MAY 17 - SATURDAY Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 Vigil Readings: *See Sunday* 4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim 6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy – *Ray Karle*

MAY 18 - SUNDAY Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 9:00 AM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – Intention of Sr. Ann Gorman 12:30 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

MAY 19 – MONDAY Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

MAY 20 - TUESDAY Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a 7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy

MAY 21 - WEDNESDAY Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 9:30 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – Annette Niehaus

MAY 22 – THURSDAY Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11 7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

MAY 23 - FRIDAY Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17 9:30 AM – English – Fr. Rudy – Fr. Joe Robinson

MAY 24 - SATURDAY Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim 6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy – Intention of Fr. Thomas Nolker

MAY 25 - SUNDAY Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29 Sunday Readings: 9:00 AM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. Samuel - Fr. Joe Robinson 12:30 PM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy

English Mass Ministry Schedule: May 24-25

Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Welz 11:00 AM – B. Kramer

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/S. Terschack 11:00 AM – S. Orth/L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup 11:00 AM – L. Finke

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: LeSaint 11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$7,284 Offerings received to-date: \$373,589 Amount needed to catch up: \$18,411 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

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CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mary McMahon (17), Sam Moore (20), Kenny Gohs (20), Sr. Ann Gorman (21), Larry Hilton (21), David Hahn (22), Robert Sunderman (23).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 38 winners: David Crosby, Mary Ann Mathias, and Marsia Kotte. Each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at <u>513-541-1563, ext. 151.</u>

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

What is love? We use the word so easily, so often, and in so many ways—love for a friend, a spouse, a child; love for a cause, a memory, a meal. But when Jesus speaks of love in John 13:31–35, just after Judas has left to betray Him, He isn't talking about affection or feeling. He is pointing to something far more difficult—and far more powerful.

Why did Jesus go to the cross? Because He loves us. But not with a sentimental or emotional love. His is perfect love, a love that gives everything—holding nothing back. He says, "Now is the Son of Man glorified," and He means that His suffering, His dying, even His betrayal—are all caught up in His glory. How can that be? Because in His suffering, Jesus reveals the fullness of who God is: love poured out, utterly selfless, poured out to the last drop. He glorifies the Father by completing His mission of love, and the Father glorifies Him in return.

How do we give glory to Him? By loving as He loved us. That's the commandment Jesus gives in this gospel: "Love one another as I have loved you." Such a simple instruction. But why is it so hard for us to love? Could it be that the love Jesus calls us to agape—is not a matter of liking someone or feeling warmly toward them? That it's not about approval or sentiment, but about the complete gift of ourselves?

Agape is the love that frees us from our ego, from selfishness, from our endless addiction to our own wants and needs. It is love with the whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is love that seeks the good of the other before ourselves. T.S. Eliot once described the Christian life as "a condition of complete simplicity costing not less than everything." That is agape. That is the love Jesus speaks of.

Are we willing to love like this? Can we pray, work, forgive, and serve in a way that points back to Him? Can we give even our joys and sorrows to Him, as an offering of love?

Take a moment today to ask: Is love the soul of what I do? And then, humbly, ask for the grace to live this love—not in part, but in full. Not with some of yourself, but with everything. That's how we glorify Him. That's how we live as His disciples.

DAILY MASS AND CONFESSIONS: With the departure of Fr. Miguel, several decisions with regard to daily Masses and times for confessions have resulted in changes here at St. Boniface. These changes will continue indefinitely.

- Beginning next Saturday, May 24, Fr. Rudy will hear confessions from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. (between the two Saturday evening Masses).
- Beginning June 1, we will no longer have a Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. evening Mass nor a Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Mass. (St. Leo has Masses on Wednesday 11:30am). We will still have the 7:00pm Mass on Thursday and the 9:30am Mass on Friday.
- Effective immediately, Fr. Samuel will have office hours at St. Boniface on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. He will be available for counseling, spiritual direction, and confessions during this time.
- Fr. Rudy will have office hours at St. Boniface on Fridays following the 9:30 a.m. Mass until noon and again from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and will be available to staff and parishioners.

It is suggested you call the priests ahead of time, 513-541-1563, to make sure they aren't with someone else when you wish to see them during their scheduled times.

Other parishes in Our Lady of Guadalupe Family are also having daily Masses and confessions at other times and we are welcome to go to one of them. Call the Parish Office to find out how to reach out to them.

