



Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

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On the HORIZON

May 5, 2024

9:30 AM

First Sunday Breakfast

1:00 PM

Renewal of Vows of Bro.

Wil in Santa Clara

May 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Dance for Life

May 18, 2024

11:00 AM

First Communion Wallace

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Our Mission

To love and know more profoundly our Catholic faith, worship the Lord, minister to our members and to further spread our faith in the community.

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Office Hours

Mon. 9-12 PM

Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12, PM in Sta. Clara

Thur. 9-12, 4-6PM

Fri. 9-12, 4-6PM

Call to make an appointment

Adoration

Mon. 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM

Reconciliation

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

Weekend Mass Schedule

Transfiguration of Jesus

Saturday 5:00 PM English

Sunday 8:30 AM English

10:30 AM Spanish

Santa Clara Mission

1:00 PM Spanish

Weekday Masses

Mon, Thurs-Fri 9:00 AM (Eng.)

Mon 7:00 PM (Esp.)

Wed (Santa Clara) 7:00 PM (Esp.)

The Pope's Monthly Intention (May)

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.

Place your Mass Intentions Here

<https://forms.gle/qdAAMMxBnzXESse89>

Renewal of Religious Vows



Bro. Wilfredirikus "Wil" Amnunuh, CICM

May 5, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Santa Clara Mission

352 N Academy Street

Magnolia, NC 28466

Parish Ministries & Committees

Breakfast Team



First Sunday Breakfast
May 5, 2024
930 AM

Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)

	Mar. Budget	Mar. Actuals	Mar. Expense
Offertory	\$13,790	\$26,188	
Maintenance	\$2,420	\$3,235	
Others		\$1,572	
		(\$255.81)	\$18,751.52
Totals	\$28,455	\$30,739.19	\$11,987.67

Faith Formation



First Communion
May 18, 2024
11:00 AM

Human Life & Dignity



SAVE THE DATE!!
"Dance For Life"
Featuring
The River Bandits
May 10, 2024 - 6p
Celtic Court Mad Boar

Ticket includes Dinner, Dancing and Great Music!
\$60 per person (Tables of 10); Maximum of 200 tickets
Contact us now to reserve a table!
Tickets on sale March 1st
Cash Bar Available

**All proceeds will go to support
Helping Hands Food Pantry
& Life Line Sampson!**

Tickets can be purchased from:
Mike Vandiver 910 271-4444 mikevandiver@gmail.com
Will Vertoll 910 285-1943 wilvec913@gmail.com
Dan Kuznetz 301 526-8929 dankuznetz@comcast.net
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Celey Cumber 910 990-2794 director@lifelinesampson.com

- ❖ Helping Hands Food Pantry helped 695 families in 2023. In November, the RL Family donated 380 bags of food along with monetary donations.
- ❖ Life Line Sampson provided 105 Ultrasounds for pregnant women and distributed 300+ diapers for needy moms in 2023.

Menu: Salad, Beef Tips in Gravy, Salmon, Garlic Mash Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Green Bean Casserole, Apple Crisp



Human Life & Dignity



Respect Life

Fill your bottle with coins, cash, or a check. Bring it with you to Mass and give it to one of the greeters. Thank you for your generosity!

Human Life & Dignity

NCRTL PRO-LIFE MARCH & RALLY

Halifax Mall in Raleigh, NC
Saturday, May 18th, 2024

12:30 PM Live Music

12:45 PM Youth rally ncrtl.org

1:30 PM Main Rally

2:30 PM March



Presbyterian Food Pantry

is in need of canned soup and fruit
bring your donation when you come to mass

May, the Month of Mary

"For all those who have no peace, let us
invoke Mary, the woman who brought into
the world the Prince of peace."

Pope Francis

Weekly Schedule (May 4 - 11)

Saturday 11:00 AM 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Baptism – Transfiguration Baptism – Santa Clara Confession Vigil Mass +Maria McClurg requested by Joe and Diana Elko	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 B Jaco B Jaco J Peterson J Ciuccoli, M Hopkins, McCarthy M McCarthy
Sunday 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM	Mass + Tony Antelo + Huck Booz First Sunday Breakfast Mass (Spanish) Renewal of Religious Vows of Bro. Wil at Santa Clara	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers: Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ¹¹ Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17 D Kusnierz, M Kusnierz T Vandiver D Davis, K Mackey R Hirshkind, M Orłowski, Deacon Mike Neil, Leah, Isaac Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto Jorge, Tino, Jorge Julissa, Celeni Merary, Jorge, Valentin Josef, Dorian, Sofia, Jairo
Monday 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Weekday Mass Bible Study Adoration (Spanish) Communion Service (Spanish)		Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday			Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Adoration (Santa Clara) Weekday Mass (Santa Clara)		Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:35 AM	Weekday Mass Morning Prayer/Adoration Parish Pastoral Council Meeting		Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday 9:00 AM	Weekday Mass/Anointing of the Sick		Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confession Vigil Mass		Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

May is a month
 devoted to the
 Blessed Virgin Mary

