

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA (REDVERS)**  
**ST. MAURICE (BELLEGARDE)**  
**ST. ANTHONY (STORTHOAKS)**

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**May 28, 2023**  
***Pentecost Sunday***



**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



**Mass Schedule**

**Mon, May 29, 9:00 a.m.**

+John Revet by Charles/Anita Henrion

**Tues, May 30, 9:00 a.m.**

+Andy Sylvestre by Ron/Janelle Martin

**Wed, May 31, 9:00 a.m.**

+Robert Martin by Zoe Martin

**Thurs, June 1, 9:00 a.m.**

+Fred Laval by Lynn/Yolande Madsen

**Fri, June 2, 9:00 a.m. —First Friday Mass/Eucharistic Adoration**

+Odette Cruywels by Real/Jeannette Wolensky

**Sat, June 3, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks)**

+Nancy Bauche by the Chicoine Family

**Sun, June 4, 9:00 a.m. (Bellegarde)**

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**Sun, June 4, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers)**

+Henry Martin by Paul/Jeannine Gaudet

**Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)**

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

**Sunday, June 4, 10:45 a.m.**

**Hospitality**—Raymond/Marceline Hardy

**Lectors**—Anita Colleaux/Carol Poirier

**Collection**—Con Carriere/Mathew Lemieux/Nathan Poirier/Denis Quennelle

**Communion**—Bernard Bauche

**Redvers Community Garage Sale—Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Parish Council, Knights of Columbus and CWL are having a Sale for the WHOLE Parish in conjunction with the community garage sale day this Saturday! As you do your spring cleaning, minimizing, or if it is just time to get rid of clutter, please keep the Parish in mind. We appreciate, and thank you for all contributions....

**Please Note:**

- ⇒ Items may be dropped off at the church basement between 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Monday to Friday this week.
- ⇒ Volunteers for preparation/set-up the night before (Fri, June 2, 6:30 p.m.) and the day of the sale (Sat, June 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) are needed and welcome.
- ⇒ Hot Dog lunch served at the sale by the KCs.



**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Feast—May 31**

Toward the end of the fourteenth century, the Church suffered from an internal conflict known as the Western Schism. In 1378, two men claimed to be the pope. Pope Urban VI resided in Rome, and the anti-pope Clement VII resided in Avignon, France. This division raged on until 1417 when the Council in Pisa resolved the issue once and for all. Pope Urban VI instituted today's feast, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in 1389 as a way of asking the universal Church to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary for unity and peace.

Though the immediate reason for the institution of this feast was internal Church conflict, its inspiration is the glorious story that Saint Luke recounts in the first chapter of his Gospel. With the Annunciation, God became man. Divinity united to humanity within the womb of the Blessed Mother. Most likely, Mary traveled to be with Elizabeth, her cousin, within a month of conceiving the Savior of the World. Thus, she traveled as a tabernacle of the Most High. Note that Luke tells us that she traveled "in haste." On a spiritual level, we can see within this line a twofold action. First, though the Savior was but a tiny child within Mary's womb, He was also God. Though He lacked the use of human reason at that time, He had divine knowledge. Thus, within His divinity, God the Son desired that His virginal mother not only go to Elizabeth to assist her in her pregnancy, but that she also go to her because the Son of God desired to sanctify John the Baptist within his mother's womb. The first thing we see, therefore, in this journey "in haste" is the revelation of the Son of God's desire to pour forth His sanctifying grace upon His precursor, John, within the womb. It was Jesus, within the womb, who inspired His mother to make the journey so as to fulfill His divine will.

The "haste" also affected our Blessed Mother. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and carried the Eternal God within her womb. Therefore, her motherly heart would have sensed the longing of the will of her Divine Son within her womb to bestow His first gift of sanctifying grace upon John. As a result, she was compelled to travel quickly to Elizabeth so that her Son could fulfill His will.

When Mary reached Elizabeth, Elizabeth cried out, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." She went on to call Mary "the mother of my Lord" and to reveal that at the moment Mary greeted her, something amazing and spiritual took place within the child in her womb. John leapt for joy. Spiritual joy is a reaction to grace, and John encountered grace in that moment. Saint Thomas Aquinas holds the position that John the Baptist was delivered from Original Sin at that moment.

In addition to the Visitation being a revelation to us about Saint John the Baptist and the Son of God's desire to sanctify him in the womb, it also reveals much to us about the Blessed Mother. Immediately after her exchange with Elizabeth, Mary sings her *Magnificat*, in which she not only glorifies God for His greatness and perfect plan, but also reveals the beauty of her own soul. The Blessed Mother speaks of her "lowliness" (humility) and the fact that "all ages" will call her blessed. She reveals that God has done "great things" for her because she had the gift of holy fear of the Lord. She goes on to reveal that in her lowly state, God will exalt her, as He will exalt all who humble themselves before Him.

As we celebrate this glorious feast, ponder first the great need the Church has for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the Mediatrix of Grace, as Vatican II called her. She is the instrument through which grace entered the world in the Person of her Son. Just as Pope Urban VI saw a need to heal the Church through Mary's intercession in the fourteenth century, so the Church is also in great need of healing today. Call upon her intercession for the Church as we honor her Visitation today.



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