



**COME JOIN US!** The word from the bird is that the 4<sup>th</sup> Night of Fun and Family will be held 1 June 2019 following the 5:30 Mass! The theme is 1950's Sock Hop, so dig out your saddle shoes and get to this radioactive (cool, fabulous) event.

Start planning will enter into the test! One dish Start imagining a can make for the auction! Most of for a night of fun!



what dish you cooking con-meal or salad! basket you s i l e n t all get ready Baskets will

be available starting the second weekend in May. Potluck, trivia contest, DJ, and door prizes! Shhhhhh! I hear there is going to be a surprise at the party this year! Representatives will be available after each Mass on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of May, with your invite, entrance form for the cooking contest, and baskets for the silent auction.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** All information or announcements to be published in this bulletin must be submitted in writing at the parish office by 10am on Tuesday of each week. All request will have to be approved by Father David and will be published space permitted. Thank You.

**Answers to What's Your Catholic IQ?**

1. b) In the Litany of Saints, the first saint we invoke is Mary the Mother of God—considered the greatest of all saints.
2. c) October is the month of the Holy Rosary because the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7.
3. a) Leo the Great was pope from 440 to 461. Because of his great teachings, he is named as a Doctor of the Church. His feast is celebrated on November 10.
4. c) One full set of the Mysteries of the Rosary includes five mysteries. A decade of Hail Marys is prayed for each mystery (10 x 5 = 50) as well as the three Hail Marys prayed for an increase in faith, hope, and love at the beginning of the Rosary (50 + 3 = 53).
5. d) Many people mistakenly think that St. Peter's Basilica is the Cathedral Church of Rome. However, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, dedicated in 324, is the official Cathedral Church of Rome. The feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome is celebrated on November.

**Sister Judy Jones:** Is in an assisted living facility with a broken neck vertebrae. She was a great asset to St Patrick Church and School as well as working with the HIV communities. Please send her cards, letters, and prayers. She's very lonely, confined, and in pain. Your well wishing and correspondence will be greatly appreciated. She gave so much of herself. Now our congregation can give back to her. Thank you.  
Sister Judy Jones  
R124 Wesley Enhanced Living  
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**NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

- June 2: Catholic Communications
- June 16: Missionary Servants



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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 12, 2019**

**Pontius Pilate After the Crucifixion**

Towards the end of the second century AD, a pagan intellectual asked an uncomfortable question: Why hadn't God punished Pontius Pilate for his role in crucifying His Son? In Greek myths, Pilate would have been driven insane or torn apart. Yet, the Bible was silent on the matter. There are plenty of later Christian folk tales about Pilate after the Crucifixion, but they primarily come to us during the Medieval Period (roughly 800-1300). The only reliable statement we have about Pilate's life after his prefecture of Judea comes from the Jewish writer Josephus who himself was writing about 60 years after the events he describes. Josephus tells us that Pilate was recalled to Rome after mishandling a riot in AD 36. He was to appear before the Emperor Tiberius to answer for his actions, but the ailing emperor had died before Pilate reached Rome in March AD 37. By this time, Caligula was emperor. Josephus falls silent on the subject at this point, perhaps implying that Pilate's case fell through the cracks of imperial succession. The lack of a suitably grisly fate was a sticking point for some early Christian apologists.

Many different, often conflicting, legends grew up around the figure of Pontius Pilate concerning his life after the Gospel accounts. While some will be recounted here, it is worth pointing out that there is absolutely no reason to place any stock in these stories. Most are creations from the medieval period or earlier and they were basically biblical fan fiction. In the second century AD, a legend arose that Pilate became a convert to Christianity and wrote so convincingly about Christ in his reports to Emperor Tiberius that the emperor would have placed Jesus among the Roman gods had not the Senate refused.

As time wore on, Pilate came to be perceived differently in the West and the East. In the Western half of the Roman Empire, Pilate became cast more and more as a villain. After all, the Nicene Creed states bluntly that Christ "was crucified under Pontius Pilate". One legend states that life went downhill for Pilate after Good Friday and he eventually died from suicide in Rome during the reign of Caligula. When his body was thrown in the Tiber, the waters became so troubled by evil spirits that his body was rejected by the river. It was then taken to Vienna and thrown in the Rhone, which also rejected his corpse. The body was then sunk in the lake at Lausanne in Switzerland. This sequence of events was created to harmonize the various local traditions. It is said that his final resting place is in a deep and lonely mountain lake on a mountain near Lucerne, Switzerland, called Pilatus (actually the name is "pileatus" which means "cloud-capped") where he is said to emerge from the water every Good Friday and washes his hands.

In the East, however, they are kinder to Pilate's memory. One eastern text has Emperor Tiberius ordering Pilate to be beheaded for allowing the Crucifixion to go ahead in the first place. Pilate repents for his actions and then a voice from heaven proclaims that all nations will bless him because under his leadership, the prophecies about Christ were fulfilled.

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**OFFICE HOURS AND STAFF:**

Monday thru Friday from 9a.m. to 3p.m.

**Parish Secretary**

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**MASS SCHEDULE (EST)**

Monday: **NO MASS**

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am

Wed: 12:05pm Followed by Adoration

**WEEKEND MASSES (EST)**

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. English

Sunday: 8:30, 11:30 a.m., and 5p.m.

7:00 p.m. En Español

**Holy Days—as announced**

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Second Monday

of the month in the Parish Hall, 5:30 pm.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Every other

month on the Third Monday of in the

Parish Hall, at 5:30 pm

**OUTREACH SCHEDULE:** Wed. &

Fridays 9 to 11:30am **THE THRIFT**

**STORE** open Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays 10a.m.—2p.m.

**SACRAMENTS:** For preparation and

available dates for the sacraments:

Baptisms, Matrimony, or a special Mass,

please speak directly with Fr. David or

call the office.

**NEW IN OUR PARISH? Welcome!**

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<http://stpatsphenixcity.org>

click the Register Now button

and follow the instructions

to create a new user account and

register! Already register? go online!

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**Helpful Numbers**

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Thank You!



PRO-LIFE ROSARY, Every Saturday 5p.m.

Mass Intentions for this week

Saturday, May 18, 2019: 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, May 19, 2019: 8:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

7:00p.m. Misa en Español

Tuesday, May 21, 2019: 9am Mass

Followed by Adoration till 2pm

Thur., May 23, 2019: 9am Mass

Friday, May 24, 2019: 9am Isabel Salort; Rolando Marrero;

Pedro Marrero; Manuel Marrero; Orlando Colón; Gregorio

Colón; Hortensia Alfonso; Andrea Silva; Jose Luis Silva; Car-

los Juan Colón; Marcos Joel Rivera.

Scriptures for May 19—26, 2019

May 19 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 14: 21-27, Ps 145: 8-9. 10-11. 12-13, Rv 21: 1-5a, Jn 13: 31-33a. 34-35

May 20: Acts 14: 5-18, Ps 115: 1-2. 3-4. 15-16, Jn 14: 21-26

May 21: Acts 14: 19-28, Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13, Jn 14: 27-31a

May 22: Acts 15: 1-6, Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5, Jn 15: 1-8

May 23: Acts 15: 7-21, Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 10, Jn 15: 9-11

May 24: Acts 15: 22-31, Ps 57: 8-9. 10 and 12, Jn 15: 12-17

May 25: Acts 16: 1-10, Ps 100: 1b-2 - 5, Jn 15: 18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Rev 21:1-0-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29



ALTAR FLOWERS: Call the office to reserve a date for your floral offering to God in memory or honor of a love one (334) 298-9025.

(Continuation from front page) This particular story ends with an angel taking charge of Pilate's now severed head. In some accounts, he and his family are buried next to the tomb of Jesus. In the Gospel of Matthew, Pilate's wife warns her husband not to harm Jesus and for this she was granted sainthood among some Eastern Orthodox Christians. The Coptics Christians and the Christians of Ethiopia went a step further and canonized Pilate himself.

Those of us familiar with the western tradition may find the idea of St. Pontius Pilate curious or even absurd, but the fascination with Pilate endures. The man who cross examined and crucified Jesus remains an enigma, a shadowy metaphor for opposites: equivocation and stubbornness, cowardice and heroism, cruelty and clemency. His dilemma – to do the right thing or the popular thing – is every ruler's quandary. Perhaps that's why some can sympathize with him because we too must sometimes face a difficult choice; though, fortunately for us, its legacy is likely to be less enduring.

Adapted from the Catholic Encyclopedia and an article by Professor Kevin Butcher

May 19, 2019 John 13:31-33a, 34-35



The Proof is in the Pudding

Our culture is filled with proverbs about the contrast between what we say and what we do. It is a long accepted truth of human nature that "actions speak louder than words". You hear what someone says and believe them to be good, kind, generous or loving, but until you've seen them in action you've only heard words. The proof, as it were, is in the pudding.

Christ himself has given us the same standard of measure in today's gospel. "All will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." We are to love one another, actively and consistently. And it by these actions of Christian love and compassion that we will be known as Jesus' disciples, not by using the label Christian for ourselves. Take a moment today to ask, has my active love for others spoken more loudly than my words?

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LAZARUS: We are in need of the following Hygiene products: Tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, bath soap, deodorants, for men and women and children God bless you for your generosity!

EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS:

Father David: (229) 205-8520

Father Marco: (334) 540-1445

Father Raul: (229) 726-5481

For all other inquires please call parish office during regular office hours.



DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: We will continue our study of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary reading the St. Louis De Montfort Book "True Devotion to Mary" on Sunday May 26th after the 11:30am Mass in our parish hall. Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion and share the potluck lunch. For questions Steve Carriee for questions 706-593-4080.



Marriage Minute

Thank your spouse for something s/he does for you, especially on a daily basis. A text mid-day or a welcome home "thank you" goes a long way.



PARISHIONERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS: Jake Ryan, Jed Hardy and Greg Craig are deployed please keep them in your prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Carol Blythe, Carmela Lugo, Roxana Navarro, Hannolore Davis, Harry Sellers, Jim Lowery, Gary Nearhoof, Emerson Horner, Roger Sigmon, Sr. Judy Jones, Carol Blythe, Thomas Walton, Maria Laura, Oscar & Betty Horton, Eugenie Konde-Ayinde, Carol Blythe. Your love one's name will appear on our list for at least four consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please renew your request by calling the office. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN: We want to help you storm heaven with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.



CONGRATULATIONS! The Knights of Columbus council 13415 will recognize our 2019 High School Seniors & award our Academic achievement award to all eligible recipients. Please contact Johnny Rodriguez, (706)587-5532, for qualifications & details by June 1st. Congratulations to all of our Graduates!



YOUTH GROUP: Come join Us! Youth Group meeting Monday May 20 @ 6:00 PM, in our Parish Hall. You don't want to miss it!

Happy Birthday!

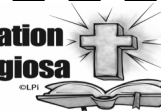
- May 11: Miguel Lopez
- May 16: Barney Herrera
- May 18: Urbano Benitez Cruz
- May 19: Ralph Green
- May 25: Gary Nearhoof Chase Guermonprez
- May 31: Fr. Rigoberto Chavez S.T.



- Congratulations on your Anniversary!
- May 28: Betty & Will Alexander Wedding Ann.
- May 31: Pam & Roger Sigmon Wedding Ann. Fr. Tom Weise Ordination Anniversary!
- Have a Birthday or Anniversary coming up?



Religious Education Educación Religiosa



Religious Education:

This year our Catholic Vacation Bible School (CVBS) is ROAR! We will arrive in the African savanna (the Parish Hall on 17 June, until 21 June, 9am until 12pm (noon)! Sign up sheets will be located in the vestibule of the Church, or by calling me, and I can email you one! It is sure to be a grand time!

If you would like to volunteer, see Lisa Flatt ASAP, so we can get you certified! Come and have a GRRRRReat time! ROAR!

Thank you to everyone that helped made the First Communion retreat a success!

11 May 2019 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat – Mandatory.

18 May 2019 – 12:00 pm (noon) – 1st Holy Communion Arrive 1 hour early for pictures.

25 May 2019 – Confirmation Interviews.

17 – 21 June 2019 – 9am – 12pm (noon) Catholic VBS – ROAR

13 July 2019 – 11:30 am – Confirmation – Must arrive 1 hour early.

14 -19 July 2019 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) Kids Cooking Class.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)! Its for anyone that would like to learn more about our Faith. Adult Formation meets every Thursday from 6:45 pm, until 8:00 pm. All are welcome!

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

1. The first Saint(s) invoked in the Litany of Saints is (are) a) St. Peter b) Holy Mary, Mother of God c) Holy Angels of God d) St. John the Baptist
2. In the Catholic Church, the month of October is dedicated to a) All Souls b) Scripture c) the Holy Rosary d) the Eucharist
3. Of the following saints whose feasts are celebrated during October and November, who was a pope? a) Leo the Great b) Albert the Great c) Ignatius of Antioch d) Charles Borromeo
4. When praying one full set of the Mysteries of the Rosary, how many Hail Marys will be recited? a) 50 b) 212 c) 53 d) 13
5. The Cathedral Church of Rome is a) St. Peter's (b) Castel Gandolfo c) St. Mary Major d) St. John Lateran

Answers are in the back!

BLESSING OF AGING: Everyone is invited to join us every Wednesday from May 15 thru June 12 @ 10am in the Parish Hall. For questions please contact Claudette Burque: caburque@bellsouth.