



Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue

Today's readings tell us of the Church's universality.

The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but from its beginning it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism. The next week the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

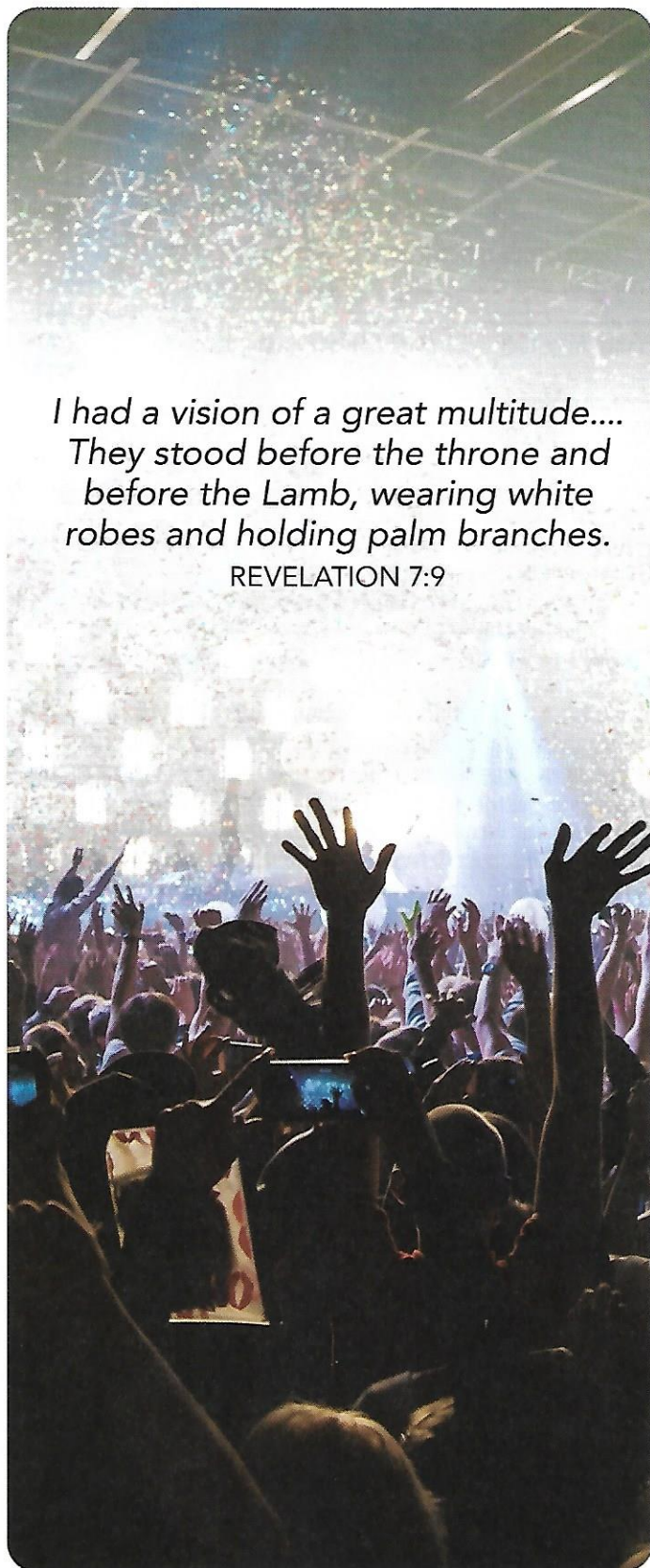
We know that many Jewish-Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement (see Acts 15:1). They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by “every nation, race, people, and tongue” (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected because what really unites them is the “blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✳ *How open are you to people of other nations, races, or tongues?*
- ✳ *What might you learn from people with different backgrounds?*



*I had a vision of a great multitude....
They stood before the throne and
before the Lamb, wearing white
robes and holding palm branches.*

REVELATION 7:9

Dear Padre,

Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter

the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear....The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."

EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Calendar

Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Sunday

MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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MAY 8, 2022 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

NO Mass - Montgomery City
5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
+Lorraine Brower



8: 30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Ruth
Huenefeld
8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Patrick
Zumwalt

5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Diane Happe

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Church & School Financial Report:

May 29th -

Income	Expenses	Difference
\$58,446.56	\$43,417.50	\$15,029.06
\$542,924.08	\$468,972.36	\$73,951.72

Last Week's Envelopes: 69 of 189

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

To Become a Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment

Liturgical Ministers for May 15th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	NO MASS	Michael Readey
Children's Liturgy	NO MASS	None at this time
Communion Minister	NO MASS	Jerry Witthaus
Ministers of Hospitality	NO MASS	Dana Schneider & Brady Craven Ron & Dianne Talley
Servers	NO MASS	Owen Merz Elizabeth Schierhoff
Gift Bearers	NO MASS	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	NO MASS	Cathy McCormack Pam Schwartz

**Bishop
McKnight's
May
prayer
intention for our
Local Church is:**

For all expectant mothers, biological and adoptive; that through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, they may prepare for the new life in the womb and may receive the support of a nurturing community of faith in the raising of their children.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, May 9th	NO MASS
Tuesday, May 10th	5:30 PM MASS - Montgomery City
Wednesday, May 11th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, May 12th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, May 13th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, May 14th	5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Sunday, May 15th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, May 9th	
Tuesday, May 10th	6:00 AM-5:00 PM - Adoration 1:00 PM - KofC Ladies Aux. Mtg.
Wednesday, May 11th	
Thursday, May 12th	10:00 AM-Ministerial Alliance Mtg
Friday, May 13th	8:00 AM - Kindergarten & 8th Gr. Graduation During Mass
Saturday, May 14th	
Sunday, May 15th	

Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!

Michael & Lori Scott - 31 years of marriage on May 11th
Aaron & Brenda Knapp - 20 years of marriage on May 11th

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements \$ 105.00

Special Collections:

Holy Day (Ascension) \$ 35.00
Catholic Home Missions \$ 50.00
Bulletin Ad (6 months) \$ 75.00

Welcome New Parishioners!

We want to welcome Jeffrey & Latricia Ferguson and their family, Kannen (9th Grade), Maxton (8th Grade), Kaysen (5th Grade) and Baby Girl who is expected in June. They recently moved to the Montgomery City area. Jeffrey is a machine maintainer and Latricia is a teacher. We look forward to getting to know you!



Graduates Honored at Mass

Sunday, May 22, 2022 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass Immaculate Conception Church will be honoring parish high school and post-secondary graduates. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gown at the Mass. This includes high school and any type of graduation or certification after high school. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a student that has graduated in the past year.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



This is a special day in which we honor the woman who has touched our lives in a very special way, our mother. From the day she held us in her arms we felt a unique bond with her.

She is the woman who holds us when we have scary dreams at night and reassures us that it will be alright. She kisses and bandages all our "boo boo's" even if none can be seen. She encourages us to be what we can be while guiding us along life's rough road as we mature year after year. She is the one who gives the whole family strength, love, reassurances, hope, caring, and so much more that mere words cannot convey the wealth of her essence. This woman gives her love unconditionally because her love is that remarkable.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY with love from your child(ren)!

Rosary Rally

On Saturday, May 14th at Noon, there will be a Rosary Rally at church. It is in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and her appearance to the 3 children in Fatima Portugal. We will also be praying for the intention of our country. Please bring a lawn chair. If the weather is favorable, the rosary will be said outside by Mary's statue. We hope you will be able to join us!



Mother's Day Rose Fundraiser



Birthright will be selling long-stem silk roses for \$2.00 a rose after Sunday morning Mass on Mother's Day, May 8th.

Immaculate Conception School News



Immaculate Conception School Early Bird
Registration will end on May 20. Please register your child
now for the extra savings.

May 10th - ICS Field Day in PE
May 13th - Kindergarten and 8th Grade promotion at 8am Mass
May 16th - School in Session
May 19th - ICS Last Day of School

IC Scrip Program



Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC
School Scrip Program, the school receives a per-
centage of the purchase price. The percentage
will vary from one company to another but there
is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you
\$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend
anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the
cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after
Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also
go online to www.RaiseRight.com to create an account to pur-
chase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for
physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith,
coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

Thank You!

The KOC Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who
supported their 5th Annual Spaghetti Luncheon on April 29th.
It was a great success! God Bless you all!

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN!

Please take a moment
before June 1 to complete
a short online survey to
help us assess programming
needs in our diocese.

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Women's Ministry

EMBRACE, INSPIRE, ARISE

Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)

May 10th - Second Tuesday Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of
Sorrows in Starkenburg at noon. Confession and
rosary before Mass. Luncheon following Mass in
Valentine Hall.

Volunteer Mowers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help mow grass
at the school. The Knights of Columbus usually
takes care of it, but they could use some help!
Please contact Dennis Cobb (573) 253-9257 if
you are willing to "give us a hand".



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Spring Pilgrimage

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg, Mo. Annual
Spring Pilgrimage will be on Sunday, May 15, 2022. The
Pilgrimage starts at 10:00 a.m. followed by a traditional dinner in
Valentine Hall from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Confessions will be
at 12:30 PM, Benediction at 1:00 PM, and Outdoor Mass at 2:00
PM. The Shrine and Valentine Hall are Handicap accessible. For
more information, visit www.historicshrine.com or
www.ValentineHall.org. You may also contact the parish office
at 573-236-4390.

Please keep in your prayers the following people:

**Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care
Center**, Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 -
Susan Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille
Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Troy McCown, Pat Merz,
Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al
Barger, Christine Barger, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels,
and Lindsey (Dryden) O'Bryan.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the
armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Steve (Hip)
Hill, and Noah Richard.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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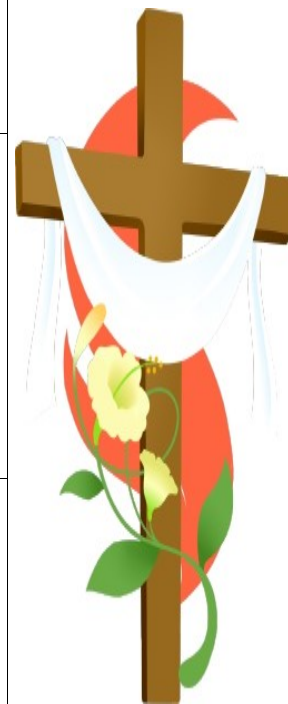
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