

O God, let all the nations **PRAISE YOU!**

There will always be disagreements in the church about what constitutes a Christian response to certain situations. Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles helps us to see, however, the principle that should guide our practical considerations.

In the Acts of the Apostles Luke writes about a decision by a church council in Jerusalem regarding advice to send to new Gentile Christians. In the years c. 30-60 A.D. the major problem that confronted the church was the burgeoning numbers of Gentiles who were becoming Christians. At the beginning, Christians had been mostly Jewish.

The issue of the relation of Jewish law to Christianity came to the fore when Gentiles entered the church in large numbers. Both Paul and Luke write about this issue and about a council in Jerusalem that dealt with this matter. They differ, however, in what they say was decided. In the reading today the Gentiles are told to "abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage" (Acts 15:29). In his Letter to the Galatians, Paul says that the only thing that the council decided was that Paul and his coworkers should "be mindful of the poor". (Galatians 2:10). The discrepancy between the accounts of what was required of the Gentiles is so great that some surmise that Luke and Paul were referring to different events.

The one thing similar in both accounts is the principle of gentleness that should underlie all practical advice. Thus, Paul wrote about considering the most vulnerable ("be mindful of the poor"). Similarly, Luke begins the council's letter to the Gentile Christians with the words, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities" (Acts 15:28).

Differences will exist among Christians at times about what things are necessary. But by agreeing to the principle of not creating unnecessary burdens, the church lives into its God-filled future.

Choose Life...

*"Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends."
Pope Benedict XVI in address to Pontifical Academy for Life, February 24, 2007.*

There are approximately 4000 abortions performed everyday in the U.S. As a way to remember and show love for all of these babies and pray for the healing of women and men hurt by abortion, the Respect Life Committee at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church is sponsoring the installation of 4000 crosses along the front lawn. The installation will take place on May 22 at 8:30am. Your help is needed to help put up crosses. To sign up or for more information, contact Sol Gross at 759-2131 or solcarmelagross@roadrunner.com.



During the month of May, with the exceptions of Wednesdays and Saturdays, the Rosary will be led each evening at 7:00pm in front of the shrine outside church by a parishioner. Prayer leaders are needed for each session. There is a sign up sheet posted by the front doors. Please join us!

May Altar - Many of you have beautiful flowers in your yard, please feel free to place them or purchased flowers on the Mary Altar. Mark your vases and they will be returned to you. Hope many of you will share your flowers with Mary.



Happy Mother's Day to all of our St. Ann moms!

A Prayer for those afraid of their Motherhood

Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors.

Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

MEMORIAL BRICKS

If you would like to purchase a memorial brick to add to the ones behind the outside Mary Shrine, now is the time. We would like to order them soon but need to order in groups of 20-25 bricks. Each brick costs \$40 and are personalized to your specifications. Order forms are in the back of church, or you can download a form from our website. Questions call the Parish Center at 863-4963.

Thanks!

"You Too Go Into My Vineyard." The Athenaeum of Ohio's Lay Pastoral Ministry Program has been educating Catholic men and women for over 35 years. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, this program is grounded in Catholic doctrine and forms faithful disciples to be engaged in the mission of the Church. Classes are now forming for the Fall of 2010. Call 513-231-1200 or email kboss@athenaeum.edu for more information.

Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Week Ahead

Sunday May 9th, 2010

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Wednesday, May 12th, 2010

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*
 8:00 p.m. PAC Meeting in Cafe

Thursday, May 13th, 2010

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Friday, May 14th, 2010

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Mass/Reception (Grade 2)
 5:30 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Mother/Son Event

Saturday, May 15th, 2010

7:25 a.m. Novena to the Holy Spirit
 7:30 a.m. Mass
 3:30 -4:40 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass
 4:55 p.m. Novena to the Holy Spirit

Sunday, May 16th, 2010

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 7:55 a.m. Novena to the Holy Spirit
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:25 a.m. Novena to the Holy Spirit



Saturday, May 8th

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 9th

8:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 10th

7:15 a.m.

Tuesday, May 11th

7:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 12th

7:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 13th

7:15 a.m.
 8:00 a.m.

Friday, May 14th

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 15th

7:30 a.m.
 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 16th

8:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Philiberta Kirk (Mr. & Mrs. Doellman)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 Eileen Sheyer (Barbara Sheyer)

Easter Weekday

Richard & Thelma Best (Family)

Easter Weekday

To End the Assault on all Innocent Human
 Life (St. Ann Respect Life Committee)

Easter Weekday

Marge Tann (St Ann Rosary Society)

Easter Weekday

Communion Service

Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Easter Weekday

Mollie Minelli (St Ann Rosary Society)

Ascension of the Lord

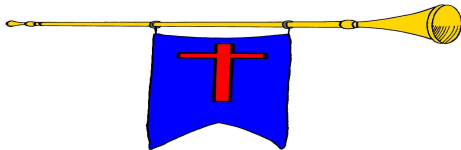
Florence Fitzwater (St Ann Rosary Society)

Don Hingsberger (Amy & Kim Malnofski)

Ascension of the Lord

Bobby Revers (Jeanine Hand)

For the Intentions of St. Ann People



FIESTA!!! Fiesta is happening and we are still looking for volunteers for set up, tear down, security and various booths. Please contact Geri at the parish office or email her at gerismith@live.com in order to get involved and help out St. Ann's. We are looking for workers on Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24th for the 6-8 and 8-10 time slots. We are counting on you!!!

We are also looking for Pringles donations, either full or empty containers. This is for one of the children's popular games. Please drop off any Pringles donations to the parish office. Thank you in advance!

Motherly Quotes:

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."
 -- *Cardinal Mermillod*

"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."
 -- *Abraham Lincoln*

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."
 -- *Jewish proverb*

St. Ann Financial Stewardship *Thank you!*

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
05/02/2010	\$ 7,842.25

Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 527,371.46
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 425,930.05

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2010

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23;
 Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest
 Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Saints Nereus; Achilleus; Pancras, martyrs
 Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;
 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Saint Matthias, apostle
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Saint Isidore
 Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20;
 Jn 17:20-26