# Liturgy News for the Week of <u>April 29 – May 5, 2024</u> Happy Easter!! Christ is Risen!! Alleluia!! May 5<sup>th</sup> is the Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Masses and Services at St. Alphonsus Church for this next week:

Daily Mass: Mon.-Fr. Steve, Tues.–Fr. Slawomir; Wed.–Fr. Slawomir; Thurs.– Fr. Steve; Fri.– Fr. Steve; Sat. – Fr. Slawomir First Saturday Healing Mass
Monday – Thursday Masses begin at 8:15am; Friday & Saturday am Masses begin at 8:30am
Saturday, May 4 – Fr. Steve
Sunday, May 5, 8:30am; presider is Fr. Steve
Sunday, May 5, 11:00am; presider is Fr. Steve; with Live Stream Religious Education
May Crowning

### Masses and Services at St. Thomas Becket Church for this next week:

Daily Mass, 9am: Mon.-Fr. Slawomir; Tues.–Fr. Steve; Wed., 7pm in Polish Fr. Slawomir; Thurs.– Fr. Steve; Fri.– Fr. Slawomir, 7pm in Polish – Fr. Greg
Saturday, May 4, 4:00pm – Fr. Slawomir, with Live Stream
Sunday, May 5, 7:30am in Polish; presider is Fr. Greg
Sunday, May 5, 9:00am; presider is Fr. Slawomir
Sunday, May 5, 10:45am in Polish; presider is Fr. Greg; with Live Stream
Sunday, May 5, 12:30pm; presider is Fr. Slawomir

# Please keep in your prayers:

- For the soul of Martha White who went to rest in the arms of Jesus on March 10<sup>th</sup> and for her family and friends who will celebrate her life in the Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday: We pray...Lord, hear our prayer
- Send us your Spirit; bless all of our children who will make the First Holy Communion on Saturday: We pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

St. Alphonsus - every Tuesday, 6:00-7:00pm. St. Thomas Becket – every Friday, 5:30 – 7:00pm

#### **Reconciliation**

St. Alphonsus: Saturdays, 4 – 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room in church. During the Healing Mass on the First Saturday of every month at 8:30am at St. Al's. St. Thomas Becket: Fridays from 5:30 – 7pm.

# Announcements:

-We have a couple of pieces of important information about our parish School to share with you:

1. We have a new principal on board for next year: Mr. Jack Shepherd. Please read his letter of introduction in today's bulletin.

2. Registration is open for the 2024-45 school year. New families will receive a onetime discount of \$2000 on tuition. Please contact the School for more information. -If you have not already, please be sure to catch the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles at the St. Thomas Becket location. Saturday – it is open until 9pm tonight and 3 – 8pm tomorrow. Sunday – it is open until 3pm today.

-Tuesday evening our parish Grief Group will gather at 6:30pm at the St. Thomas Becket location. We welcome all who are grieving.

-A new bible study on the Book of Revelation will begin on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and run for 11 weeks, meeting in the St. Alphonsus school library. Learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the second coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. Sign up information is in the bulletin.

-This Saturday morning is our May Parish Healing Mass at the St. Alphonsus location at 8:30am. The sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing will be available during Mass.

-This year our parish will pray a novena for Mothers which will begin on May 4<sup>th</sup> and conclude on May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day. Please submit the names of women you would like to honor. Details are in the bulletin.

-Lastly, please read the important information in today's bulletin about our transition to a new system for on-line giving called Push Pay. If you give on-line, you may be receiving emails from Push Pay. These are not scam emails. Please read them and follow the instructions for transitioning to the new system.

-Thank you for your financial support and have a healthy and blessed week.

# Ways to Grow your Faith this week:

# May is the Month of Mary

- In "Catholic Central: Mary" Kai and Libby look at the Jewish girl who said "Fiat!" (Latin for "Let It be done"), became Jesus' mother and His first disciple, and, per Christ's edict from the Cross, mother to us all. We learn that she's venerated, not worshiped; asked to pray for us; and makes occasional appearances to the faithful to achieve her one mission: bringing people closer to her Son. To watch this great 7 minute video, click <u>here.</u>
- > For free downloadable May Crowning Coloring Craft, click here.
- For a Novena to Mary that ends on Mother's Day, click <u>here</u> to access the extended content.

May the St. Catherine of Sienna, Pope St. Pius V, St. Joseph the Worker, St. Athanasius, and Sts. Philip and James, Apostles, intercede to God on your behalf this week.

# Mother's Day Novena to Notre Dame, our Mother

Mary, Our Mother, by accepting the invitation to bear God's Son to the world, you brought forth new life for all of us. Your faithful acceptance of God's word is our model and inspiration as we strive to make room in our hearts for your Son and bear him to others. Help us to follow him more closely, even to the foot of the cross, as you did.

During this month dedicated to you, we ask in a special way for you to care for each of our own mothers: (*state your personal intention*).

### Then proceed with the prayer for the corresponding day:

*May 4th prayer:* Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, we pray today for all who turn to you in troubling times, especially in this time of the coronavirus pandemic. Help us to accept the Holy Spirit in our lives, as you did, to be examples of faith to all, especially those entrusted to our care.

*May 5th prayer:* Mary of the Annunciation, we pray today for our mothers and for all women who wish to become mothers. Bless those couples struggling with infertility, those hoping for a child, and each one of us with the consoling joy of the Spirit you found in surrendering to the will of God.

*May 6th prayer:* Mary of the Visitation, we pray today for the support of all mothers raising children. May they receive the warm welcome and material assistance of family members and their communities in the sacred task that has been entrusted to them.

*May 7th prayer:* Mary of the Nativity of your child Jesus, we pray today for all pregnant women preparing for child birth and those who have welcomed a newborn child, particularly for those experiencing complications or difficulties. Inspire those who suffer and those who rejoice to trust in God's loving plan for our lives.

*May 8th prayer:* Mary of the Flight into Egypt, we pray today for all those who are displaced from their homes especially mothers and children. By the example of the protection you and your spouse, Joseph, provided for our Lord, strengthen them and be their hope in their time of need.

*May 9th prayer:* Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, we pray today for our mothers and for all those who are grieving the loss of a family member, particularly mothers and fathers who grieve their children, just as you did when your son was crucified. Welcome all of our loved ones with open arms into the joy of your Son's kingdom.

*May 10th prayer:* Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray today for our mothers and for all families who are in the midst of trials: medical difficulties, brokenness, discord or pain. Bring into their lives the healing that has been offered to so many through your apparition at Lourdes. Bless all of us with your peace and your trust in God, even in the midst of infirmity and pain.

*May 11th prayer:* Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, we pray today for mothers across borders. Inspire us to look beyond our own communities to love and support mothers in all places, especially the poor and marginalized, as you cared for the vulnerable indigenous people at the time of your apparition in Tepeyac.

*May 12th prayer:* Mary, Mother of God, we pray today that your motherhood of Jesus, truly God and truly human, might inspire us to imitate God's care for all of creation, just as you so perfectly modeled for us in you care for God's only Son. We pray today in thanksgiving for our mothers, our grandmothers, for religious women, and for our female mentors who have cared for us with your tender love. Through your intercession, may God bless our mothers on earth with abundant life and those mothers who have departed from this life with the eternal joys of life in heaven.

# Pause for a moment of silence. Then conclude:

We pray, as in all things, through the name of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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