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"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

One of the most beautiful literary techniques in the ancient world was duplication. The ancients use it constantly.

St. Thomas last week didn't just say, "My Lord!" Rather, He says "My Lord and my God!" King David in Psalm 99 says

"The LORD is great in Zion, he is exalted over all the peoples." Sometimes, it's just for emphasis and sometimes it's to add nuance. In the case of our first reading today, it's essential. God has made Jesus both "Lord" and "Christ." What's

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the difference?

First, "Christ." "Christ" is merely the Greek version of "Messiah." It means "Anointed One." And so if God has made Jesus the Christ, God has anointed Jesus to be the savior and God will empower Jesus to do all the things the Messiah was supposed to do.

The Messiah would free Israel from slavery. The Messiah would bring the Israelites together into one unified nation. He would overpower and destroy anyone who acted contrary to God's will. He would also be very, very powerful. Is there any wonder that

many of the Jews didn't think Jesus fit the bill? Jesus taught, of course, that God planned to do all those things in both a spiritual and a physical way... Though the Jews didn't want the spiritual part... You can't really have one without the other. We've seen in history

what happens when an entire culture obeys the teaching of Jesus! It's amazing. But the Jews just weren't buying it.

That's why, perhaps, God also made Jesus "Lord." "Lord" is the one who's in charge - and not just in a generic sense. In the ancient world, the Lord was the King, the Governor, the Judge, and the guy who decided any-and-everything that was good for everyone. It was a serious post. God's choice to make Jesus Lord puts a whole new spin on the Christ. It doesn't matter that Bob the Rabbi doesn't think that Jesus is Christ, because He is also Lord! And unlike Tinkerbell, it doesn't matter who believes it - it's the truth!

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PARISH NEWS



MONDAY 8AM MASS DISCONTINUED UNTIL AUGUST

Tomorrow, Monday, May 12, will be the last of our Monday morning 8am Masses at St. Mary's until school resumes in August.

BASILICAN FEAST DAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, 1917, The Blessed Virgin appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. She called for prayer, penance and the Rosary. She returned to them on the thirteenth day of six consecutive months. The messages of those visits - which included three secrets - are considered by the Holy Roman Church to be the most important of all the Marian messages and they contain serious consequences if the messages aren't heeded. The consequences, She said, wouldn't come from God, but from the world. For 50 years, the messages were closely heeded. Since the mid-1960s, they have been almost universally ignored by the laity and the clergy alike. With only 3 years until the centenary of the first appearance, it's time for all of us to get back on track! **We will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima at 6pm on May 13th.** Please attend if you are at all able!

ST. MARY'S GRADUATION

Congratulations to our *St. Mary's seniors* who will cross the stage for the last time as students on **Monday Night at 7pm.** All are asked to pray for our seniors that they may find the Lord's will in their life and, with it, true happiness and joy!

OCTOBER 20-29, 2014 PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

You are invited to join Fr. Ryan Humphries, Fr. Chris Decker, and the Magnificat Travel Group for a **10-day pilgrimage to Italy.** Our pilgrims will travel through Assisi (Umbria), Florence (Tuscany), Orvieto, Rome, and the Vatican City. *Trip highlights will include the Tomb of St. Francis, the Miracle of the Eucharist, the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Roman Forum, the Catacombs, the Trevi Fountain, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, and the Tomb of Pope Saint John Paul II.* **We only have 1 available spot left and the deadline to register is Friday, August 1, 2014.** For more information, contact Magnificat Travel Group at (337)291-1933 or info@holyltravels.org -Or- contact Ashley Hebert at (318)352-3422 or evangelization@minorbasilica.org.

WITHIN the SANCTUARY

Sat, 5/10 - 4pm	Kathleen Hicks, (Lector) • Red & Jo Lapeyrouse, (EMHC-CH) • Michael & Joanne Yankowski, (EMHC-CI) • J.Friedel, D.Bennett, (Altar Boys)
Sun, 5/11 - 9am	Joe Cunningham, (Lector) • Jeff & Carol Green, (EMHC-CH) • John Cunningham, (EMHC-CI) • C.Cunningham, J.Cunningham, B.Behrendsen, (Altar Boys)
11am	Kathy Bundrick, (Lector) • Linda Lee, Cecilia Cook, (EMHC-CH) • Barbara Laborde, (EMHC-CI) • A.Parker, J.Parker, W.Lee, (Altar Boys)
Sat, 5/17 - 4pm	Mike Bouchie, (Lector) • Jimmy Gunter, David Bouchie, (EMHC-CH) • Carl Henry, Elaine Bacon, (EMHC-CI) • C.J.Bouchie, J.Thibodaux, (Altar Boys)
Sun, 5/18 - 9am	John Ackel, (Lector) • James & Alice Barrios, (EMHC-CH) • Aimee Wright, (EMHC-CI) • G.Fidelak, J.Miley, M.McCart, (Altar Boys)
11am	John Laborde, (Lector) • Barbara Laborde, Haley Johnson, (EMHC-CH) • Tara Whitehead, (EMHC-CI) • J.Burrell, I.Lovemore, (Altar Boys)

**Altar Boys who are not scheduled may serve if space permits. Come to the Sacristy 10 minutes before Mass.*

Insights *from* Second Street

This weekend, our St. Mary's seniors take a bow in recognition of their first great adult accomplishment: senior graduation. Indeed, this time of year is a moment to recognize this and other accomplishments of many of our parishioners. For most of us adults, graduation is a memory. It is immediately superseded by new obligations or by new opportunities or by new accomplishments... But we ought not lightly pass over the significance of stopping to recognize and reflect upon the ending of important chapters of life.

The oddly modern idea of secondary education creates a kind of artificiality where children are rigidly grouped by age. That creates a frighteningly inhuman environment where people with differing ideas, aspirations, and attitudes are forced to interact for long hours over the extended course of years. The end of high school means entry into the working world or the world of higher education, both of which allow for a far more human experience of selective grouping and study by interest. The value of the inhumanity of the secondary school environment is in the strength and character that is born in fire and in suffering. Life can be defined - albeit sadly - by the struggles we face. Each of us will have to put up with people, environments, and expectations that are contrary to our skills, affinities, or personal preferences. Each of us will have to say no to some things by saying yes to others. And these choices and these challenges are conquerable only by the one who has found his or her inner strength. In particular, St. Mary's is deeply committed to this most important of human skills.

On this day of prayer and blessing for our graduates in particular, each of us would do well to ask Our Lord for blessing upon them. They are, in many ways, our future. We would also do well to ask Our Lord to convict us by their example - good and bad! The seemingly endless promise at this moment in their lives should cause our eyes and minds to turn to eternal life where no chapter need close and all that is truly possible is realized!

The Jargon...

By: Tommy Myrick

This Sunday we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter, but we also acknowledge the people who discerned their vocation to the family by carrying us into the world. Mothers are called to much sacrifice. They shed their blood and sacrifice the comfort of their own bodies so that we may have a place in this world. No family is possible without both mother and father, but the relationship that mothers share with their children are unique and special.

Mothers are the first people to meet their children. The first nine months of a child's life are spent getting to know their mother from the inside out. Moms will know some of their children's favorite foods by the cravings they receive during pregnancy. They feel their children before anyone else, and they are our first protectors. Moms take great care in keeping their children safe from harm while they are preparing to enter the world.

Moms do not get to pick their children, yet they love them. This is especially true of

our Blessed Mother. She did not ask to be the Theotokos (God bearer), but when the Angel of the Lord shared God's plan for her to bring the Savior into the world, she replied: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word." Mother Mary accepted her child and all the circumstances that would be included with his coming with love and obedience. She bore him into the world, nourished him with her own body, and nurtured him in his childhood as only mothers can. She supported and encouraged him in fulfilling his mission. Remember that it was Mary who instigated the miracle at the wedding at Cana. It was Mary who kept her station as Jesus was crucified on the cross. Jesus' entire life and ministry was nurtured and supported by his mother. What a blessing that she has also become mother for us! I pray this Mother's Day that moms embrace their motherhood and model themselves after our Blessed Mother! I also thank all mothers for patiently and lovingly being the gateway for our lives into this world. Thank you for your sacrifice, love, and support!

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Holy Mass

M-F 6:30am

Sat 8am & 4pm

Sun 9am & 11am & 5pm

4:30pm Solemn Vespers

Confessions

30 mins before weekday Masses

45 mins before "Sunday" Masses

**In Case of an Emergency for
the Seriously Ill & Dying**
(318) 542-3316

Office Hours

M-Th 8am-4pm

Fri 8am-Noon

Please remember our dearly departed:

**Billy Joe Smith &
Louis Fair Hyams, Jr.**



*May the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercies of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY:

That the media may be instruments
in the service of truth and peace.
And that, Mary, Star of Evangelization,
may guide the Church in
proclaiming Christ to all nations.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SUFFERING:

Lolette Allen, Lauren
Bienvenu, Bill Boone,
Kathy Bostick, Tripp
Bostick, Chad Bouchie,
Mar-Lou Brasher, Flo
Brouillette, Bailey
Byrd, Carolyn Carter,
Lauren Clancey, Emilia
Cofio, Woody Cox,
Kim Cunningham,
Lela Mae Dalme, Joe
Davis, John DeFee,
Richard DeVargas,
Angela Eversall,
Marguerite Felchle,
Tom Foshee, Reba
Friday, Paula Gagymad,
Vicki Gahagan, Sophie
Gill, Irma Harper,
Joyce Hayne, Deborah
G. Hernandez, Sue
Van Hook, Kalita
Jones, EvaGrace
Keyser, Mary Keyser,
Paul Keyser, Gary
Kilgore, Martha
LaCaze, Jheanny
Ladao, Daniel Laroux,
Jaden Eli Lodridge,
Patricia Loftin, Joseph
Longo, Lisa Mack,
Faris Michael,
Meg Michael, Lacey
Mitchum, Mary Moss,
Shane Niette, Mary
Odom, Effie Patrick,
Sharon Roach, Wes
Rollo, Makaehan
Ross, Shirley Roy,
Amanda Rozman,
Joseph Ryan,
Donna Slaughter,
Tristan Snyder, Ren
Todtenbier, Brent
Trichel, Rosalind
Trussell, Patricia
Vazquez, BillieVercher,
Julien Vienne, Ruthie
J. Wallboughly, Tyler
Ward, Jessica Warner,
Janine Waters, & Glen
& Mary Williams

In Memoriam

(For the week of May 11th)

Sat	4p:	Rusty & Helen Bostick
Sun	9a:	Pro Populo
	11a:	Shirley Ragland & Red & Sadie Thomas
	5p:	Lori McKay
Mon	6:30a:	Calvert Scott
Tue	6:30a:	Bonita Claire Gongre
	9a:	SMS Students & Faculty
Wed	6:30a:	Essie Mae Huckaby
Thu	6:30a:	John Boudreaux
Fri	6:30a:	Kathy Breazeale
Sat	8a:	Lucien Branch

The Seven Deadly Sins

#1 Lust	#2 Gluttony	#3 Greed	#4 Sloth	#5 Wrath	#6 Envy	#7 Pride
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RETURN TO THE LORD

PRAYER FOR CHARITY IN TRUTH

Father, your truth is made known in your Word. Guide us to seek the truth of the human person. Teach us the way to love because you are Love. Jesus, you embody Love and Truth. Help us to recognize your face in the poor. Enable us to live out our vocation to bring love and justice to your people. Holy Spirit, you inspire us to transform our world. Empower us to seek the common good for all persons. Give us a spirit of solidarity and make us one human family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Quote

"Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary."

~ Pope Bl. Pius IX

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"If a little flower could speak, it seems to me that it would tell us quite simply all that God has done for it, without hiding any of its gifts. It would not, under the pretext of humility, say that it was not pretty, or that it had not a sweet scent, that the sun had withered its petals, or the storm bruised its stem, if it knew that such were not the case."

~ St. Thérèse de Lisieux

PARISH EVENTS

Sun, 5/11

St. Mary's Baccalaureate Mass
9a

Mon, 5/12

St. Mary's Graduation
7p @ St. Mary's

Tue, 5/13

Basilican Feast Day:
Our Lady of Fatima
Holy Mass @ 6:30a & 6p

Tue, 5/20

St. Mary's Last Day of School

Sun, 5/25

Prayers for Soldiers
in honor of Memorial Day

Mon, 5/26

Memorial Day
Parish Office CLOSED

Mon-Sat, 6/8 - 6/14

Ember Week

Sun, 6/15

Father's Day
Blessing of Fathers at Weekend Masses

Sat, 6/21

Day of Enrichment for
Widows & Widowers
8a-Noon

Sun, 6/22

Corpus Christi Sunday
Procession following the 11a Mass