of knowledge, we can draw closer to God's truth and live out our faith in practical ways, just as Pope Benedict XVI encouraged us to seek "*the exhortation to prayer as the path of 'salvation for souls' and, likewise, 'the summons to penance and conversion.'*"

Come, Holy Spirit, pour on us your gift of knowledge. Having purified our faith with wisdom and understanding, help us, everywhere and always, to serve you faithfully, to put our faith into consistent, coherent, concrete action. Amen.

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Sunday 9:00 am Mass

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