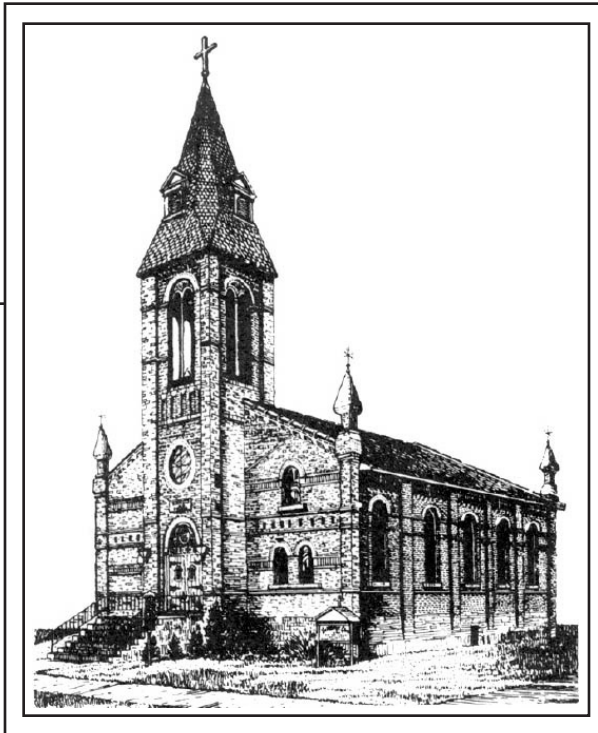


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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First Signs & Last Words

May is the month of our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Yet it is not only a time for those who have a devotion to her or pray the Rosary and not just for those who have extra time on their hands. Mary is an integral part of our faith because from her came the Saviour of the world! No, she doesn't merely have a walk-on part in the unfolding of the mystery of salvation; she is pivotal



to it, for from her 'yes' to God's will and strange request brought before her, she carried Him within her for nine months as she protected, nourished and was ever-mindful of the child she was carrying, God growing within her womb. Yet she was and is a virgin as a sign that God can bring about all things according to His will yet still outside of the limits and bounds he has placed on His creation. Virgins, by their very definition, don't have babies and to have conceived and raised a child growing in the womb means that she became a mother at the moment of conception by the Holy Spirit, not just nine months later. She is the only woman who ever lived who by saying yes to God, willed motherhood. She agreed to be a mother and, in that moment, became a Mother for us all.

QUESTIONING & ACCEPTANCE

As the title I have chosen for this article suggests, the Virgin Mary, had very few words that were spoken in the record of sacred scripture yet these few say so much to us still. There are four occasions when Mary speaks in the Gospels and all of them are taken from the Gospel of Saint Luke while the one remaining is found in John's Gospel. Just 34-verses into Luke's Gospel we hear Mary speak her first recorded words as she questions this tremendous, awesome Angel of God, Gabriel, who has just revealed to her what God wants to bring about in fulfillment of all the prophets, that she would conceive, carry and give birth to the long-awaited Messiah. Who wouldn't question this unimaginable revelation and event? And so, she asks. "How can this be? I am still a virgin." (Lk 1:34) After the Angel tells her how this will be brought about Mary's second words move from questioning to an extraordinary acceptance with "Here am I, I am the Lord's servant; as you have spoken, so be it." (Lk. 1:38)

In just nine verses, Our Lady utters the great words of the Magnificat, with the wise recollection of what God has done and will be done in her and in the world through Her Son, Jesus:

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord,
rejoice, rejoice, my spirit, in God my saviour;
so tenderly has he looked upon his servant,*

humble as she is.

For, from this day forth,

*all generations will count me blessed,
so wonderfully has he dealt with me,
the Lord, the Mighty One.*

His name is Holy;

his mercy sure from generation to generation

toward those who fear him;

the deeds his own right arm has done

disclose his might:

the arrogant of heart and mind he has put to rout,

*he has brought down monarchs from their thrones,
but the humble have been lifted high.*

The hungry he has satisfied with good things,

the rich sent empty away.

He has ranged himself at the side of Israel his servant;

firm in his promise to our forefathers,

*he has not forgotten to show mercy to Abraham
and his children's children, for ever." (Lk 1:46-55)*

A SECOND QUESTION

The last words of Mary spoken in the Gospel of Luke follow the incident when Jesus, older now yet still a boy, apparently didn't get in the car as his parents had thought he had and only a day later realized he was missing having to retrace their steps which led them back to Jerusalem. They found him in the temple, listening to the rabbis and amazing them with his words and wisdom. Mary and Joseph would not have been too pleased for fear of the loss of their son would have been too unthinkable. In fact, Mary speaks to Jesus and says with a question: "My son, why have you treated us like this? (I can see my mother gritting her teeth and telling me to "get in the car".) If ever there was an earthly, human question, it was this one. As their son, the one who ate, slept and lived with Mary and Joseph, why would he not have given consideration as to how worried and with fright they would be about his being lost? It's like saying, 'What were you thinking when a child hasn't considered how others might be worried or afraid for them. And we know that Jesus' answer to her was also in the form of a question, but a profoundly spiritual reply: "Did you not know that I was bound to be in my Father's house?"

JOHN'S GOSPEL

The fourth Gospel of St. John gives us two lines from the Blessed Mother, the first a state of fact at the wedding feast at Cana: "They have no wine left." It is such a universal statement about our life without God, without joy and happiness as words she spoke to her son. A wedding, a time of great celebration and joy, should not be the occasion of bad planning or details overlooked resulting in disappointed guests and a lack-luster event. It should be a time of great joy for this celebration is a symbol of God's relationship to His bride, the Church. Without a word to Jesus, her son, she instructs the servants (you and me) – and all of us, "Do whatever He tells you." This was Jesus' first sign, first miracle of the inbreaking of the Kingdom, yet Mary's last words. And what words she leaves with us as they have echoed through the centuries still to do this, whatever He tells us. (Fr. Charles)



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SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tuesday May 16th
8:30am +Aaron Michael O'Brien
Requested by Ken Wright

Wednesday May 17th
7:00pm +Greg Pieszchala
Requested by Janina Pieszchala & Family

Thursday May 18th
8:30am +Lori Tasca
Requested by Ken Wright

Friday May 19th
7:30pm Holy Hour
8:30am Intentions of Dr. Jim Armitage
Requested by Ken Wright

Saturday May 20th
3:30pm Confessions

4:30pm +Brendan Carson
Requested by the Family

Sunday May 21st
9:00am For the People

11:00am +Tom McCarthy
Requested by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Janine Wright, Emilie Gosselin, Mark Zalter, Francesco Hoedl & Family.

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"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!"

Thus far, we have raised \$13,821.50 toward our goal of \$43,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

POPES PASTORAL WORKS

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

CWL RAFFLE TICKETS



The popular CWL fundraiser 50/50 draw will begin this weekend May 6/7. Tickets will be sold after the Masses. Be sure to buy that winning ticket. Help us to help the needy. Thank you

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