May 5, 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Sun., May 5th</u> - 6th Sunday of Easter. First Holy Communion. Hospitality Sun-day follows 9am Mass in the Hall. Teen Youth Group meets at 4:00pm, Parish Hall.

Mon., May 6th - Communion Service at 9:00am, St. Andrew's.

<u>Tues., May 7th</u> - Communion Service at 8:00am , St. Andrew's.

Thurs., May 9th - Communion Service at 9:00am. St. Andrew's.

Fri., May 10th - Communion Service at 8:00am. Eucharistic Adoration follows from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Sun., May 12th - The Ascension of the Lord. Mother's Day. Hospitality Sunday follows 7:00am Mass in the Hall.

Mon., May 13th - Communion Service at 9:00am, St. Andrew's.

Tues., May 14th - Mass at 8:00am, St. Andrew's.

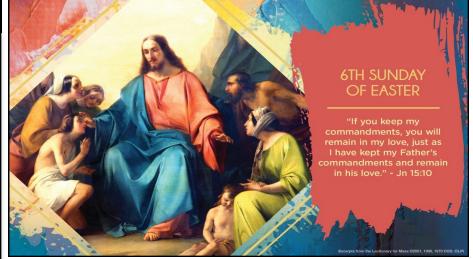
Thurs., May 16th - Communion Service at 9:00am, St. Andrew's.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); Friday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16:23b-28 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2 -3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20



REFLECTION Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the jux-taposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing. This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

friends of God. This week, how might you share your suffering with the Ris-en Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.— Father John Muir@LPi

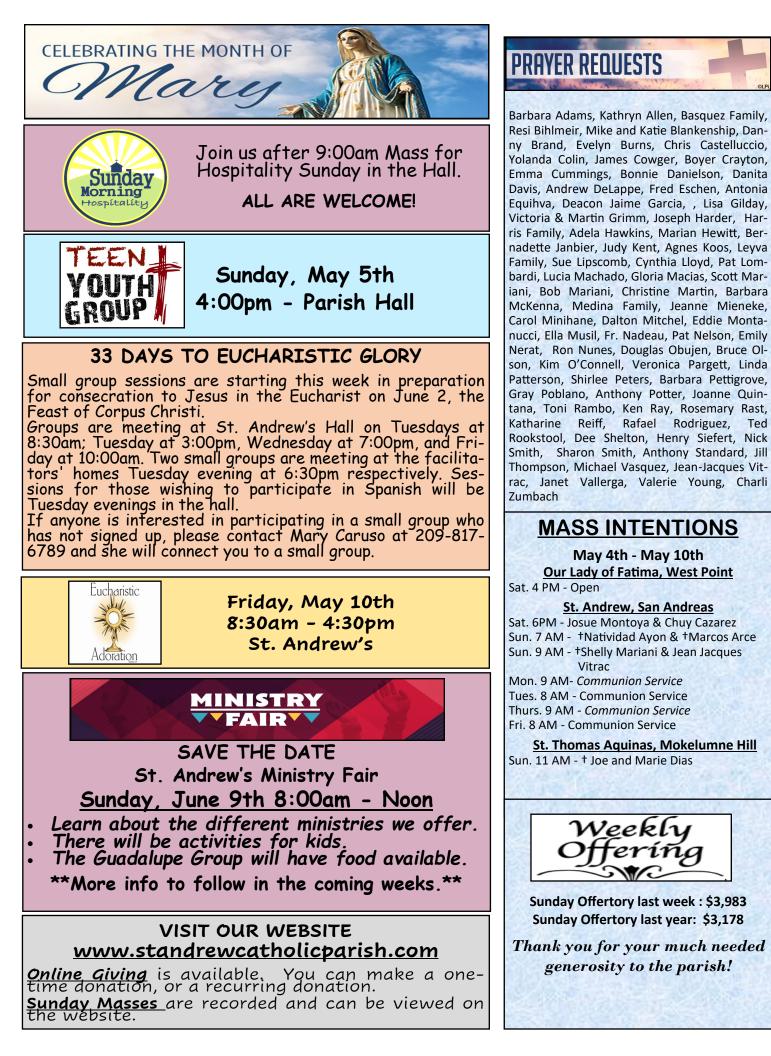
Today's 2nd Collection is for: Church Maintenance

Next week's 2nd Collection is for: **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated today at the 9:00am Mass.

Congratulations to: Natalia, Grace, Rose, Addisynn, Maya, Natalie, Camila, Joe, Josette, Monique, Clementine, and Gwendolyn.



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