

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

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Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2017

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KNOW THE REASON FOR YOUR HOPE

Saint Teresa of Calcutta once remarked: Never let anything



so fill you with sadness that you forget the joy of Christ risen." It was precisely this mindfulness of the "joy of Christ risen" that gave this remarkable woman the strength, cour-

age, and conviction to bring compassion to the poor and dying and smile and be hopeful even in the face of dire poverty and despair.

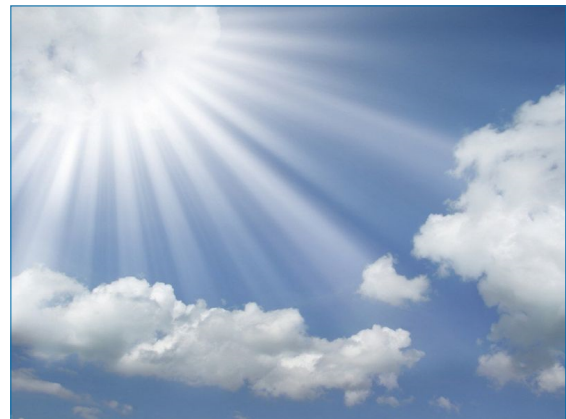
Although the word "hope" does not appear in any reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, a spirit of hope seems to permeate every line: "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe in me." "Come to the Lord, to the stone rejected by men and women but precious and chosen in the sight of God." " God called you out of darkness into his own marvelous light."

What these passages remind us is that to be a Christian is to live in hope...to be convinced that God goes with us, remains with us, and is everywhere and always with us for our good. To live in hope is to be convinced that to know Jesus is to know God and that, through Jesus, we have a place in God's world. While things may seem obvious, it is something we all struggle with from time to time...to discover meaning and worth in our lives, to know that we have been created for a purpose, and that our lives are worth living. If we are honest, we all have those moments when we feel we are unimportant and if that we were to disappear from the face of the earth tomorrow, no one would miss us. To be in such a place is terrifying and painful...it is to be without hope. As challenging as it may be, we can live without sight or the ability to hear, the loss of a limb or our mobility, but we cannot live without hope.

At every age, in many different contexts, and for all kinds of reasons, people struggle with questions of despair and hope, identity and worth. Like the disciples, we become fearful and

allow our hearts to become troubled and our sense of well-being to be disturbed. And fear, we know, can propel us to live and act in ways that are contrary to the Christian life. Fear can cause us to become immobile; it can wrap us up in self-concern to the neglect of our call to be the presence of Christ to others; it can even dictate our movements.....where we will shop, what neighborhoods we will go into, even what church we will attend. These are not hallmarks of one baptized into Christ and called to live in hope.

One commentator, reflecting on this gospel and the whole question of hope....or lack of it...suggests that our hearts become troubled because we believe in too small of a God. He goes on to say that in order to remedy that, we need an understanding of God that blows our mind---a God who is bigger than we can imagine or comprehend---a God whose love and concern for us is so big that the fears that terrorize us lose their power over us. It is not that they go away completely, but we see them in some perspective and know that we can make it beyond them. But if our hearts are filled with fear and despair, there is no room for this gracious and awesome God. As the Letter of John reminds us, the presence of God and fear cannot abide in the same heart.



Today's Scriptures likewise give us assurance. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us that a place and a presence are prepared

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Mass Intentions

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, May 15, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Linda Anderson (Andy Pennaz)
 Tuesday, May 16, St. Austin
 8:00 AM Secular Franciscans
 Wednesday, May 17, St. Bridget
 + 8:00 AM Marie Wortman (Alice Wortman)
 Thursday, May 18, St. Austin
 6:30PM People of the Parish
 Friday, May 19, St. Bridget
 8:00 AM Jesse Tomford (Jean Eidem)
 Weekend Liturgies
 Saturday, May 20, St. Austin
 + 4:30 PM Carmen Pennaz (Andy Pennaz)
 Sunday, May 21, St. Bridget
 9:30 AM Devon Rice (Jill Rice)

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Liturgy

Saturday Vigil—St. Austin Campus..... 4:30 PM

Sunday—St. Bridget Campus9:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

St. Bridget Campus.....8:00 AM

Tuesday & Thursday—St. Austin Campus8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays St. Austin Campus.....3:45-4:10 PM

(Doors of the Church open at 3:45 PM)

Seasonal Communal ServicesAdvent and Lent

Sacrament of Baptism, Marriage and Sick

Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Membership

The Parish Community of St. Bridget welcomes your active membership. If you are new to the area or looking for a place to nurture and celebrate your faith, please call the Parish Office.

Collection for May 7.....\$5,045.75

READINGS FOR May 21, 2017

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 20, 4:30 PM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Mary Moen

Lector: Diane Weber

Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Judy Neiss, Emily Walsh

Usher/Greeter: Bonnie Moore, Joe Mullery, Betty Mysliwicz, Alice Wortman

Sunday, May 21, 9:30 AM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Terry Hale

Lector: Kathy Kubow

Sacristan: Alice Wortman

Eucharistic Ministers: Jana Hale, Dc. Rich Heineman, Kay Larson, Tim Peiffer, George Ross

Ushers & Greeters: John Joyce, Marlene Longpre, Bernice King, Rick Mysliwicz

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. May 15	Faithfully Fit Parish Mission	10:00AM 6:30 - 8:00PM	St. B St. A
Tues. May 16	Arts & Crafts Parish Mission	9:00AM 6:30 - 8:00PM	St. A St. A
Wed. May 17	No Knights of Columbus Meeting Parish Mission	 6:30 - 8:00PM	St. A St. A
Thur. May 18	No Choir Rehearsal Parish Mission Pot Luck to follow in Brennan Hall	 6:30PM	St. A
Fri. May 19	Senior Luncheon	12:00 Noon	St. A
Sat. May 20	Caregiver's Retreat Mass	8:30AM - 1:00PM 4:30PM	St. A St. A
Sun. May 21	Rosary Mass	9:00AM 9:30AM	St. B St. B

IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Jean Eidem, Dianne & Emmett Mulcare, Arlene Scherber, Phyllis Skavnak, Carolyn Orth, Paul & Susana Daugherty, Jerry Gooley, Agnes Russell, James & Evie Lausen, and Carl Terwey.

ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY IN MAY: As we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God, please join us in praying the rosary each Sunday at 9:00AM.

CAREGIVER'S RETREAT: Saturday, May 20th, 9:00 - 11:45AM at St. Austin Campus. Pre-registration is requested. To register, call or email: Mary Majkozak - 612-521-7454 or Cindy Boggs - cboggs@ascensionmpls.org or call 612-529-9684.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00PM at our St. Austin Campus on Tuesday, June 13th. All are invited to join us. A reception will follow. **Note: There will be no 8:00AM Mass on this day.**

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for and promised to us. Peter invites us into the imagination of God and reminds us "we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people...called out of darkness and hopelessness and into God's own marvelous light".

Perhaps if we listen to those words---really listen--- we will be startled to find that they are indeed true and we have reason always to be hopeful.

"Never let anything so fill you with sadness that you forget the joy of Christ risen."

~ Gerri Hare, Trustee

WOMEN'S GROUP/SB-SACCW: Our service year wrapped up with the Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 6. We had a nice size group and the food was delicious. We made almost \$500 for the parish! Thank you to everyone who made the day so successful! Your help made the day great! Our next meeting is **September 11, 2017**. I would love to hear about any great ideas or suggestions you have for the next service year; please get in touch with me.

~Diane Weber, president

DATE CORRECTION: There will be no Faithfully Fit on May 22 and May 29. The office will be closed for Memorial Day, May 29. Regular office hours resume May 30.

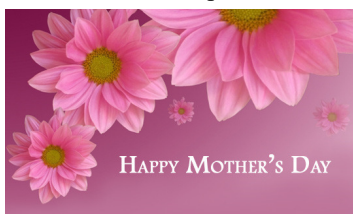
MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend, we have the honor of hosting Fr. Francis Dias from the Diocese of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is primarily a Buddhist country, with only 7% of the total population practicing Christianity. The diocese has drawn up a few projects to rebuild the faith of the people, such as formation of young seminarians and training and organizing small Christian communities. The diocese has to take a different method to instill Catholic faith in the children at parish levels. A second collection will be taken, so please plan to give as you are able. Thank you.

ALUMNI MASS: To honor our esteemed alumni, we are celebrating with Alumni Masses the weekend of **June 3-4th!** After the 4:30pm Saturday Mass at St. Austin will be a light reception in Brennan Hall. Sunday's 9:30am Mass at St. Bridget will be followed by the parish festival -- including a host of delicious things to eat and fun things to do! And of course, all are welcome to either Mass, regardless of where you graduated. So start spreading the news to those who call one of the campuses their Alma Mater!



OUR FALL RUMMAGE SALE will be September 7, 8, 9, 2017 this year. Our first drop of day will be June 24th from 1:00 - 3:00PM. Please use north entrance at the St. Austin Campus to drop things off - we have the right to turn things away that we can not have in the sale. Please

watch the bulletins for future drop off dates.



PARISH MISSION PRAYER (May 15-18)

Lord Jesus, as we prepare for our parish's special time of mission, open the hearts and minds of each one of us so that we might receive your word with eager joy. Let this parish and its members cultivate an environment of welcome and hospitality, opening our doors to all who are in need of hearing the Word of God.

Bless the missionaries who will break open Your word for us with their preaching. May they be guided by the Spirit, and may their words penetrate the hardest of hearts.

Help us to welcome into our parish community all of those who feel distant from Your loving care. Show us how to be a reflection of Your love to all we meet and to offer support to those who are in despair. Remind each of us that we are CHOSEN for a specific purpose and that we each have gifts to offer to bring about Your glorious kingdom.

We ask this of You, confident that You are our Savior, and that You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



IT TAKES THE ENTIRE PARISH COMMUNITY...

to make our **Heart of the Northside Festival** a success!

Here's how YOU can help:

Volunteer your time. You can sign up after Mass this weekend and next weekend. We will find the perfect place for you!

Donate to the cause. We are especially in need of the following:

- ◆ 2 liter bottles of pop
- ◆ Bottles of Wine (for both Silent Auction and the Wine and Beer Toss)
- ◆ Bottles of Craft Beer (for the Wine and Beer Toss)

Silent Auction Basket items. Here are a few possibilities:

- ◆ Movie Night (movies, popcorn, candy, etc.);
- ◆ Gardening tools
- ◆ Child baskets (girls, boys)
- ◆ Italian Dinner, Taco Night, Girl's night (wine and chocolate)
- ◆ Craft basket (Hobby Lobby or Michaels)
- ◆ Grilling basket (grill utensils, spices)
- ◆ Kitchen gadgets
- ◆ Tools
- ◆ \$5-10 gift certificates (for Bingo prizes):
Burger King, McDonalds, Subway, Dairy Queen, Cherry Berry, Victory 44, Emily's, Wendy's, Panda Express, Chipotle, LeeAnn Chin, Caribou Coffee, Starbucks, Dunn Brothers, Arby's, AMC/movie theaters, etc.

Donations may be dropped off in the festival collection baskets at each church or dropped off at the parish office during office hours. Thanks in advance for your commitment to the success of our largest fundraiser and social event!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our weekend Mass locations will change the weekend after our Heart of the Northside Festival. Beginning Saturday, June 11th the 4:40PM Mass will be at our St. Bridget Campus and on Sunday, June 12th the 9:30AM Mass will be at our St. Austin Campus.