

Our Lady of Fatima (Redvers)
St. Maurice (Bellegarde)
St. Anthony (Storthoaks)



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May 5, 2024—6th Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Mon, May 6, 9:00 a.m.
+Roger Sylvestre by Raymond/Madeleine Lamotte

Tues, May 7, 9:00 a.m.
Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Wed, May 8, 9:00 a.m.
+Eleanore Mathewson by Gilbert Couture

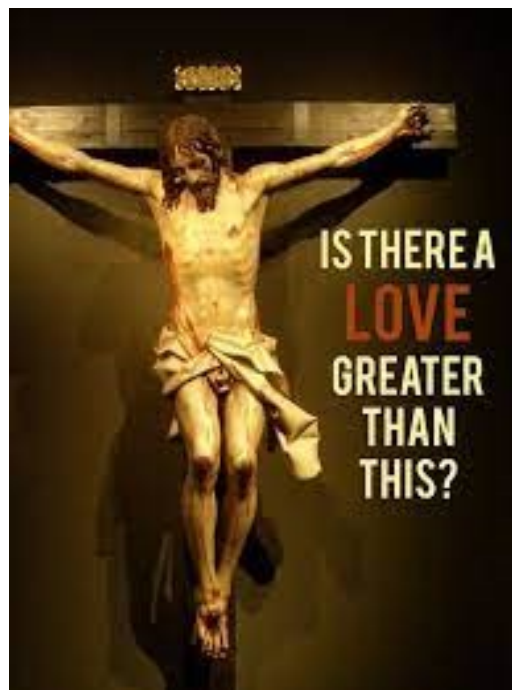
Thurs, May 9, 9:00 a.m.
+Paul Henrion by Charles/Anita Henrion

Fri, May 10, 9:30 a.m. (Estates)
+Deceased Family by Jeannine Belisle

Sat, May 11, 7:00 p.m. (Bellegarde)
Peace in the World by Joe/Irene Poirier

Sun, May 12, 9:00 a.m. (Storthoaks)
Special Intentions by Richard Chicoine

Sun, May 12, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers)
Pro Populo



Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)

To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact **Carol Poirier (452-8397)**.

Sunday, May 12, 10:45 a.m.

Hospitality
Todd Garnier

Lectors
Anita Colleaux/Jeanette Wolensky

Collection
Matthew Lemieux
Emile Magotiaux
Linden Poirier
Denis Quennelle

Communion
Real Wolensky



Redvers

Pastoral Council Chairperson
Marc Wolensky 306-840-7282
Parish Hall Bookings
Anita Colleaux: 306-452-3868
Caretaker
Coralie Wolensky



Bellegarde

Pastoral Council Chairperson
Guy Poirier: 306-840-7744



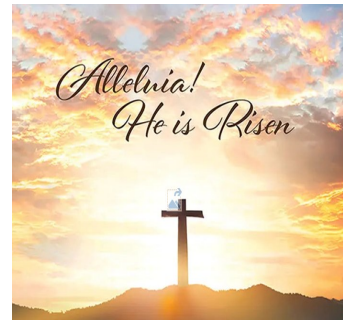
Storthoaks

Pastoral Council Chairperson
Richard Chicoine: 449-2231
Parish Hall Bookings
Monique Dumaine: 449-2237

◆ **Church/Rectory Grounds Cleaning Bee, Wed, May 8, 5:30 p.m.**

We will begin with a hotdog supper. Volunteers to help with some property clean-up and some tree trimming would be most welcome and appreciated.

- ◆ **Blessing of Seeds**—You may bring a sample of seeds and place them at the foot of the altar, that they may be blessed for your fields/gardens. Let us pray for the Lord's favour, grace in abundance, forgiveness of our sins, protection from all calamities, a fruitful season with a bountiful harvest. In all things, may we be thankful!



Meetings...

- ◆ **Tues, May 21, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/Parish Council Meeting**
- ◆ **Thurs, May 23, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/KC Meeting**
- ◆ **Tues, May 28, 7:00 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/CWL Meeting**



The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

May is traditionally called the Marian month, a month where Catholics honour Mary as the Mother of God. Behind all Marian devotions is the doctrine that Mary, being the mother of Jesus, is therefore the mother of God. Because Jesus, from the cross, gave her to John as his mother, He gave her to all of us as well. As our mother, she cares for us with a maternal love that is both eternal and heavenly.

The Mary of Devotion is held fondly in the hearts of Catholics, and she is the one to whom we show love by reciting the rosary, installing her statues in our churches and homes, and through the various novena devotions. She is the one who prays with us while we are still "mourning and weeping in the valley of tears", a phrase from the *Salve Regina* or Hail, Holy Queen that many of us are familiar with.

It is also significant how every time Mary appears to people, it is always to those who are meek, humble, and nobodies in society. To date, Mary has never appeared to the powerful and mighty of this world. Her choice of who to appear to has often been children, many of whom were uneducated, at least theologically, and those who

had difficulties conveying her messages to the authorities. Indeed, her predilection is for the poor, indeed a mother of the poor and the humble.

Our devotion to Mary cannot be reduced to mere sentimentality and romance. Devotion to the Blessed Mother has strong theological foundations that Catholics must never abandon or forget. Sentimentality, on the other hand, risks reducing our devotion to a superstition that is feeling- or fear-based, and can cause Catholicism to resemble a superstition instead of being a religion that is reasonable and rational.

To get our grounding right, it is the Mary of Scripture we should seek, and the Gospel gives us good reason to maintain our healthy devotion to Mary. Through Scripture, she helps us become true and proper disciples of Jesus, and shows us that she is indeed the model disciple. To see how her ideal qualities of discipleship are subtly revealed in the Gospel, we must be attentive.

When Jesus said, those who listen to God's word and obey it are his mother, brother and sister, Mary did not take umbrage at these words, while an earthly mother might have easily done so. Marian theologians consistently refer to Mary as the "second Eve", whose pure and unconditional "yes" contrasted so clearly against the "yes" of the first Eve when she chose to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The first Eve did not want to live in mystery, whilst the second Eve welcomed mystery and showed a readiness to live the unknown.

Mary's model discipleship is also shown by her willingness to carry her cross with great love throughout her life, and the way she carried it mirrors the way her Son carried His. Mary's stance at the foot of the cross exemplifies humility – she did not shake her fist to heaven and cry vengeance for her innocent son's death. Her agony at Calvary mirrored her son's, which opened heaven's gate for us. Mary's agony is the pain of labour, akin to a mother when she undergoes the incredible pain of childbirth. Calvary is humanity's labour ward, where Mary's pain resulted in her becoming the mother of all humanity.

It is this Mary that is honoured in our May devotions, and it is the same Mary who is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. How blessed we are to be able to call her Mother!

The Rosary will be prayed 1/2 hour before Sunday Mass in Storthoaks/Redvers this month.

Let us entrust ourselves to the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother!