



# Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish

*"We, the people of Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish, accept as our mission to be a welcoming, diverse parish family who shares our gifts and talents that God has given us to serve others in need as we grow in our Faith."*

## April 27 & 28, 2024

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 3:30 - 3:50 pm.  
**Matrimony:** Contact Father six months in advance.  
**Sacrament of the Sick:** Call Father as the need arises.

**Contact Father for the following:**

- Blessing of the Home
- Visiting the Sick
- Mass intentions

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

SATURDAY—4:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY—9:30 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

TUES, THURS, FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.  
\*\*ROSARY AT 9:10 A.M.  
WED—10:00 A.M. AT RIVERVIEW

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

### Readings for Next Sunday

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading—Acts 10:25-48  
2nd Reading—1 John 4:7-10  
Gospel—John 15:9-17



# Events - News - Information

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Introduction:** Today's Scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness.

### Life Messages

1) **We need pruning in our Christian life.** Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling in our neighborhood and society with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations enables us, with God's grace, to prune away our selfish, judgmental, prejudicial tendencies so that we can treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by enabling us to face with the courage of our Christian convictions, the pain and sufferings, contradictions and difficulties which He permits to enter our lives.

2) **Let us abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us:** The four Gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine and how to draw their life from the vine. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Bible, and selfless, loving acts of kindness, mercy and mutual loving forgiveness, all the fruits of God's Grace acting within us, assist us in abiding in Jesus, the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

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**JOKE**  
OF THE  
**WEEK**

**The Usher**

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row please," she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The priest is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am? I'm the priest's mother," she declared indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" the usher asked. "No." she said. "Good," he answered.

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**Thank You!!!**



Coffee Sunday team would like to thank everyone for their donation and support, your generosity is very much appreciated. Funds raised are for the needs of the Parish.

Coffee team wishes everyone a wonderful weekend and God bless.



Please, continue to pray for Candace, Chloe, Eliana, and Gab as they complete the final preparations for their First Communion which will be held next Sunday, May 5, during the 9:30am mass.

Several rows of the front of church in the main section will be reserved for the communicants and their families.

Parking may be difficult on Sunday, May 5, as there will be more people in attendance than usual for the First Communion Mass.

**CWL NOTICE**

On Sunday, May 5, 2024, the CWL will be hosting a reception for four children who will be receiving their First Communion. It will be a pot lunch event and we invite you to bring something for the table (hot dish, salad, dessert, or your choice). Everyone is invited and we look forward to having you come and celebrate this special occasion. The reception will be held in the church hall following Mass.

**Saint for the Week**

**Saint Catherine of Siena's Story—April 29**

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.



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