

Phase II
Monthly Marriage Packet to Parishes
May 2016

Bulletin Corner

Weekend of April 30/May 1 6th Sunday of Easter

“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid...I am going away and I will come back to you.” (John 14:27-29). Separations like business trips or military deployments can strain a marriage. Plan a daily way to reconnect, even if it is simply to pick a common time to pray for each other.

Weekend of May 7/8 The Ascension of the Lord

Christ ascended into heaven of his own power; the rest of us need a little help from our friends. What lifts your beloved up – a sunny day? A warm bath? A massage? An offer to do on of his/her chores? Jump up and lift up your beloved today. We also celebrate Mother’s Day today. Treat your own mother if she is still alive. For husbands: Help your children decide how to honor their mother, but don’t do it for them. Your wife is not your mother, but your life partner.

Weekend of May 14/15 Pentecost Sunday

“How does each of us hear them in our own native language?” (Acts 2:1-11). Do you understand your spouse’s love language? Check out Gary Chapman’s bestseller, *The 5 Love Languages*, available from the Education Resource Center: <https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/education-resource-center/>

Weekend of May 21/22 The Most Holy Trinity

“Everything that the Father has is mine.” (John 16:15). The same can be said for spouses. This sounds nice and fair until you talk specifics, like my paycheck, my time, my toothbrush... Is there anything you don’t want to share? Pray about these things.

Weekend of May 28/29 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today we celebrate the nourishment we receive from Jesus in the Eucharist. What one thing do you do to spiritually nourish your marriage? If you can’t think of something, start by saying a prayer together before bedtime.

Prayer of the Faithful

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For all married couples and families; may they be filled with the Spirit of Truth. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of May 7/8 The Ascension of the Lord

For all those who have nurtured and care for us; especially for birth mothers, adoptive mothers, aunts, grandmothers, teachers, neighbors, and all women who have shared their faith with us. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of May 14/15 Pentecost Sunday

For all families, in our parish, our community, and the world; may they know the gift of Christ’s peace and freely share that peace with others. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of May 21/22 The Most Holy Trinity

For all married couples; may they reflect the love of the Trinity in their homes, to their families, and to all who enter their lives. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of May 28/29 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

For all families in our parish; may they find the source of their unity and love in and through the Body and Blood of Christ. We pray to the Lord.