

PASTOR'S CORNER

My Dear Faithful,

Life can look very bleak at times. Evil surrounding us and relief seemingly so far away, the temptation to lose hope is a real one. To fight this temptation, let us look to Our Lady who is “our life, our sweetness and *our hope*.”

“Our Lady of Hope” is the title given to a little known apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary which took place in the little village of Pontmain in North-western France on the night of January 17, 1871. As twilight set in over the village, Our Lady appeared over the housetops to bring hope to the villagers who were oppressed by the fear of the invading Prussian army only miles away. The Queen of Heaven brought the villagers this message of hope: “But pray my children. God will hear you in a short time. My Son allows Himself to be moved with compassion.” Touching words! Through her most powerful intercession, she moves her Son to take compassion on our miseries, assuring us that He will answer our prayers. That night hope was restored to the village as the Prussian army was suddenly and inexplicably given orders to cease their offensive. The general of the army was reported to have said on the occasion, “We cannot go farther. Yonder, in the direction of Brittany, there is an invisible Madonna barring the way.” The village was saved.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our hope, conquering the armies set against us. How can she fail to be our hope when we know her to hold *all* graces in her immaculate hands? Her Son has placed them there and He allows her to distribute them as she wills. Every grace we receive, down to the very smallest, passes through her hands, and she is a most tender Mother, ever ready to bestow those graces on her children in whatever need they find themselves. They are theirs only for the asking. Even the most hopeless sinners have found grace through her. She, indeed, is the hope of the hopeless.

The Mother of Holy Hope wants us to do so much more than to call on her in moments of desperation, however. She wants us to live a *life* of hope, being “singularly settled in hope”, according to the expression of the Psalmist. We remember that hope is the theological virtue that enables us to trust with unshakable confidence that God will bestow heavenly happiness on us and that He will give us all the means to reach that reward. Thus, hope acts as an anchor fixing our gaze on heaven and giving us stability in all the trials and temptations of this life. Through the firm confidence it grants—confidence founded upon the promises of God—it prevents us from succumbing to sadness and despair amid the trials and temptations of this valley of tears. Temptation has no power over the soul of hope since, through hope, it realizes that it is only a “stranger and pilgrim”, as St. Peter tells us. Crosses and trials cannot weigh it down, either, since, through hope, it sees them as the indispensable means for earning heavenly happiness for itself and others: “You shall be made sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.”

The Mother of Holy Hope gives us a remarkable example of a life of hope. Free from every taint of sin, there was nothing that could draw her gaze from heaven; the pleasures this earth affords had no attraction for her. Living with her gaze ever fixed on heaven, she passed through the greatest trial against hope that a soul could ever have undergone when she stood at the foot of the Cross. She saw the apparent victory of evil but remained “singularly settled in hope”, and through this hope she arrived at the joy of the Resurrection. Her sorrow was turned to the greatest joy.

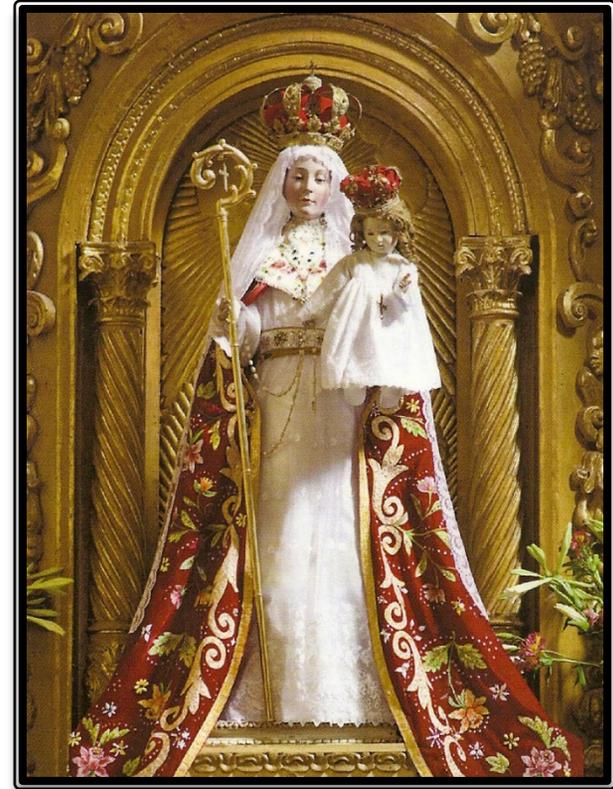
The Rosary is one of the most powerful means for us to live a life of hope. Through its recitation we contemplate the example of the Mother of Holy Hope and we beg her for the graces we need to live with our gaze fixed on heaven as she did. What better means for us to live “singularly settled in hope” than through the daily recitation of the Rosary? As we pray it, let us look to the Mother of Holy Hope who is the lighthouse giving hope to us poor sailors tossed on the stormy sea. We must thank God for giving us such a Mother, who truly is “our life, our sweetness and *our hope*!”

With my prayers,
Fr. Nicholas McManus

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Society of St. Pius X
Traditional Latin Mass



MAY 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	FEAST	MASS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday, May 8	Our Lady on Saturdays	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, May 9	Fifth Sunday after Easter	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, May 16	Sunday after the Ascension	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Saturday, May 22	Vigil of Pentecost	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, May 23	PENTECOST SUNDAY	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, May 30	Trinity Sunday	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, June 6	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	1:00 PM†	12:00 PM
† High Mass Followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.			

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COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Operating expenses for OLGS.
Second Collections	<i>Please write the purpose of your donation on the memo line on your check</i>
-Sunday, May 2	St. Isidore's Priory
-Sunday, May 16	OLGS Building Fund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Month of Our Lady.** The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate the feast of her Queenship on Monday, May 31. Special devotions to Our Lady during this month are strongly encouraged. The addition of the Litany of Our Lady to your daily family Rosary is one simple way to practice greater devotion to her during May. Hail Holy Queen!
- **May Crowning** will take place at the beginning of Mass today, Sunday, May 2. The parish is welcome to bring flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the month of May.
- **Ascension Thursday**, May 13, is a holy day of obligation. There will be no Mass that day, but there will be a Holy Hour at 5:30 PM. If you are not able to make the Holy Hour, please be sure to sanctify the day by praying the Rosary, reading the propers of the Mass and refraining from unnecessary servile work.
- **Upcoming Days of Fast and Abstinence.** Though these no longer bind under pain of mortal sin, the faithful are strongly encouraged to follow these traditional practices.
 - **The Vigil of Pentecost**, Saturday, May 22 is a traditional day of fast and partial abstinence.
 - **The Summer Ember Days** during the Octave of Pentecost fall on May 26, 28 and 29. Ember Wednesday and Saturday are traditional days of fast and partial abstinence and Ember Friday of fast and complete abstinence.
- **Holy Name Society.** Members will receive Holy Communion together and recite their pledge after Mass on Sunday, May 9.
- **Mothers of Lu Prayer** will be recited at the Communion rail after Mass on Sunday, May 2.
- **The Eucharistic Crusade** will have an enrollment and promotion ceremony on Sunday, May 16 during Mass. The intention for May is "To thank Our Blessed Lady and to pray that she be better loved".
- **Adult Catechism Class.** Please join us in the church basement after Mass on Sunday, May 16 for adult catechism followed by a potluck.
- **Visiting Priest.** Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Paul Robinson who will be visiting on Sunday, May 23.
- **Easter Communion.** The faithful are reminded of their grave obligation to receive Communion during Easter time, which in the United States is from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.
- **OLHCA Jogathon.** Our Lady Help of Christians Academy in Watkins, CO is holding their annual Jogathon fundraiser. Donations are used to pay for the operation expenses of the academy. The run around an 1/8-mile track will be held on Thursday, May 20. *Please consider sponsoring Fr. McManus with a per lap pledge or a one-time donation!* For more details, please see the poster in the vestibule.
- **Summer Retreats and Camps.** Please see the information in the vestibule.
- **Banns for Marriage.** The banns of marriage are announced for Joseph Christopher Hohman, formerly of the Mission of the Guardian Angels in Manning, ND, and Elizabeth Ann Manganaro of Verona, PA. They are to be married on July 9, 2021 in the Church of St. James in Pittsburg, PA. Any persons knowing of any impediments to this union are obliged, under conscience, to notify Fr. McManus as soon as possible.