

# Welcome!

## 13th Bishop of Columbus



**THE MOST REVEREND  
EARL K. FERNANDES**

Appointed by Pope Francis on April 2, 2022, as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Reverend Earl K. Fernandes succeeds The Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, who was installed as the 8th Bishop of Brooklyn on November 21, 2021. Fr. Fernandes, 49, was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio by the Most Reverend Daniel Pilarczyk on May 18, 2002. He most recently served as the pastor of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Cincinnati.

"I look forward to meeting the People of God – the priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese of Columbus – and to collaborating with them in announcing the joyful Good News and building the Kingdom of God. I ask for your prayers, not only for me but also for our Diocese, that the Holy Spirit may enkindle in all of us the fire of His Divine Love. May God grant me the grace to serve His people well and to be an ardent yet gentle shepherd, whose heart is formed after the Heart of Jesus."

### **VESPERS**

*By invitation only | Livestream from  
St. Andrew Catholic Church  
May 30 at 7:00 p.m.*

### **MASS OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

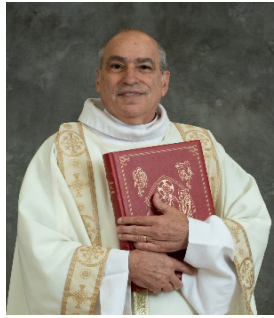
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May 31 at 2:00 p.m.*



**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**From the Deacon's Desk**

**Dear friends in Christ,**



Whenever we leave our home or a friend, we often say, "I'll be right back," or "See you soon!" That gives the reassurance that our loved ones will see us again. Even at the end of the day, we say "good night" before we go to bed. We all need to know that tomorrow will come, and we will all be there together. **Jesus** leaves us with such a promise. In today's **Gospel**, **Jesus** is telling us that He will always be with us through life's rough spots and will return.

**The Feast of the Ascension** is not about how or when this event happened. It is not so much that **Jesus** leaves the earth, but we need to understand what it is that happened. The **Ascension** is about **Jesus** assuming the authority He won in His death and Resurrection. Today, we watch with the disciples. The angels tell us to stop staring at the sky. **Jesus** wants us to stop dreaming about the possibilities of discipleship and start the mission.

As we approach the table of the **Lord**, may we accept the challenge to become what we have eaten. Our **amen says yes** to being **Christ** to one another. At this table **Jesus' Ascension** allows Him to live with us all the days of our lives.

**Saint John the Baptist pray for us.**  
**Happy Memorial Day,**  
**Deacon Frank**

**P.S.** – Please join me today in welcoming **Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp** from **Our Lady of Peace Parish** as our "Deacon of the Month." I am also very grateful to **Fr. Charles Klinger** for joining us this weekend as the month of **May** has five **Sundays**. **Fr. Klinger** graciously offered to take another weekend to celebrate **Mass** for us.

**P.P.S.** – Remember to keep in your prayers **Bishop Earl Fernandes** who will be ordained and installed as the **13th Bishop of Columbus**. May he be a true gift to all of us in our diocese. **Ad multos annos!**

The **Mass** is available on **St. John's Facebook** page or **YouTube** channel, **Saint John the Baptist, Cbus**. Go to our **website: www.sjbitaliana.com** under **Livestream Mass**.

If you would also like to join me for daily **Mass** at **St. Brigid of Kildare**, please go to the **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and to the **St. Brigid parish Facebook page**.

**Mass celebrant for June 5, 2022, is Msgr. Cody, assisted by Deacon Frank**

**Confessions Heard before Mass Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>                | <b>May 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m.</b>     |
| <b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>     | Valerie Milano, Ed Pagnanelli      |
| <b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b> | Sharon D'Alberto, Albert Iosue     |
| <b>Sunday</b>                | <b>May 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m.</b>     |
| <b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>     | Davide Cugini, Landa Brunetto      |
| <b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b> | Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti |

**PARISH INFORMATION**  
*The Italian Catholic Community at*  
**St. John the Baptist**  
 Corner of E. Lincoln and Hamlet Streets  
 Church Mailing Address: 168 E. Lincoln Street  
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 (614) 294-5319 • Fax: (614) 294-4303  
 Livestream our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our  
**St. John the Baptist Facebook page or YouTube channel,**  
**Saint John the Baptist, Cbus, by visiting our website**  
[www.sjbitaliana.com](http://www.sjbitaliana.com)

**Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,**  
**Monday through Friday.**

**In Observation of Memorial Day, May 30,**  
**the office will be closed and reopen Tuesday, May 31st.**

**Email: info@sjbitaliana.org**

**Deacon Frank Iannarino** – Administrator/Rector  
**Msgr. John Cody** – Retired/Holy Service on weekends  
**Father Charles Klinger** – Retired/Holy Service on weekends  
**Father Charles Cotton** – Retired/Holy Service on weekends  
**Father Paul Noble** – Holy Service on weekends  
**Father Antonio Kim** – Chaplain, Korean Catholic Community  
**Ms. Aggie Howard** – Executive Assistant  
**Ms. Victoria Gammell** – Secretary and Bulletin Editor  
**Ms. Gina Bishop** – Director of Liturgy  
**Mr. John Huffman** – Organist and Musical consultant

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday  
**Sacrament of Penance** –  
 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)  
**Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism Preparation**  
 (by appointment)  
**Sacrament of Matrimony**  
 (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)  
**Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults**  
 (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)  
**Saint John Italian Festival**  
 (please visit our website for more information)  
**Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall**  
 (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)  
**Bulletin Deadline:** Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday at noon.**

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

|                  |                  |   |
|------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Sun. 5/29</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> | <b>George, Annabell, &amp; John Clifford</b><br>by Patty Weimer |
|                  |                  | <b>Phyllis N. Militello</b> by Joanne Mangini                   |
|                  |                  | <b>Bruno Masdea</b> by Landa & Rick Brunetto                    |
| <b>Sun. 6/5</b>  | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Danny LaPenna</b> by Betty Burnett                           |
|                  |                  | <b>Gus and Kay Iannarino</b><br>by Victoria Gammell & Family    |
|                  |                  | <b>Tony Volpe</b> by Mary Alice Cua                             |

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**  
**Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone** by Carl Tisone  
**Blessed Sacrament: Sharon Koon** by Chris Soteriades

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL  
AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\***

\*\*If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village, and Mary Spellacy who is residing at Friendship Village in Dublin. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, James Graf, Guy Williams, John Contino, and Roger Myers.

**The Rosary before Mass on Sunday:** We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact Kevin Koesters at 937-902-7446 or via email at k.koesters32@gmail.com. Leaders for May and June are:

- May 29 Maria Rimmel
- June 5 Gary Bosco
- June 12 Kevin Koesters

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

|  |  |
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| 5/29 Sun.  | <b>SJB-LeDonne Group Mtg after Mass – Marrapese</b><br>11:00 a.m.<br><b>KCC Religious Education – Library-Classroom</b><br>11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.<br><b>KCC – Use of Marrapese Kitchen</b><br>11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.<br><b>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</b><br>12:00 Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass |
| 5/30 Mon.  | <b>Memorial Day – Office Closed</b><br>No Rotary Luncheon  |
| 6/2 Thurs.   | <b>KCC Adoration – Fr. Kim</b><br>8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  |
| 6/3 Fri.   | <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</b><br>7:00 p.m.   |
| <b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b> |  |

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

May 22, 2022

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 29

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Regular Envelopes:          | \$ 1,775.00 |
| Loose:                      | \$ 183.00   |
| Holy Day:                   | \$ 30.00    |
| Total                       | \$ 1,988.00 |
| Less Diocesan 6% Assessment | \$ (119.28) |
|                             | \$ 1,868.72 |
| Votives                     | \$ 45.00    |
| 50/50 Drawing               | \$ 20.00    |
| Total                       | \$ 65.00    |

**HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? \$ ? \$ ?**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/21 – 6/30/22)**

|            | Budgeted     | Actual       | Difference (\$) | (%)  |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------|
| This Week: | \$2,885.00   | \$1,988.00   | -\$ 897.00      | -31% |
| FYTD:      | \$135,595.00 | \$123,874.55 | -\$11,720.45    | -9%  |

**SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

Darlene Rauch and Victoria Gammell

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 6, 2022**

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard



**BANNS of MARRIAGE**

Marc Elberson and Lyndsay Stewart

June 17, 2022

**PAVERS:** The front Pavilion of St. John's Church is covered with Pavers. These Pavers are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of St. John's at 614-294-5319.

**St. Anthony of Padua Celebration:** Our annual St. Anthony of Padua celebration will be held Sunday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. Please note that the Mass time is changed for June 12 only. We will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the band leading the procession carrying the statue of St. Anthony. We encourage all parishioners, friends and their children to participate in the procession. Anyone wishing to dress their child in a monk costume, please be at Marrapese Hall by 9:30 a.m. Mass will follow at 10:00 a.m. concluding with the blessing and distribution of St. Anthony's bread. A reception will follow in Sala Hall.

**The San Giovanni Italian Folk Dancers** would like to start a children's dance group with the option of performing in this year's Columbus Italian Festival. Please contact Dianne Monroe at diannesmonroe@gmail.com or text 614-889-5930 to indicate an interest in participating or for more information about the group. We are looking forward to teaching your children some Italian folk dances!

**FUTURE ITALIAN FESTIVAL MEETINGS FOR 2022**

| Date         | Executive Board | General   |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| June 20      | 6:30 p.m.       |           |
| July 11      |                 | 6:00 p.m. |
| July 25      | 6:30 p.m.       |           |
| August 1     |                 | 6:00 p.m. |
| August 22    | 6:30 p.m.       |           |
| September 12 | 6:30 p.m.       |           |
| September 26 | 5:30 p.m.       | 6:30 p.m. |

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REGULAR  
MASS SCHEDULE**

| Catholic Churches             | Saturday               | Sunday  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| St. Patrick's                 | 7:00 a.m.<br>5:00 p.m. | 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,<br>10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. |
| Sacred Heart Church           | 4:00 p.m.              | 11:00 a.m.                                      |
| St. Joseph Cathedral          | 5:15 p.m.              | 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,<br>12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m. |
| St. Mary,<br>Mother of God GV | 4:00 p.m.              | 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.                           |
| St. Francis Assisi            | No Mass                | 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.                           |

**There's Still Time to Give to the BAA:** Your gift to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal is vital to the success of this diocesan-wide campaign and will benefit our parish. As of May 21, St. John's has received pledges of \$3,435.00 towards our parish goal of \$17,184.43 which brings our new parish goal to \$13,749.43. Thank you to all those families that have made a gift or pledge. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray for the success of the Appeal and remember no amount of giving is too small.



Thank you for your support to the Bishop's Annual Appeal

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mr. & Ms. Antonio D'Alberto | Mr. Keith Pecinovskiy |
| Vienna D'Alberto            | Gilda Savko           |
| John & Carolyn Fabbro       | Amalee Soteriades     |
| Betty Jo LaPenna            | Jeffrey Squeo         |
| Margaret Contino            | Carl Tisone           |
| Giuseppina Cugini           | Ruth Bianco           |
| Andrew & Catherine Mirolo   | Gretchen Heininger    |
| Felix & Bianca Milano       | Patrick Rossetti      |
| Teresa Metcalf              | Dale Romick           |
| Rosemary Colak              | David & Rita Kreuzer  |
| H. James & Yancey Zimmer    |                       |

## AROUND US

**Liturgical Calendar:** The entire month of **May** falls within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The month of **May** is also dedicated to **Our Blessed Lady**. During this month, **Christians**, both in church and in the privacy of their homes, offer up to **Mary** from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of **God's** mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance.

**The Catholic Home Missions Collection** is the weekend of **June 4-5**. Thanks to your support for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, more than **80** dioceses are forming energetic and joyful disciples.

**Catholic Men's Luncheon Club – Friday, June 3, 2022:** **Father Stash Dailey** returns and presents the final of his four-part series entitled **"REBUILDING A CHRISTIAN CULTURE."** Please join us **Friday, June 3** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for lunch followed by **Fr. Dailey's** talk, **"Sacred Heart of Jesus: Frequent Encounters with Jesus** in Scripture, in **Adoration**, in the **Holy Mass.**" **Holy Mass** (optional) begins at **11:45 a.m.** followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Fr. Dailey's** talk. Free parking available in the **Columbus State Grant Avenue** parking lot (25-S) across the street from **St. Patrick**. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! This is our last luncheon before our summer break. Our first **Friday** luncheons will resume on **Friday, September 2, 2022**.

**Register Today for the Rescue Project LIVE experience with Fr. John Riccardo on June 18:** The **Rescue Project Live** will engage you to answer the deepest cry of your heart. We live in a confusing time, and we need unshakable confidence in **Jesus** to live life passionately and with a clear purpose. Join **Fr. John Riccardo** for the first-ever **Rescue Project LIVE**, a one-day experience at the **Ohio Expo Center** in **Columbus, Ohio** on **June 18th, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.** You will be blessed by the music of **Damascus Worship** throughout this experience. **Space** is limited so register early. You. Truly. Matter. Visit [stgabrielradio.com](http://stgabrielradio.com) to register.

**Sunday, May 29, Catholic Cemeteries Memorial Day Masses:** **St. Joseph – 11:00 Mass, 12:00 Military Service; Mt. Calvary – 11:00 Mass; Holy Cross – 10:30 Military Service, 11:00 Mass; Resurrection – 12:00 Military Service, 1:00 Mass.**

**Mini-Retreat for Couples Challenged with Infertility:** The **Marriage & Family Life Office** and **Springs** in the **Desert** are co-sponsoring a free morning event at **St. Matthew Parish** on **June 25** for couples carrying the cross of infertility. For more information and to register, please direct couples to [springsinthedesert.org/columbus](http://springsinthedesert.org/columbus).

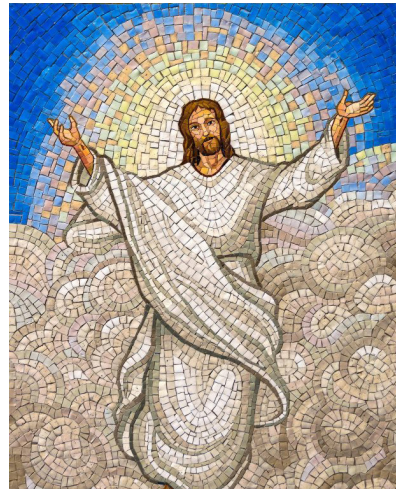
## Relics of Saint Bernadette Coming to the Diocese of Columbus:

The relic of **St. Bernadette Soubirous**, to whom the **Virgin Mary** appeared in **1858** at **Lourdes, France**, is touring the **United States** and will be displayed for veneration at two parishes of the **Diocese of Columbus** in **June**. The relic will be at **Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 E. Highland Avenue**, from **Thursday, June 2** to **Saturday, June 4**, when it will be transferred to **Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, 1343 Wheeling Road**, for veneration until **Monday, June 6**, the **Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church**. For more information and a schedule of events go to: [catholictimescolumbus.org/news/the-catholic-times/relic-of-st-bernadette-to-visit-diocese](http://catholictimescolumbus.org/news/the-catholic-times/relic-of-st-bernadette-to-visit-diocese).

**Ascension Sunday:** At the end of **His** earthly life, **Jesus** ascends triumphantly into heaven. The **Church** acclaim **Him** in **His** holy humanity, invited to sit at the **Father's** right hand and to share **His** glory. But **Christ's Ascension** is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the **Church** looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with **Him** in **His** own person: **"for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him"** (St. Leo).



**"We should not fear the crises of life and faith. Crises help us recognize that we need God and thus allow us to return to the Lord, to experience His love anew."**



### Prayer:

*Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ Your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen*

## MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen



## Sunday, May 29, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Hear me out

Pope Francis chose one word for the theme of this year's World Communications Day: "Listen!" Since the pandemic has spared no one, we each carry wounds that need to be acknowledged and healed. Dialogue isn't all about talking, the pope notes. At least half the time we should be listening, a task requiring humility in order to receive the truth of another person's experience. At the same time, the quest for truth involves the discernment of reliable information. We begin with the courage to listen, free of prejudice or agenda. Only then can we find our way together to the light.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26 (61). *"That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you."*

## Monday, May 30, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Give thanks for reverse mission

Membership in the Catholic Church in the Western world is declining. It's painful for those who remain to see fewer and fewer people in the pews—or worse, to experience the closing of their parishes. It can seem like the church is on the ropes. But stop to think: There are an estimated 1.2 billion Roman Catholics in the world—more than 40 percent of them in Latin America, and the largest growth is in Africa and Asia. Many U.S. Catholic parishes now have priests from those regions. Consider how the Holy Spirit might be at work, with those the West once missioned to now missioning to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

## Tuesday, May 31, 2022

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Moved by the Spirit

The scene of Elizabeth greeting Mary, both carrying miraculous pregnancies, is blessedly familiar to Catholic ears. Our "Hail Mary" prayer comes from this encounter. And we hear that even *in utero* John the Baptist recognizes Jesus and leaps for joy. But Saint Ambrose makes an observation about this visit that's easy to miss: "Mary sets out for the hill country . . . She goes eager in purpose, dutiful in conscience, hastening for joy. Filled with God, where would she hasten but to the heights? The Holy Spirit does not proceed by slow, laborious efforts." When has the Holy Spirit prompted you to act in joyful haste?

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). *"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

## Wednesday, Jun 01, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

### Give thanks to those who gave it all

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Justin, a figure known for his philosophical prowess, as well as his astute defense of the Christian faith during the second century. His writings are some of the earliest among the church fathers, making his comments on subjects like the sacraments a vital source of information about what the early church believed. He stood out as one arguing for the proto-Christian nature of Greek philosophers such as Socrates

and Plato and sought to use their ideas to explain and spread the faith among his non-Christian contemporaries. These included hostile Roman emperors, and Justin was eventually martyred alongside several of his students. Give thanks for the early witnesses who contributed so dearly to the deposit of faith we have inherited.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world."*

## Thursday, Jun 02, 2022

MEMORIAL OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

### May we all get to rest in peace

Little is known historically about early Christians Marcellinus and Peter, martyred in 304. It is said they were killed at an out-of-the-way location by hostile Roman authorities so that other Christians would not have a chance to bury and venerate their bodies. Even so, it is said they peacefully and without protest cleared the spot chosen for their death, an overgrown thicket three miles from Rome. The fact they could die with peaceful hearts indicates the strength of their faith and trust. Pray that we too can find that peace when we come to our own time and place of final repose.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"[May] the love with which you loved me . . . be in them and I in them."*

## Friday, Jun 03, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### The Spirit is on the move

The astounding growth of the Catholic Church in Africa has not come easily. Many a martyr died along the way, including Charles Lwanga and his companions of Uganda, martyred in 1895. From modest beginnings, there are now well over 13 million Catholics in Uganda—40 percent of the population—and continent-wide, Catholic Church membership rose from 2 million in 1900 to 140 million in 2000. In 2009, when Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI visited Africa, the total had grown to an estimated 158 million. By 2025, one-sixth (230 million) of the world's Catholics are expected to be Africans. Give thanks for the flourishing of the Spirit worldwide.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God."*

## Saturday, Jun 04, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY; SHAVUOT

### May the harvest be plentiful

Today is the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks. It is the Biblical celebration of the wheat harvest (Exodus 34:22) and, in the Orthodox Jewish tradition, the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. It's called "weeks" because it commemorates the counting of seven weeks from the barley harvest to the wheat harvest, or from the Passover to today. It has a parallel in our Christian tradition of counting from Easter to Pentecost, a word that means "fiftieth," celebrated tomorrow. One of the modern customs celebrated on Shavuot is presenting to the community babies born during the year. Let's pray for all the babies we know who have made it to birth this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *"There are also many other things that Jesus did."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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