

# SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

## THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

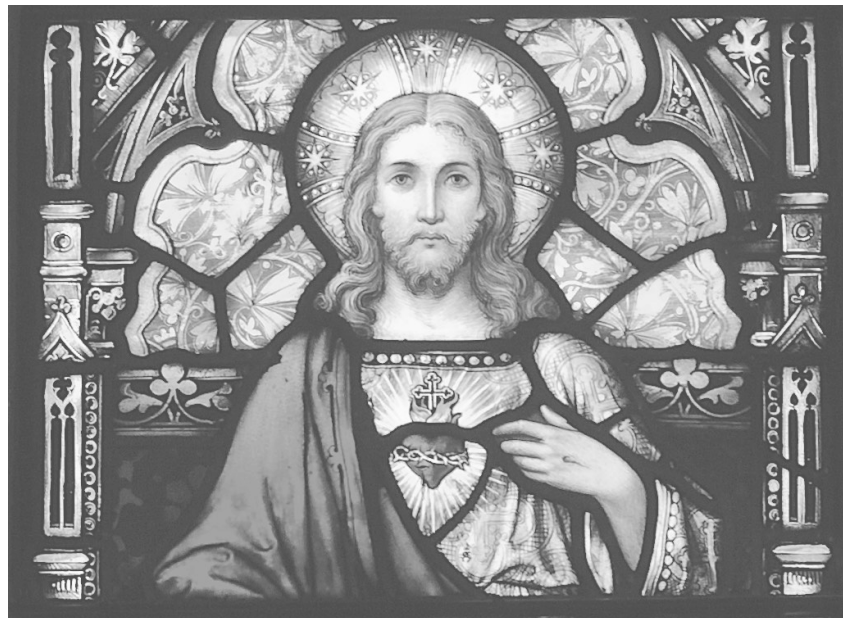
If you don't have love for one another, then how can you love Christ? How can they see Jesus in you? That's why we need a clean heart, to see Jesus. Love one another. That's all Jesus came to teach us. The whole Gospel is very, very simple. Do you love me? Obey my commandments. He's turning and twisting just to get around to one thing: love one another. He wants us to be really, really loving....

Intense love does not measure; it just gives. To be an apostle of the Sacred Heart, one must be burning with love, intense love for your neighbor....

These words of Jesus, Love one another, even as I have loved you, should be not only a light to us, but they should also be a flame consuming the selfishness which prevents the growth of holiness. Jesus loved us to the end, to the very limit of love: the cross. This love must come from within, from our union with Christ. It must be an outpouring of our love for God, in one family, a family with the common Father, who is in heaven. Loving must be as normal to us as living and breathing, day after day until our death.

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta (+ 1997) founded the Missionaries of Charity and won the Nobel Peace Prize. May Magnificat 2019*



At the conclusion of their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas tell the Antioch community all that the Lord had accomplished in their preaching the kingdom of God. This kingdom, to be marked by love for one another, will reach its fulfillment in new heavens and a new earth.

— Ordo

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

## THE OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 — June 30, 2019

Offertory totals for the Masses of May 11 & 12, 2019

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual	\$4,419	\$335,002



## MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

*Please note* that when a regularly scheduled Mass cannot be celebrated here, Fr. Christian will offer the previously requested intention at a private Mass. Please see Mass changes on page 1.

## SEEKING INTERCESSORS

### FOR TOTUS TUUS PROGRAM

*Asking all parishioners to commit to daily or weekly prayer for our upcoming Totus Tuus program. We ask you to pray for and provide spiritual support to the Team, the youth, the volunteers and our pastor, Fr. Christian. The possibilities are numerous: offer Masses, holy hours, rosaries, chaplets, offer a day of fasting, or recite traditional prayers. If you feel you can support us with prayer —would you kindly send an email to me at [stjohnff@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnff@windstream.net) so that I may add your name to our list of "Intercessors." Thank you!*

## ST. JOHN PHOTO DIRECTORY

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who worked and all the participants for scheduling photographs for our new St. John Church Photo Directory! We had a full schedule all of the days. We could not have done it without you!

It will still be a few months before the directories are here, as we are working on the final stages. When the directories arrive for distribution, notifications will appear in the bulletin. Say Cheese!

**QUO VADIS DAYS**

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-19! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the seventh annual Quo Vadis Days camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be held from June 10-14, 2019 at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$150.00. Registration deadline is Monday, June 3, 2019.

If you are interested, please visit our website: [www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days](http://www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days) or contact Father Jason Barone, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations at [jkbarone@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jkbarone@charlottediocese.org)

**DUC IN ALTUM**

Attention all Catholic young women ages 15-19! Do you know where your life is going? Do you have a desire to grow deeper after the role model of our Lady? You are invited to attend the Fifth annual Duc In Altum camp to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun and receiving the tools for a strong prayer life. DIA is led by priests and religious of the diocese and is supported by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. Duc In Altum camp will be held from June 24-28, 2019 at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$150.00. Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

If you are interested, please visit our website: [www.charlottevocations.org](http://www.charlottevocations.org), or contact Sister Mary Raphael at (704) 370-3402 or [mraphael@charlottediocese.org](mailto:mraphael@charlottediocese.org) or Lainie Lord at (704) 370-3401 or [ldlord@charlottediocese.org](mailto:ldlord@charlottediocese.org)

**FORMED.ORG**

*Featured in May: Blessed Virgin Mary*

*“But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Luke 2:19).*

The events of Mary's life on earth were punctuated with supernatural joys and deep sorrows, yet, throughout it all, she maintained a steady peace of heart. This month, in which we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of the Church, may we let go of our desire to be in control, and, like Mary, ponder the works of God in our hearts with peace and humility.

**See weekly pic:**

*The Story of Father Kapaun—A True American Hero*

Servant of God Emil Kapaun is the most decorated chaplain in United States history, making a name for himself on battlefields and prison camps with his fearless attitude and undying commitment to his men. Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org).

**You have FREE access provided by the parish account. Go to...**

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) / scroll down to see “Get Started” with three options/ click on “Enter Code” enter our parish code: **GFP4TN** – next step will be to create your account. Enjoy!

**MASS INTENTIONS PROCEDURE**

In order that Mass intentions and sanctuary lamps may be accurately recorded and accounted for, they must be made in person during office hours. If you are homebound, please call Andrée to secure a Mass time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PARISH LIFE			
Mon	May 20	— 5:30pm 6pm	No Divine Mercy Chaplet Schola Choir Rehearsal, Church Faith Formation Classes, Parish Ctr
Tue	May 21	9:30am 6:30pm	Patriotic Rosary, Church Women's Group, Parish Ctr

## MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages, a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. It is for couples that are struggling, not communicating well, and those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of October 11, 2019 call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## THE GOLDEN RULE

We serve our parishioners with temporary assistance by providing meals, rides to doctor appointments, errands, visits, etc. Contact the office or Peggy Wyllie at 859-6339.



2019

Eucharistic Congress  
Diocese of Charlotte  
September 6 & 7

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Charlotte Diocese will offer its annual Eucharistic Congress on September 6 & 7, 2019, and will feature engaging nationally-known speakers whose talks focus on the different dimensions of the Eucharist, a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Charlotte, break-out sessions for all ages, beautiful sacred music, time for Confession, and Holy Mass. All are welcome!

Be a part of the 15th annual Eucharistic Congress by volunteering during the event on either September 6 or 7! Volunteer opportunities include helping in the procession, manning the speakers' booths, greeting attendees, and helping with youth tracks. Volunteer perks include a free parking pass on the day you volunteer! Visit our website, [www.GoEucharist.com](http://www.GoEucharist.com) and click on the VOLUNTEER tab to register.

## COUNSELING SERVICE

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, Asheville office has a bilingual English & Spanish speaking counselor on staff. Our counseling service has a sliding scale fee based on income. We have immediate openings for folks looking for anger management as well as EMDR, individual, couple and family counseling. Call 828-255-0146 to speak to the counselor or to leave a message.

## ST. JOSEPH'S VANGUARD

Calling all prayer warriors! We've launched a special prayer warrior group to support St. Joseph College Seminary called "St. Joseph's Vanguard." The mission of St. Joseph's Vanguard is to be faithful prayer warriors on the front lines interceding for our seminary's spiritual and material needs, so that it can thrive in its mission to form good and holy priests now and into the future. Enlist now at [www.StJosephCollegeSeminary.org/Vanguard](http://www.StJosephCollegeSeminary.org/Vanguard).

## SAVE THE DATE

May 27	Memorial Day, office closed
June 2	The Ascension of the Lord
June 4 & 5	Church Bldg closed after Tue Mass for cleaning
June 9	Pentecost
June 13	Fatima Procession
June 16	The Most Holy Trinity
June 23	Corpus Christi

## RUMMAGE SALE AT

## ST. LAWRENCE BASILICA

To raise money toward the Basilica Preservation Fund, the Young Adults Group are hosting the 2nd Annual Rummage Sale at the Basilica on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 7am-12pm. Last year the sale raised \$3,200.00 and saw a huge parish support of donations and volunteers! Drop off donations at Laurentine Hall after all Masses May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5-7pm, and Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 5-9pm. Contact Jessica Mayeux, 817-903-0393 or [jessica.m.mayeux@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.m.mayeux@gmail.com), if assistance is needed with pick up of large items.