



**May 17, 2020**

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary - is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.



## Gospel Meditation ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do. ©LPi



## Readings for the week of May 17, 2020

### First Reading:

Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

### Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66) or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18a)

### Gospel:

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live." (Jn 14:18-19)

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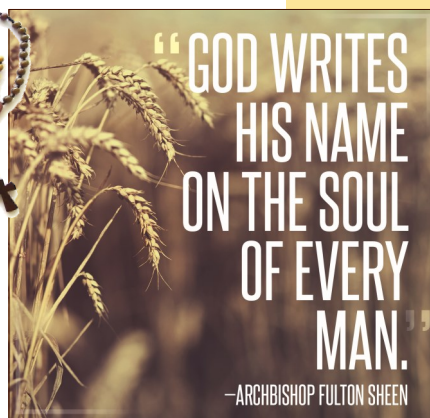
**Immaculate  
Heart  
Of Mary  
Pray for Us**



**Thank You** - to all the parishioners who have been mailing their weekly contributions, or dropping the envelopes off in the Mail Slot in the 7th Avenue door of the Parish Life Center.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and commitment to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE**—Mother's Day listing for this year has been prepared with the names that were submitted. If any parishioner would like a copy please call the parish office at (518) 273-6020, ext. 301 and leave your name, address and envelope number, or email Judy at [jpope@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:jpope@ihm.rcpw.org). A copy will be mailed to you.



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS ~

### Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## In Memoriam ~ 2020-21

<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/7/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/10/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/10/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/25/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/23/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/19/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p>5/24/20</p>

### THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

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The **FOOD PANTRY** is open to clients registered with IHM pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between the hours of 9 and 10 AM. Clients are to remain in their cars and the volunteer workers will take their name and will bring the food out to the car. Until further notice, the Parish Life Center is closed to the public



**IHM PRAYER  
MINISTRY ~**  
We believe as  
faith-filled  
people, prayer  
matters and  
offers hope. The prayer tree ministry  
is made up of a group of people who  
pray for others — if you would like  
prayers said for a family member, rela-  
tive, or friend contact Brenda at 518-271-  
6184.

Let us also continue to pray for one  
another and for an end to this virus  
that has afflicted so many people in  
our community and around the world.

Watch your local Watervliet 1303 TV station for the video of Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekend Mass.

In loving memory of  
Adam & Katherine Novak  
John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot  
requested by the Family

5/10/20

### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Contributions received the week of:  
April 30-May 6, 2020—\$5986.00

This total includes the tithing  
envelopes and Electronic Giving  
(We Share).

### Readings: Week of May 17, 2020

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

**Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

### Parish Registration Update:

In an effort to keep our records up to date, we are asking all parishioners to kindly fill out the form below with your current address, phone number and email and include it in your tithing envelope or a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket when you come to Church. Thank you for your assistance. (If you are not presently registered with the parish, we invite you to fill out tear-off to start the process.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_