



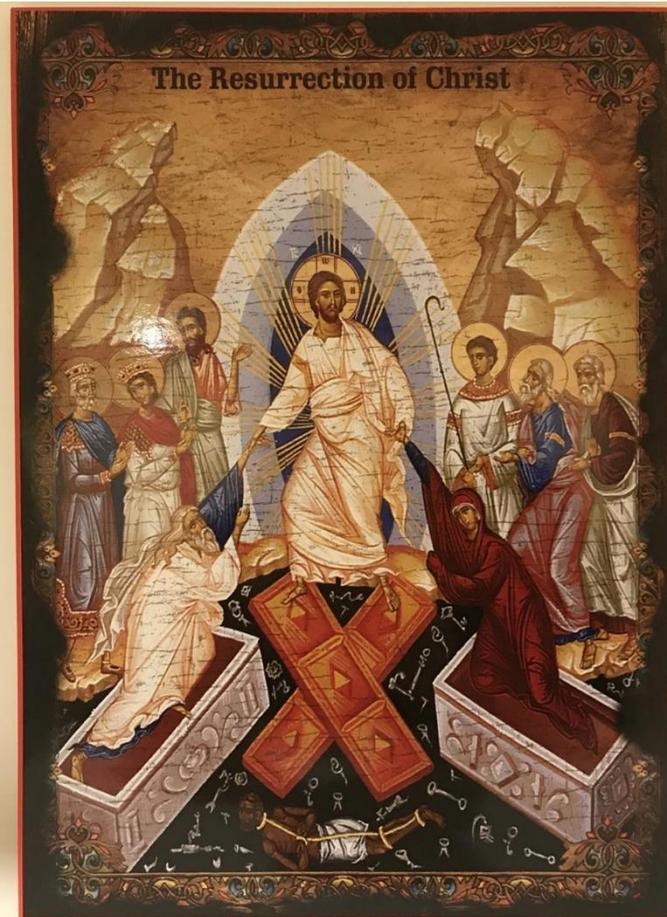
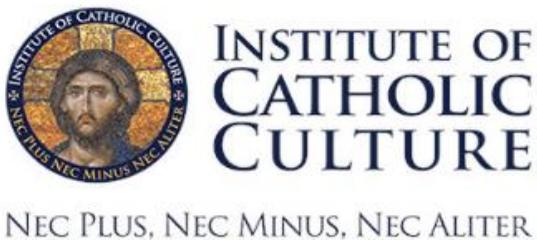
Looking for ways to grow in your faith this Easter Season? Trying to get closer to the Lord? Here are some great resources!



**Apps for Prayer:** Laudate (free), Hallow (free), Universalis (\$10.99), Magnificat (requires subscription to magazine), iBreviary (free)

**Bible Study Apps:** Laudate (free), Catena (Catena Aurea-free), Word on Fire (costs)

**Websites for Lectures and Reflections:** Ascension Presents on YouTube; Word on Fire on YouTube (or wordonfire.org); Institute of Catholic Culture (instituteofcatholicculture.org)



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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
May 9, 2021

**He is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!**

**Weekly Schedule**

Monday: Adoration 5:30-6:30  
Wednesday: Adoration at 5; mass at 6  
Wednesday after Mass: Youth Group

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

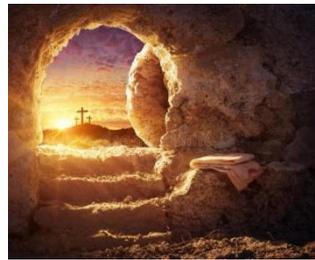
**Please pray for /Oramos para:**

Arjona Family, Sandy DeLisle, Greg Bradley, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, Kathy Larsen, Joe Barnefiher, Especially let us remember the deceased, our clergy and bishop, Covid quarantined parishioners, our chronically ill, and our homebound.

**If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.**

**Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:**

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off, Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4



**Collections from May 2, 2021**

Adult: \$1849

Loose: \$400.25

DDF Pledged to date: \$5,450

Roof Total to Date: \$11,050

**Totus Tuus Week Coming to Portageville**

All are welcome! This July 11 to 16, there are college aged missionaries coming to St. Eustachius in Portageville to hold a week of fun, faith, and food! The program lasts from 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday. More information coming soon! **(Dates were wrong in last weeks bulletin.)**



**Año de San Jose Patris Corde**

José vio a Jesús progresar día tras día «en sabiduría, en estatura y en gracia ante Dios y los hombres» (Lc 2,52). Como hizo el Señor con Israel, así él “le enseñó a caminar, y lo tomaba en sus brazos: era para él como el padre que alza a un niño hasta sus mejillas, y se inclina hacia él para darle de comer” (cf. Os 11,3-4). S.S. Francisco.

**Hispanic Committee Mother's Day Flowers for Sale**

This fundraiser is a great way to honor your mother and also help raise money for the church! Hispanic Committee will be selling flowers today! Ten Dollars will buy six roses! Moms will love it, and so will our church.



**May 9, 2021**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” - JOHN 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



## St. Joseph, our Model

To guide our celebration of St. Joseph, the following monthly themes, based on the titles and patronages of St. Joseph, are suggested for the parish, school, and families' activities, prayers, and formation:

January—Introducing the Year of St. Joseph

February—Head of the Holy Family: "The family is, so to speak, the Domestic Church" (Lumen Gentium #11). This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to

prayerfully seek His will for us. "Tools for Building the Domestic Church" resource offers some suggestions for family prayer and activities that will encourage families in their path to holiness, discipleship, and witness.

May—The worker

June—Light of patriarchs

July—Patron of travelers

August—Mirror of patience

September—Patron of immigrants

October—Protector of the vulnerable

November—Patron of the dying and solace of the afflicted

December—Patron of the Universal Church

*Feeling sick or going out of to town?*

*Check out our online bulletin at*

*<https://stceciliakennett.com/>*

# Totus Tuus Summer Program

What is Totus Tuus (*Totally Yours*)?



**Totus Tuus** is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. Our week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program assists parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are currently doing.

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned not only with teaching the Faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and the young people they encounter. The result has been the formation of young adults who continue to dedicate themselves to the Church's mission of evangelization along with many vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**July 11-16 at St. Eustachius in Portageville**

**Get a brochure today!**

# Our joy lies in remaining in his love!

Reflection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9, 2021



Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;  
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4;  
1 John 4:7-10;  
John 15:9-17.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus! The Easter Season is gradually drawing to an end. The Church is already preparing us for the celebration of the Lord's

Ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Paschal Mystery, that is, the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, centers on revealing the infinite and tremendous love with which God has loved us. This is not only a universal love for all humanity, in which the sacrifice of Christ is generally offered for all, but also, it is a personal and unique love for each individual God has made, Jews and gentiles alike. The revelation of God's love through the saving sacrifice of Christ offers us a compelling invitation to be one with our loving Father and to live lovingly with one another in this world broken by sin and division. God desires to draw all to himself and calls us who have believed in him to be part of this mission.

The first reading, taken from Acts of Apostles, tells the story of the conversion of Cornelius and his household. Peter and the other Jewish disciples were astonished at what took place at the house of Cornelius, how God manifested his gift of salvation to the gentiles. At the thought of the extension of God's saving grace to the household of Cornelius, Peter exclaimed, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." By this statement, Peter acknowledges that the New Covenant in the Blood of Christ is not only for the descendants of Abraham, through natural generation: rather, as St. John says, "To those who accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God" (Jn 1:12-13). Yes, in truth, it is God's desire to save all, but living in

the fear of the Lord and in uprightness, opens the wellspring of salvation to us. This incident was an eye-opener for Peter and the other disciples with him. It helped them to understand that the gift of salvation, the saving grace of God, the mission of the Church, encompasses all, for "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power" as the Psalmist tells us. No one is left out, except anyone who counts himself out by living outside of God's love.

## ***Do we allow ourselves to abandon the love of God when the journey gets tough?***

The same invitation is present in the Gospel as Jesus calls his disciples, "Remain in his love." The invitation that Christ gives in the Gospel is a step forward in our call to discipleship. For it speaks not just of the initial invitation to come to Christ and be saved, but to strive to completely build our lives on Him. The word "remain" appears four times in today's Gospel, which shows how strong is God's desire that we be part of His life, so that our joy may be complete. It is one thing to come to Jesus, by a profession of belief in him, just as Cornelius and his family did in the first reading. It is another to persevere in that act of faith for the rest of our lives. The Gospel speaks in particular to those who already profess belief in God, that is you and I, all of us who have been baptized in Him. Knowing that the disciples will encounter difficulties in living and professing the faith, Jesus called them to be strong, never to go back, but to remain. Do we allow ourselves to abandon the love of God when the journey gets tough and the vision of faith seems blurrier and darker than ever? Do we stop going to Mass because the pleasures and comforts of this world appear more interesting and entertaining?

Although pains and sufferings, pleasures and comforts of this life will always be around us, Jesus invites us to live in accord with his commandment of love: the love of God and neighbor. It is the constant seeking to live by this commandment that fosters our remaining in God. And when we have lived in Him on this earth, steadfast in faith, hope, and charity, we will surely have a share in Him in eternal life, where our joy will be complete. ©TM

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