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Parish Office Hours 9 AM-5 PM (closed 11:45 AM-1:00 PM)

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays: Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM (Rosary at 4:20 PM)
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM
8:00 AM (Carmelite Monastery)

DAILY MASSES:

Monday thru Friday - 12:00 Noon
7:15 AM (Carmelite Monastery)
Saturday - 8:00 AM (Carmelite Monastery), 9:00 AM (Sacred Heart)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS:

11:00 AM — 12:00 PM, Holy Hour
11:30 AM — 12:00 PM, Confessions
12:00 PM — 12:30 PM, Mass
12:30 PM — 1:00 PM, Confessions

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

(Before and After Most Masses)
- **First Fridays:** 6:30-8:00 PM
- **Saturdays:** 4:00-4:45 PM
- **By appointment**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

M, Tu, W, Th, 12:30-8:30 PM, and F 12:30-5:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY:

Confessions 6:30-8:00 PM
Mass & Devotions to the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: For children (children younger than 7), parents should fill out the online Request for Baptism form and then contact Christine Bowman at (240) 901-2255 at least one month in advance to schedule a date and attend a preparation class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact a priest or deacon at least 6 months before the anticipated date. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Marriage preparation program is required.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA): Please call Mr. William Wannall at (240) 901-2252 to arrange for instruction about our faith. Classes are held on Tuesdays (September thru May) from 7:00-8:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD): We are an affiliate parish of the St. John Paul II Regional Faith Formation Program. K thru Grade 8, meets Sundays, 10:30-11:40 AM at ANS, September thru May.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:

To arrange for "at home Communion," call Julie Ferrero at (301) 752-2377 or call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

To arrange for the Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS:

Weekly during May & October.
Miraculous Medal Novena/Rosary after 9:00 AM Sat. Mass. Rosary on Sunday at 8:30 AM before 9:00 AM Mass and Saturday at 4:30 PM before 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM in the Friendship Room.

YOUTH GROUP: For students in grades 6-12, see website for calendar events.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome new members to our parish family. Registration forms can be found on our website. For admission to our religious education program, reception of the sacraments, or to receive a letter for sponsorship outside the parish, an individual must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attend the sacraments, and support the ministries of the church.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING BULLETIN DUE TO PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON MONDAY

SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA

Mass  for the
Intentions } Week

SUNDAY, MAY 12, The Ascension of Our Lord, Mother's Day

7:00 AM Sacred Heart Parishioners
8:00 AM All Mothers
9:00 AM Repose of the soul of Cyrus Salazar, Jr.
12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

MONDAY, MAY 13, Easter Weekday, Our Lady of Fatima

7:15 AM Repose of the souls of Jeff and Pam Gouldman
12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, MAY 14, St. Matthias, Apostle

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Taylor Halbleib
12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, Easter Weekday, St. Isidore

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Chris Morlan
12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, MAY 16, Easter Weekday

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Genival Belo Cesar
12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, MAY 17, Easter Weekday

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Robert Jacobs
12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, MAY 18, Easter Weekday, St. John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 AM Intentions of Al and Sandy Ribeiro
9:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
5:00 PM Repose of the soul of Bob Rupp

Please note that the 8 AM Saturday and Sunday Masses, and the 7:15 AM daily Mass are celebrated at Mt. Carmel Monastery. All other Masses are celebrated at Sacred Heart.

CELEBRATE
Mother's Day



Mother's Day Novena begins today, May 12th, and concludes on Monday, May 20th. All envelopes submitted for the novena are placed in the sanctuary next to the Blessed Mother statue during the novena of

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for their commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 12:30-8:30 PM
Friday, 12:30—5:30 PM
Spend some time with Our Lord!



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration for our 2024 Sacred Heart Summer Camp is open! Camp runs from June 17 - July 26—6 weeks of fun and faith with different activities each week that focus on a wide variety of interests: art camps, dance camps, sports camps, outdoor camps, science camps, computer camps, and more! Children can be signed up for as many weeks of camp as they want, and Sacred Heart Summer Camp is open to all children ages 4-13 even if they are not members of our parish. No matter what camp they sign up for, they will get to experience times of prayer and faith lessons throughout the week led by our high school and college counselors as well as local priests and seminarians plus Camp Mass each Friday morning! For more information and to register, go to <https://www.sacredheartlaplata.org/summer-camp.html>.

Cross Catholic Outreach Priest Visits Sacred Heart

Please welcome Fr. Alan Bower who will speak at all the Masses this weekend on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas, in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and in Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be available if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. Thank you!

PAX Catholic Theology on Tap

Calling all young adults in Southern Maryland! Join us for Theology on Tap on **Thursday, May 16th, at 6 p.m. at the Brass Tap in California.** We'll hear from Fr. Conrad Murphy, Chaplain at the UMD Catholic Student Center, on "Apostle of Maryland: The Heroic Life of Father Andrew White." We'll have social time for food and drinks from 6-7 p.m. and the talk will begin at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Summer Raffle to Support Sacred Heart Church Maintenance Funds

The prize package is valued at over \$400. It includes an RTIC Cooler and a \$250 Gift Card to be used for meat and other related items from Hancock Family Farms in La Plata.

Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of June 2nd and June 9th. The drawing will be held on June 11, 2024.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflections on Jesus' Ascension

On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ. Three aspects of that new life stand out in the second optional Mass reading for the feast: "May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us. Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendor and beauty. In his ascension, Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe." Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

Points for Meditation:

- As the disciples watched Jesus being lifted up to heaven, do you think that they would have been tempted to feel abandoned and panicked about their risen Lord leaving the earth? Think of a time in your life when you felt as if Jesus had abandoned you. How can Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8) bring you comfort at such a time?
- Exercise your hope today by calling to mind Jesus' death and resurrection and the salvation he won for you on the cross. How can you more fully place your hope and confidence in these truths?
- Have you "tasted" the blessings here and now of your eternal inheritance? Ask God for a powerful outpouring of his Spirit so that he can manifest his power in your life.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, we rejoice today in your ascension to the Father's right hand. Thank you, Lord, for offering us a share in your heavenly life. By your Spirit, help us to lay hold of our inheritance in you—the hope, the glory, and the power that are the right of every child of God.*

@ The Word Among Us, Reflections



Please Pray for Our Sick

Susan Schlereth, Barbara Bowie, John Gagnon, Mary R. Farmer, Mildred Samuel, Margie Simpson, Joey Simpson, Tyler Zacchero, Kristina Graham Wilk, Destiny Puleio, Laura Farmer, Tom Hicks, Antwan Knott, Rose Radcliff, Andre Barnes, Dana Fowler, John Wills, Msgr. Oliver McGready, Fr. Rory Conley, Fr. Mike King, Fr. David Brault, Fr. Larry Swink, Fr. Ron Potts, Janet Proctor, Paul Eric Neal, Jr., Lorenzo Neal, Randolph Androsik, Anthony Pruett, Elroy Hemsley, Theodore Cooper, Mary Watts, Beverly Brown, Joycelynn Monica Androsik, Marilyn Edelen, Brenda Monshower, Tyrone Mason, Mike Runfola, Hugh C. Gardiner, III, Joanne Doyle, Monique Lamoureux, Roy Tolson, Hamilton Mason, Kathy Greene, Agnes Theresa Proctor, Mary Krug, Bill Harker, Linda Welch, Dr. John Lucero, Sr., Caeli Gloriam, Brian Wasko, Rick Cerza, Jean Lawrence, Joe Gardiner, George Jackson, David Hoffmaster, Wes Dintaman, Jimmy Richards, Jr., John Hoza, Pam Hanes, Mikey Raymond

Names will remain on the above prayer list for 60 days from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your request.

Sodality Yard Sale

RAIN OR SHINE

Saturday, May 25, 2024

8:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Friendship Room

Donations may be dropped off on Friday, May 24th, from 4:00-7:00 PM. For earlier donations or questions, please email Maria @ mcmaroti@gmail.com. Donation receipts available for tax purposes, available upon request.

Clothing will be collected for the Knights of Columbus.

Solemn Profession and Veiling

Mark your calendar for the Solemn Profession and Veiling of Sister Dolores Peter of Jesus Crucified and the Precious Blood on **Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** Reception will follow.



Cemetery News



From the members of the Cemetery Committee:
Gene, Janine, Doug, Vivian, John, Mary Beth

Reminder: ALL Mother's Day decorations must be removed from the gravesite ground by May 26, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.



The Blessed Mother Teaches Mothers

Through Mary, we have the ultimate example of exemplary motherhood, of how to be the best mother to our children (and our nieces and nephews and friends' children) that we can possibly be.

In the Annunciation story, the Archangel Gabriel says to Mary, "Do not be afraid." A celestial being is standing in her doorway telling her that the Lord is with her! For an unwed girl in first century Judea, being pregnant could lead to death. How can she not be afraid? Thankfully, Mary is full of grace!

In the early days of motherhood, fear can take the shape of leaning over the edge of the bassinet during the middle of the night and needing assurance that her infant has not stopped breathing. Our children grow and change, and so do our fears. Mary reminds us that trust in God is the antidote to fear.

Mary doesn't seek to avoid the situations that could cause fear, but instead turns towards them with the knowledge that God is beside her and within her, accompanying her through uncharted territory. God is with today's mothers as well!

Thinking of the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, we are reminded of how potentially difficult the journey of motherhood could be for us. Life is full of challenges, and as mothers, we not only have our own challenges to face, but those of our children as well. As the old saying goes, a mother is only as happy as her least happy child.

Jesus' way of the cross caused tremendous suffering for Mary as it did for Jesus. However, Mary reminds us that we are not alone when we suffer alongside our children. In walking the way of the cross with Jesus, Mary tells mothers everywhere not to give up, even when things seem at their very worst, because there is more to the story than we can see from our vantage point. She reminds us to stand with our children at the crucifixion and to have hope in the resurrection.

Let us filled with thanksgiving, rejoice that the Blessed Virgin Mother is our spiritual mother who loves us, guides us, and teaches us to trust in confidence in Our Heavenly Father divine will.

Happy Mother's Day to Our Blessed Mother, our mothers living and deceased, and our spiritual mothers!



ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOLNEWS

1) Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information or if you are interested please contact the school office office@archbishopnealeschool.org or Mrs. Gavin at pgavin@archbishopnealeschool.org (301) 934-9595.

2) Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information please contact the school office office@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-9595.

3) Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for aftercare workers for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information please contact Mrs. Margaret Morris mmorris@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-7005.

4) ANS is currently enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact the admissions director, Mrs. Elaine Cadrette at admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org for more information and to schedule a tour.

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Mother's Day Novena—May 12-May 20

Sodality Yard Sale—May 25

June 17-July 26—Summer Camp



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