



Dear Parishioners,

As our country celebrates Memorial Day this week, let us keep in our prayers all who have died in service to our country in the armed forces. Below is a poem, "The Peacemaker" written by Joyce Kilmer, a Catholic poet who was killed in action during the First World War, in honor of those who have died in defense of freedom and the keeping of peace:

Upon his will he binds a radiant chain,  
 For Freedom's sake he is no longer free.  
 It is his task, the slave of Liberty,  
 With his own blood to wipe away a stain.  
 That pain may cease, he yields his flesh to pain.  
 To banish war, he must a warrior be.  
 He dwells in Night, eternal Dawn to see,  
 And gladly dies, abundant life to gain.

What matters Death, if Freedom be not dead?  
 No flags are fair, if Freedom's flag be furled.  
 Who fights for Freedom, goes with joyful tread  
 To meet the fires of Hell against him hurled,  
 And has for captain Him whose thorn-wreathed head  
 Smiles from the Cross upon a conquered world.

Let us especially appreciate and pray for all members of the armed forces who have died in recent service and pray for their loved ones who have been left behind. We also pray this weekend for all who currently serve in the military, especially those from our parish or connected to any of our parishioners as family and friends.

We also remember those who serve as first responders for our public safety and pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died in the line of duty. Let us especially pray for the eternal rest of Officer Kerrie Orozco of the Omaha Police Department who tragically was killed this last

Wednesday and keep her mourning family and fellow officers in our prayers.

We pray that we will one day know the world, our nation, and our cities at peace and that all persons will come to know the peace that Jesus gives to us through his cross and resurrection, a peace that the world cannot give.

Also, Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to remember all of the faithful departed in our prayers as we visit cemeteries to decorate the graves of our deceased loved ones with flowers. May we never forget to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, not only on special days but each day of the year.

As we begin the summer vacation season with Memorial Day, I wish all of you an enjoyable summer.

God bless, Father Gutowski

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

#### MAY 25 THRU MAY 31

Monday	Fr. Ralph Librea
Tuesday	Bud Burchard
Wednesday	Mary Jane Knott
Thursday	Helen Stepanek
Friday	Dorine Amerine
Saturday	Ed Mines
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

#### RE HAPPENINGS

We have our dates for Totus Tuus. The team arrives on July 4 and leaves on July 11. The youth will meet in the evenings from 7:30-9:40 Sunday-  
**We just need 1 host family now to host half of the Totus Tuus team.** There will be 2 college aged girls and 2 college aged boys (1 is a seminarian) for us to house the week they are here. Please contact Sherry (402-253-2949 ext. 4 or shuntwork@msn.com) if you are interested in hosting.