Before continuing our examination of the people named in the Roman Canon (also known as “Eucharistic Prayer no.1”) I would like to point out the structure of this prayer. Consider it like a pyramid. At the apex is the consecration of the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. In the steps which lead up to, and down from, that high point, various individuals are mentioned by name, indicating that the Eucharistic prayer is not a mere abstraction, but that it has concrete, real consequences for those still living on earth, those who already behold the face of God, and those enduring the final purification to enter into the Beatific Vision.

After the priest celebrant prays for the Church’s shepherds – and by name for the Pope and the local bishop – he is required to pray for the people who will benefit from this Mass. Here is the text:

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N. (the priest joins his hands and prays briefly for those whom he intends to pray. Then, with hands extended, he continues:) and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

You will notice that the “N. and N.” provide the opportunity to include actual Names of individuals. In a Mass offered for a living person, this is the point at which the priest should name the individual for whom the Mass is offered. In Masses for the deceased, I often include here the names of the individuals who requested the Mass. It has long been my practice to include these names in a quiet voice, then, as instructed, to pause briefly to pray for them. If the Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of a deceased person, there is another moment – following the consecration where they are to be named and prayed for. This leads me to reflect briefly on the practice of requesting Mass intentions: Church law allows that a priest may receive a stipend for a Mass intention requested by the faithful. In practice today, that stipend is a nominal amount ($10 is a minimum suggested donation, though one may offer more for a single Mass) and it goes not to the priest, but to the parish where he is serving – the corresponding moment after the consecration where they are to be named and prayed for. This intention is included whether the individuals named (or those who requested the prayers) are bodily present or not!

After the mention, and pause to pray for “N. and N.”, the celebrant prays “for all who are gathered here…and for those who are dear to them.” Notice also the priority of spiritual goods over temporal goods: “for the redemption of their souls” takes first place, then is followed by the “hope of health and well-being.” Finally, we recall that our primary purpose here is an act of worship: “paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.”

-Fr. Totton
Mir House of Prayer, 6492 NE Hwy 6 in St. Joseph.

Mass at 8:00 a.m. every first Saturday of the month at Guadalupe Parish, offers Confession at 7:00 a.m. and Fr. Christian Malewski, Pastor of Our Lady of Mass and Confessions at Mir House of Prayer.

**First Saturday Devotion**

Mass and Confessions at Mir House of Prayer. Fr. Christian Malewski, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, offers Confession at 7:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:00 a.m. every first Saturday of the month at Mir House of Prayer, 6492 NE Hwy 6 in St. Joseph.

**Memorial Day Commemorative Masses**

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Mount Olive Cemetery, Kansas City
Celebrant: Bishop James V. Johnston

Mount Olive Cemetery, St. Joseph
Celebrant: Rev. Christian Malewski

Resurrection Cemetery, Kansas City
Celebrant: Rev. Joseph Scharbel

Mount St. Mary’s, Kansas City
Celebrant: Rev. Justin Hoye

Memorial Day weekend.

The Easton Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 19
(For question, call Tina Dotson, 816.265.0089 or 816.744.6671 – St. Joseph.)

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekc.org for more information.

**Birthday’s**

Andrew Mink  May 19
Pat Clark  May 24
Tony Kauzlarich  May 30

**Aniversary’s**

Mr. and Mrs. David Delaney  May 17
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams  May 29
Fr. Totton (ordination)  June 4

**Weekend Collection**

Envelopes:  $1.740
Plate:  $145
Total Parish:  $1,885
Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019:
May-to-Date:  $3,514.00
May Budget:  $7,550.00
Year-to-Date:  $9,107.00
Year Budget:  $9,802.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Parish.

**Second Collection Next Week**

St. Joseph Cemetery Annual Memorial Day Collection

**Weekend Ministry Schedule**

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**Mark Your Calendars**

Altar Server News

The Easton Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 19

The Ladies have been asked to provide food and help with set-up and service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Also look for the committee sheet in the back.

$5 annual dues are now payable to Mrs. Jan Pottier

**ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

Second Collection - Sunday May 26th

As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, let us not forget to honor our deceased loved ones who served our country.

Let us pray for the safety of all our service men and women currently under the age of 18), and all who serve our country.

For the generous rains, sunshine and growth in all things made good.

**Second Collection Next Week**

ST. JOSPEH’S CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Second Collection - Sunday May 26th

As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, let us not forget to honor our deceased loved ones buried in our Parish cemetery.

We should also direct our attention to our outstanding property.

It is through the tireless work of the board members that it is maintained so beautifully.

To be assured of improving and maintaining the cemetery we will be taking up a second collection on Memorial Day weekend.

Also, keep in mind that donations may be given at any time of year.

Please be generous in supporting St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

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**Registration is open for Totus Tuus, Latin for Totally Yours**, a fun, faithful and energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for students entering 1st through 6th grade, Monday, June 24th - June 28th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm., at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Totus Tuus has 5 pillars: Eucharist, Devotion to Mary, Catechetical instruction, Vocation discernment and Tons of FUN!! Registration forms may be found at the back of church and should be mailed back to OLOG, St. Joseph. For question, call Tina Dotson, 816-252-2847 ext. 1506

**Concert to be held at Cathedral of St. Joseph**

Come enjoy an Evening of Music at the Cathedral. The Polyphonic Schola of St. Joseph and the Cathedral of St. Joseph Choir will hold a joint-concert with the Choirs of Central College (Pella, IA) on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph (519 N 10th St. in St. Joseph, MO 64501).

The Polyphonic Schola and the Cathedral Choir will feature St. Joseph parishioner, soprano soloist Christie Huber-Ottinger. Admission is free, and there will be a free-will offering in support of the Central College Music Department. A light dessert reception will follow in Ruggle Hall.

**First Saturday Devotion**

Rachel’s Vineyard, a post-abortion healing ministry, has upcoming retreats in the Kansas City area in 2019.

July 26-28  October 25-27

For information, call 816-679-4973 or email: rvmemo@gmail.com