



May 5, 2024 6th Sunday of Easter (red missal pg 284) - 5th Sunday after Easter (black Latin Missal pg 641)



The Church in China

A few years ago a Chinese parishioner told me how her family had suffered from the communists in their homeland, how they had to escape to Canada

and then to San Francisco, and how little Americans know of what Chinese people suffer under the Marxists in their country. She showed me photographs of the prison in which her father was incarcerated, and I realized how Chinese Catholics are the quiet heroes of our time. Among them is Jimmy Lai, now in a Chinese prison for speaking openly about the abuses of power among Chinese Communist Party officials. While the current presidential administration, and the current Vatican administration, seem to take an ambivalent approach to the terrible abuses of human rights by the CCP, our own Archdiocese is holding a prayer service and presentation next week on the situation of persecuted Christians on mainland China and in Hong Kong. The Archbishop will lead the evening at St. Patrick's Seminary on May 8 with exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm. Special music for the Holy Hour includes the premiere of a new composition by Frank La Rocca on a text by James Matthew Wilson, "Stanzas for the Chinese Martyrs." Following the prayer service, William McGurn, opinion columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* and godfather of Jimmy Lai, will deliver a lecture entitled "The Prison Witness of Jimmy Lai." A 7pm reception on the beautiful seminary grounds concludes the evening. The event is free but you must get a ticket through the Archdiocesan website, www.sfarchdiocese.org (scroll



down to the "Latest Events" section). One of our parishioners from Hong Kong asks me, every time I see her, to "pray for the Church in China." Mother Teresa also asked me to do this when I would see her in the 90's. China was the only nation in the world that would not allow Mother Teresa's sisters into their country. This Wednesday's prayer service in the lovely seminary chapel is a good way to "pray for the beloved Chinese people," in Mother Teresa's words. You can also light a

candle at our shrine of Our Lady of China, and say a prayer for the most populous nation on earth.

May Devotions Many joined me on Saturday for a rosary walk through Golden Gate Park to Cristo Rey Monastery, where the sisters welcomed us for a noon Mass. Stop by after Mass to see the 60 paintings of Our Lady done by our school children and other local artists in our third annual Marian Art Exhibit. Our May Crowning will be on May 19, although dozens of roses will adorn the Statue of Our Lady of Grace throughout the month of May. This week is also Ascension Thursday, and Fr. Michael will offer sung Latin Mass of the Ascension at 6pm. On Pentecost Sunday, in two weeks, the Archbishop will begin the 2-month **Eucharistic procession** from San Francisco to Indianapolis for the



Jimmy Lai on his way to prison in 2020. © 2020 Kin Cheung AP Photo

national Eucharistic Congress in July. You can walk with him from the Cathedral on May 19 at 12:30pm to the Golden Gate Bridge and beyond! **Movie Night** I will show the 1962 John Wayne film *The Longest Day* about the D-Day invasion of Normandy this Saturday in the auditorium at 6pm. Fr. Joseph



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LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions, 20 min. before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm.

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm . Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Devotions: Sacred Heart First Friday 12noon, 6pm Latin. Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo (Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15: 9-17) **Perfect Joy** Our Lord wants our “joy to be complete,” and He has come to enable us to love one another as He loves us. Our religion is all about perfect joy, and if we are not deeply joyful, then we are poor Christians. So work on your joy! Don’t give into sadness or fear, and try to smile at each other from the heart!



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The feast day of St. Joseph, the Worker, is May 1st. St. Joseph was among the first adorers of Our Lord. So, in adoration of Our Lord, we pray for all those looking for work, in gratitude always, and with intercession of St. Joseph, the Worker:

Blessed St. Joseph, patron of all working people,... may my labors be all for Jesus, all through Mary, and all after your holy example in life and in death. Amen.

Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org

Free Movie Night

John Wayne stars in *The Longest Day*, a 1962 blockbuster on the largest amphibious operation in history, D-Day, as we approach the 80th Anniversary of June 6, 1944.

6pm this Saturday, May 11, in the auditorium. Bring popcorn!



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS
(Sign up to Formed.org. Free to all Parishioners)

Find the titles below at: <http://watch.formed.org>

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This Sunday we are presented with a Gospel reading that should deeply challenge us. These are readings that remind us of who we really are—disciples of Jesus Christ. We are not only his friends, called to stay near to him, but we are also his missionaries, called to go out and to spread his Good News.

Mother's Day Bouquet Cards

Available now in all entrances of the Church. Please fill up the envelope and drop them along with your donation on the box located next to the communion rail near Our Lady of Grace Shrine.



Mass Intentions

Sat 05/04	8:30am	In Thanksgiving of Sherman Tillman III
	12noon	† Fr. Francisco da Rocha de Sousa
	4:30pm	Int. of Mario Bruno and Family
Sun 05/05	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Challiss Mosher (bday)
	11:30am	Int. of Ronald and Sarah Henderson and Family
	7:30pm	† Ryan Anthony Borges
Mon 05/06	7am	Int. of Jean Martin (bday)
	12noon	Int. Valerie Cook Int. of Philip Carlson Int. of Kaylani Arnaldo † Manuel Lopez † Melissa Wong † Gary Robinson † Msgr. Labib Kobti
	6pm	Int. of Connie Halog Int. of Pia Larrosa Int. of Bud and Lorna Feria Int. of Hannelore R. Schatz (bday) † Maria Bruno † Fernando Luis Corvalho Pires
Tue 05/07	7:00am	Int. of Marco Martin
	12noon	† Maura Lacap
	6:00pm	Int. of Eileen Ing (bday)
Wed 05/08	7:00am	Int. of Miguel A. Gamez
	12noon	Int. of Michael Christopher Mertes
	6:00pm	† Geary Edwards
Thu 05/09	7:00am	† Timothy Richard Baptista
	12noon	† George Carter
	6:00pm	† Francis and Jenny Chow
Fri 05/10	7:00am	† Rush Limbaugh
	12noon	† Bill Barhite
	6:00pm	† William Flora
Sat 05/11	8:30am	† Stephen Udoka
	12noon	† Stephen Udoka Unachukwu
	4:30pm	† George Godfrey

Prayers for the sick: Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Brian Walsh, Oonough, Kim Edwards, Patty Turok, Jeannie Borges, Mary Ann Brautigam and all sick parishioners.

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Saturday, Public Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

Tuesdays, Holy Face Devotion, 6pm in the chapel.

Tuesdays, Holy hour 7-8pm. Public Rosary prayer for priests, seminarians, and the catholic church. Confessions. Benediction. Foundation of Prayers for Priests.

Saturdays, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm in the church.

Sundays, Latin Rosary, 11am in the church. Pamphlets with the Latin words will be provided.

Sundays, Rosary Walk, 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: <https://star.flocknote.com/Rosary Walk>.

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Stella Maris Academy Greco-Roman Summer Camp 1st to 8th Grade



Is it all Greek to you? Yes, it is! And Roman too! Learn Greek vase painting, create a mosaic tiled plaque, learn the alphabet, colors, numbers and more in ancient Greek! Cook some Roman delicacies from antiquity! There will be Science, Games in the Arena, Music in the Amphitheater aka the auditorium, History and Myth and Storytelling to fill your day. Every Friday an exciting fact-filled field trip is planned to sights here in our city that reflect Greek and Roman roots.

**Session 1,
June 17-21**

**Session 2,
June 24-28**

**Session 3,
July 8-12**

**Session 4,
July 15-19**

Early Bird \$475 per child per week.
After May 15 \$575 per week
Aftercare 3pm-5:30pm (included in the fee)

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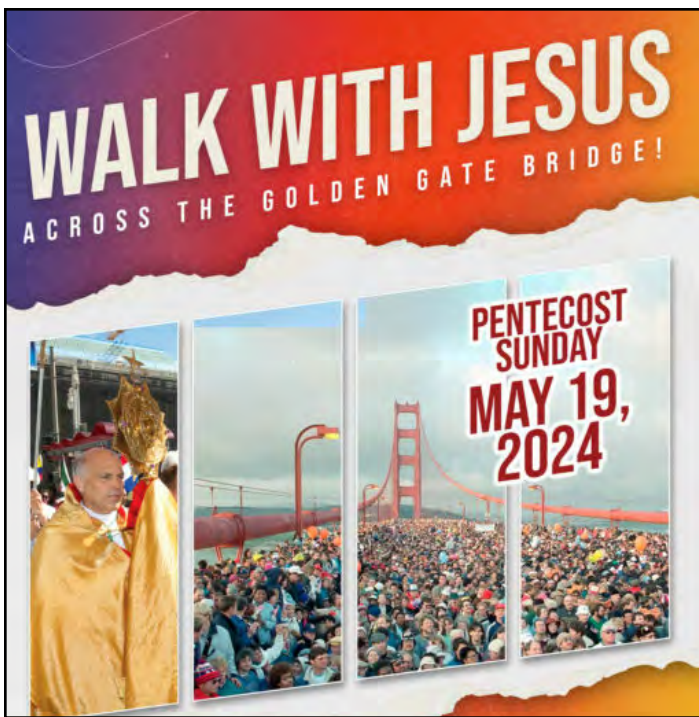
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National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage Sunday, May 19, 2024

11 a.m. Pilgrimage Kick-off Mass presided by The Most Reverend Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

1 p.m. Pilgrimage begins to the **Golden Gate Bridge**

3:30 p.m. Estimated time of Golden Gate Bridge crossing

6:00 p.m. Sunday Pilgrimage Concludes at Fort Baker (Marin side)

St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral

1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA

This Mass, which launches the National Eucharistic Procession from San Francisco, will feature the world-premiere of the Missa Pange Lingua, A Mass for Eucharistic Renaissance commissioned by the Archbishop from the Benedict XVI Institute's composer-in-residence Frank La Rocca. Dr. Alfred Calabrese will conduct the 20-voice Schola Benedictus XVI choir.

NOTE: Procession arrival/departure times are approximate and route subject to modification.



Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up by Sir J. M. Barrie

An awfully BIG adventure!

Friday, May 17, 6:00 pm

Auditorium

The Stella Maris faculty and student body invite you to an evening of magic, music, and adventure! Join us as Peter and his crew battle their arch nemesis and grapple with the bittersweet reality of growing up.

Brought to you by the drama club (directed by Miss Richard) and music program (conducted by Miss Tani and accompanied by Mr. Kraehling). All ages welcome. Free admission (donations accepted).



Peter Pan spirit day! The children enjoyed tasty desserts after lunch provided by their teachers. Lidia, SMA parent (bottom-left) made Peter Pan shaped cookies and other desserts!



STEWARDS STATS

Through work, we serve, minister, and become God's stewards on the earth.

Time: 8 people joined the Holy Face prayer devotions last Tuesday.

Talent: 6 volunteers helped at the Marian Art Exhibition last weekend.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$8,725
Catholic Home Missions \$1,425

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