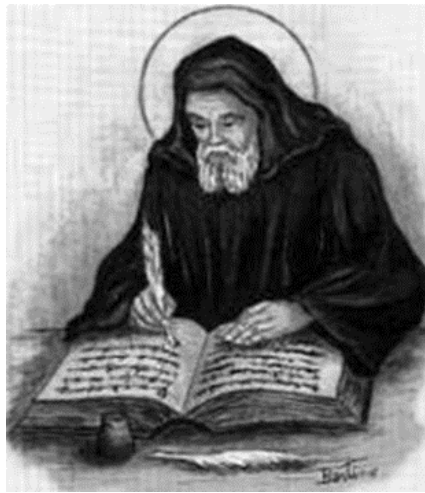


Saturday, May 25: Saint Bede the Venerable

A teacher of great repute, Bede is the only English Doctor of the Church. Born in the north of England about 673, he was sent to a Benedictine monastery at the age of 7, and was educated in a neighbouring monastery, where he remained for the rest of his life. At 19, he became a deacon and at 30, a priest.

*Bede was considered the most learned man of his time and a gifted writer. Though he excelled in biblical commentary and history, he also wrote extensively in other areas, including poetry, biography, and chronology. His most famous work is the authoritative *Historia ecclesiastica* (Ecclesiastical History of the English People), the only source for much early Anglo-Saxon history.*

His particularly gift seems to have been his ability to recognize, with precision and clarity, the needs of his contemporaries and to judge accurately the historical significance of the events he and they were living through. His wisdom and learning earned him the respectful title of "Venerable," which the Church formalized in 853. He died on this day in 735.



5th Sunday of Easter



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

19 May 2019

Ladies' Guild Spring Bazaar 2019

The Spring Bazaar will be held on 1 June (Sat) & 2 June (Sun)
at the covered car park.

They are appealing for donations to support the Bazaar.

Acceptable donations include

English books, CDs & DVDs;
Good quality adult & children's clothing;
Paired shoes & handbags; &
Good quality Bric-a-brac & unwanted gifts.

NO electrical items, furniture items, men's winter suits,
used underwear, socks & tights

**Please deliver your donations to the Church on 1 June (Sat) morning
or contact the Parish Office (2522-3992)
to make prior arrangements before the delivery of the donations.**

Thank you for your support.

Gospel-John 13:31-33A, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekdays: 7:45 a.m., 12 noon & 6:00 p.m. Anticipated Sunday Masses: Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Tagalog Masses: 1, 2:30 & 4:00 p.m.
Sunday School Mass at St. Joseph's College, 7 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong 9 a.m.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

At the Last Supper, before his departure, Jesus leaves a sign by which the disciples will be known as his very own: their love for one another. And the measure of this love is the love of Jesus for them which makes Jesus stoop down to wash their feet and to die on the cross.

The seal of our belonging to Christ remains the same: our love for the Lord and for one another. May we remain faithful to this commandment. For the times we have not showed Christian love through our actions we ask our merciful God for forgiveness...

I confess...

HEADINGS FOR READINGS

Acts 14: 21-27 - Paul and Barnabas on mission.

Revelation 21: 1-5 - The people who remain faithful to Christ will suffer no more.

John 13: 31-33, 34-35 - Love one another as I have loved you.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile. That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church—the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading — God is “making all things new.”

In His Church, the “old order” of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples “will be His people and God Himself will always be with them.” In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished.

The Church is “the kingdom for all ages” that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining “presbyters” or priests. Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's “dominion endures through all generations”. Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His “faithful ones,” as those Jesus calls “My little children” in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the “new commandment” that He gave in His final hours. The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love.

This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism, renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass. By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

(Scott Hann)

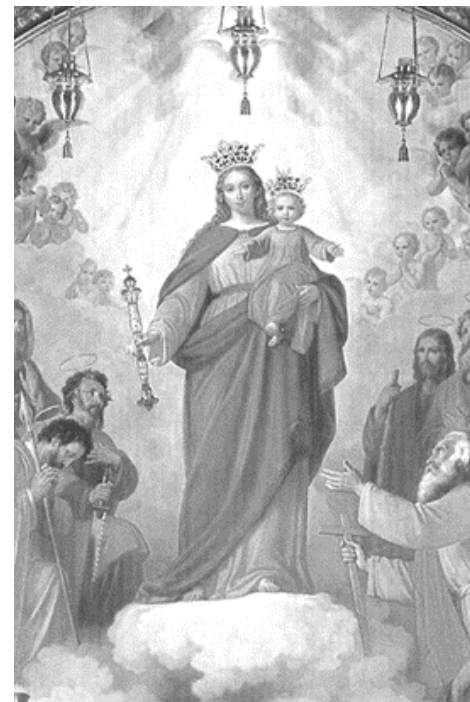
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Calendars

Monday, May 20: Saint Bernardine of Siena

Child of a noble family, Bernardine, born in 1380, was orphaned at 7 and raised by loving relatives who provided him with an excellent education. During an outbreak of the plague in 1400, he ministered to the sick, inspiring other young men to take the same risk. In 1402, he entered the Franciscan order and was ordained in 1404.

Commissioned to preach, Bernardine won converts all over northern and central Italy. Having refused several bishoprics, he became vicar general of the Franciscans, brought reform and inspired vocations. Bernardine died in 1444 and was canonized in 1450.



Friday, May 24: Our Lady, Help of Christians

The feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, was instituted by Pope Pius VII. To give thanks to God and Our Lady he declared 24 May to be henceforth the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians; the 1913 Catholic Encyclopaedia article commented that it has spread nearly over the entire Latin Church.

Under this title, the Virgin Mary is venerated by many Chinese Catholics, particularly at the Shrine of our Lady of Sheshan. In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI designated her May 24 feast for the Roman Catholics in China, who face persecution and restriction from the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association.