

*SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 5/3/26*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Fr. Joseph Jugan (req. by Knights of Columbus)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Michael Kavcsak (req. by nieces and nephews)

*SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND 05/10/26*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Dan Foltz, Sr. (req. by Don &amp; Pauline Kowalski Family)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Rose Slovich (req. by Art &amp; Rose Ann Provost)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:**

04/26/26

\$451.00

**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD MAY COLLECTION – Breakfast Cereal***Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”***EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION**

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**THINK ABOUT IT.....**

Perpetual worry can be a form of control, but it’s an illusion. We can’t manipulate anything with our worries. We can’t influence the outcome of events, or make God or others do what we want by worrying. When you put most of your precious energy into worrying, you have less of it to solve problems, or pray, or embrace the peace that God wants to give you.

**FROM THE DESERT FATHERS**

Letting go is a lifelong lesson. A clenched fist and a closed heart cannot receive God’s grace fully. The things of this world, the possessions and positions we hold so dear, will all pass away. If we must hold on to anything, let it be hope, the hope that our souls will remain forever with God.

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*JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*

## CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

**PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.**

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

In today’s gospel, Jesus tells the woman at the well that He will give her “living water” to drink. This is quite perplexing to the woman, and at first, she doesn’t understand Christ’s offer. This is because the water Jesus gives is not given to quench our physical thirst, but rather to satisfy our spiritual thirst.

We turn to Jesus for this living water as “a deer longs for running water.” If the deer doesn’t drink, it will die. If we do not drink of Jesus, the Living Water, our souls will perish. Let us turn to Him daily for this living water of salvation.

*Winning the Race*

We Christians have to strive to win the race of life in which we are competing. If we are weighed down with our worries, our passions, and our sins, these will slow us down towards our goal – eternal life with God in His Kingdom. If we are mentally and emotionally burdened with the affairs of this life, our thoughts are less available to God. We cannot both worry and trust God at the same time. We cannot give ourselves over to our sinful ways and still be filled with God’s redeeming grace. We must shed what is worthless, what is useless, and strip ourselves down to only what matters. Then we will be propelled forward as we continue in the race called life.

At times it feels as if we are swimming in a vast river against a strong current that seems to be stopping us from making any progress. The river is the world, and the current is its values. These certainly do not drive us forward in our spiritual struggles, but actually forces us backwards! But our God is stronger than the world. Let us be victorious and with His help, overcome all obstacles in our race to eternal life.

**THE RISEN LORD**

After his death, the resurrected Lord Jesus appears to the apostles, but they think they are seeing a ghost. Jesus calms them and asks for some food.

Jesus was incarnated into a human body, and that same human body rose from the dead. It’s no wonder the apostles are constantly confused by a God in human flesh. The God-man in a glorified body is nothing they have seen before. We, too, are constantly reconciling our expectations of what and who God should be.

Everything that we hope for in Christian life is present in the resurrected body of Christ. There is no way to understand the Scriptures except through Jesus. There is no way to love except through Jesus. And yet Jesus can be so hard to pin down, to fully explain. *-Living Faith*