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St. Michael the Archangel Parish

We are disciples who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.

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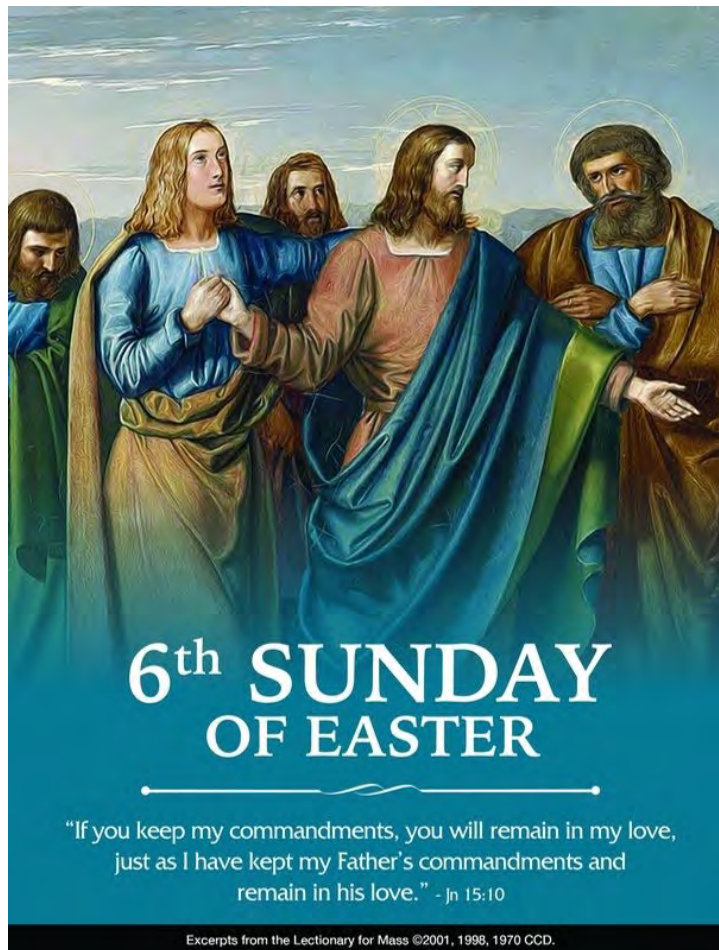
WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / **SPANISH MASS:** Sun 11:30am

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I - Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 | Psalm - 98:1,2-3,3-4 | Reading 1 John 4:7-10 | Gospel - John 15:9-17
Primera Lectura - Hechos de los Apóstoles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 | Salmo - 97:1,2-3ab,3cd-4 | Segunda Lectura - 1 Juan 4:7-10 | Evangelio - Juan 15:9-17



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours. © Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.

Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Acts (Hechos) 1:1-11**

Psalm/Salmo: **47(46):2-3,6-7,8-9**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **Ephesians (Efesios) 1:17-23**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Mark (Marcos) 16:15-20**

*“This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.”
- John 15:12*

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at saintmichaelparishkona.org. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48 | 1 Jn 14:23 | Jn 15:9-17

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you ... If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.” We don’t earn God’s love – it is freely given to us. But only by loving God and others, and by keeping his commandments, do we *remain* in that love as our source of life and joy. It becomes the air we breathe, and the breath we exhale. Today’s second reading and Gospel reassure us of the love of God, but also give us a few specifics for how to live in and remain in that love – self-sacrifice and prayer. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us, and we know what that looks like from his life: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, forgiving one another, and more. Living in the way Jesus instructs is not simply completing a checklist of things to do, however. It’s a way of life – to live in God’s love and to demonstrate his love with our outward actions. When we do so, we are helping bring about the kingdom in a very real way. It’s not complicated. We begin by acting in accordance with the truth that the person in front of us is loved by God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The message of the Gospel is countercultural and upends many convictions about what is true, good, and beautiful. What Jesus says can seem upside down to us, as it certainly did to the people of his time! Even the disciples, who walked with Jesus, didn’t fully grasp all of what Jesus had told them until after he had been raised from the dead and appeared in their midst and shared food with them. And even after they understood, they didn’t live it perfectly, nor do we. The things of this world we can mistakenly think are important get in the way of loving as we ought, and they shape our behavior and vision of the world. To counter that, we must focus in on what the Lord is saying and what that demands of us. What exactly that will look like in our lives is the provenance of prayer. Ask for God’s help in loving all those we come across, even (and especially) those we may not particularly care for. He will answer our prayers and show us the way.

WITNESS Think of someone you know personally or whom you know of, who is particularly difficult to *like*. Create a plan to *love* them this week – either through praying for them, or interacting with them in a charitable, selfless way.

Life of Stewardship

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.

There are countless moments when we can do just that — for instance, waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in, or talking to God in the car on the way to work instead of listening to music. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ's command to love others may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Ask yourself, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself. - *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

Parish News

Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

In the Diocese of Honolulu, the Solemnity of the the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Thursday, May 9th is observed as an Easter weekday.

Hawaii Island Charity Walk

The Hawaii Island Charity Walk returns to the Waikoloa Beach Resort Queen's Marketplace on **May 11, 2024**. Runners start at 6:45am and walkers start at 7:30am. We are recruiting everyone to **join Team Catholic Charities** to fundraise and participate in the event. Fr. Lio has issued his annual challenge to his fellow priests in the West Hawaii Vicariate (and Fr. Steve Macedo) in a race to raise the most funds. There will also be prizes for the top three fundraisers for Team Catholic Charities. **See the Charity Walk table before or after the week-end Masses for more information or to donate.** You may also drop off your donation at the Parish Office.

The Charity Walk is sponsored by the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association to help support Hawai'i's local non-profit organizations. All monies raised stays here on Hawaii Island to support nonprofit organizations like Catholic Charities. Your donation ensures that Catholic Charities can continue to do their good work in our community! Last year, our Catholic Charities Team rallied together to raise almost **\$18,000**. Won't you help us exceed that amount this year?

Friendly Place Lunches Ministry

Our ministry provides a hot meal every Monday for our unsheltered neighbors at the Friendly Place here in Kona. There are several ways you can help! You can prepare a meal, help to

serve the meal, or make a donation to help with the cost of preparing a meal. Your help allows us to serve our neighbors in need. Call the office for more information.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sonny Maghanoy Saradpon. May he have eternal rest.

Knights of Columbus Council 13227

This month's meeting will be held on **Monday, May 13 at 5:45pm in the Grace Parish Center**. All visiting Knights and prospective new members are welcome.

Young Adult Group starts on May 16th

Beginning May 16th, young adults (**ages 21-35**) are invited to gather at Grace Parish Center on **Thursdays from 6-7pm**. The first series will include reading through *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Fr. Jacques Phillippe. No prior reading is required and books will be provided. For more information, please email Cole or Juliann Hamblin at stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org.

Spiritual Book Group

Please note that the Spiritual Book Group will **not** be meeting this month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 20th at 4pm in the Grace Parish Center.

Memorial Day Cemetery Clean-Up

Please save the date! We will have our Memorial Day Cemetery Clean-Up at St. Michael's, Holualoa & St. Paul's starting at 7:30am on Saturday, May 25. Please bring your gardening tools, hat and gloves. Bottled water and snacks will be provided.

Our Pastoral Council Needs Your Help!

The Pastoral Council is currently developing our next three-year plan. We need your input! Please let us know what's in your heart. This is a stewardship parish which means every member contributes to directing and taking part in our church's existence and function. Please help us make our Church a place that feeds your spiritual needs and ever growing relationship with Christ so you can better know, love, and serve Him.

The survey can be found on our website at saintmichaelparishkona.org. Pastoral Council members will also be conducting surveys after Mass during the month of May.

To Our Parish Members

The **presence of children** is a gift to the Church and they are a **reminder** that **our parish is growing**. Please **welcome** our children and give a **warm, supportive** smile of **encouragement** to their parents.

To Families with Small Children:

RELAX: God put the wiggles in your little ones. No need to suppress it! **SIT CLOSE AND EXPLAIN:** Sit towards the front where it's easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass. **PARTICIPATE:** Your child learns by imitating you. Sing, pray, and respond. Your child will follow your lead! **WANDER:** If you need to leave Mass, feel free to step outside, but please be sure to come back! Your St. Michael's Parish Ohana is happy you are here!

Stewardship of Treasure

Apr 22nd - 28th, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,953.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 10,137.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 8,640.00

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,011,538.88** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

Mahalo for your continued generosity.

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH MAY 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$10,831.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$1,724.18**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in 'Ohana in Christ to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit saintmichaelparishkona.org and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

Faith Formation

Grades K-5

The last Faith Formation classes for Grades K-5 will be on Sunday, May 5th. *- Margaret Essex, Catechist*

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Parents and Sponsors, keep up the good work of guiding your children on their Faith Journey and encouraging their relationship with the Lord. There are so many resources available online, contact me for digital links. Text 808-895-7015 or email efujimoto@rcchawaii.org. Keep watch for any upcoming retreats or fun days during the summer. *- Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The OCIA class will meet for mystagogy every Sunday after the 9am Mass until Sunday, May 19th.

Confirmation Class for Adults

There will be a Confirmation Class on Sunday, May 5th after the 11:30 Spanish Mass for Adults wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate and your First Communion certificate to the class. Contact the parish office for more information.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now,

I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command - to love, to lay down our lives for others - will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

Treasures From Our Tradition

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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Everyday Stewardship - Share Love Freely

"Get Together" was a popular song in 1967 by the Youngbloods. I was not alive when the song was released, but it was a song I played frequently learning how to play guitar when I was younger. The song called for all of us to come together and "try to love one another right now." It was a song that came out in the Vietnam War era and during somewhat of a hippie revolution, but perhaps the words belong to no real moment in time. They are simply the commands of Jesus.

Sometimes we minimize the power of love by cute pop songs and slogans that mean little without action. However, we can never underestimate the power of love. Love can tear down barriers between people, change tears to laughter, and mend relationships torn apart by sin.

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No option exists for disciples of Jesus Christ to not love others. Not only are we commanded to do so, but love is a gift we must pass on freely. If we give of our time, talent, and treasure, but choose not to love, we cannot claim to be truly committed disciples and good stewards. As this Easter season draws ever closer to an end, we must allow our love to bear witness to the source of all love, the Risen Jesus. This is our calling until, as the words of the Young-bloods' song states, "the one who left us here returns for us at last." *-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI*

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars - one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones. The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently. Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another - to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

- 4pm - Michael Scott Ferry, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7am - Aunt Melvine Kualii, Rest in Peace
- 9am - Kenan Kersten, Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm - Mike & Mary Sotomayor and Henry Vasquez, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Aloha Ke Akua

MONDAY, MAY 6TH

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Thanks for the Life of Tomas Parada Vanegas

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - For All the People Who Are Suicidal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Colita Throque, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

- 7am - Necitas Revilla, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Angel Garcia, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

- 7am - Lisa Actis Gurtizen, Birthday Blessing

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, ***please call well in advance of the date to secure it.***

Mass cards are available.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**

Love is the Guide

This Week's Readings at Mass

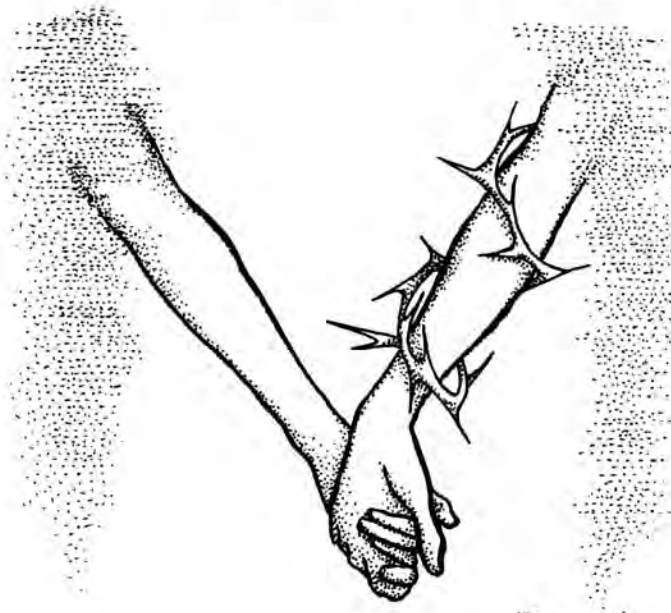
- ▶ Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 - Peter in Caesarea
- ▶ 1 John 4:7-10 - God's love and ours
- ▶ John 15:9-17 - A disciple's love

This week, we hear a Gospel reading with Jesus' invitation to "remain in my love" and to "love one another as I love you." He doesn't spell out endless rules ("Do this." "Don't do that.") which we need to memorize and follow in order to do what is right. Instead, his invitation is simply to focus on remaining connected to him ("remain in me") and letting all of our actions flow from a commitment to loving others as he loved us.

It is an invitation for a mature follower. Just as we need to spell out many simple rules to help younger children understand right from wrong, with "younger" disciples more rules or "commandments" are helpful. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Pray for your enemies. Forgive those who have hurt you.

There is nothing wrong with following a list of religious commandments as we learn how to be faithful disciples. At a certain point, though, our faith needs to mature to take into account more complex situations—the gray areas between the black-and-white, or simple right and wrong. Jesus is asking us to go beyond what the rules say and *commands us to respond in love to everyone*, just as he did.

Jesus gives us a lot of respect here, insisting that we are his friends, not his students, his servants, or his slaves, when we love one another as he does. Often



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"This I command you: love one another."

Sheepish Question:
When, lately, have I acted on God's love for me?

Christians fall into the habit of relating to God or Jesus as a child to a parent, but Jesus suggests a more equal relationship. God will always be God, and we will always be human, but Jesus still invites us to be in friendship with him.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Think of a situation in which the difference between right and wrong might be blurred but you are asked to respond with love rather than holding strictly to what a law or commandment says. How does it challenge you to be more Christ-like?
- 2 Have you ever thought of yourself as being friends with Jesus? How so? If not, what is your reaction to this invitation?

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Remaining in Your Love

Almighty Father,
through your Son,
you have given us new life.
May we seek to remain in you
by yielding to your command
to love one another.

Grant that our hearts may be open
to meet the needs of others in our midst
so that we might truly call ourselves
your friends.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Joy and Love



Today's readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4; 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17. The Gospel provides a sense of the immensity of God's love in the first sentences today. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you," Jesus tells the disciples. Imagine what that means. Jesus is saying that he loves his followers with the same love that the Father loves him. From these few words, we can begin to understand the communion of love to which we are invited through our baptism.

In the first reading, it becomes apparent that God reaches out to all to share his bountiful love. "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality," Peter explains, citing his rea-

son for meeting with the Gentile Cornelius. Peter well knew that it was unlawful for a Jew to visit a Gentile; however, Jesus had shown him another way. No one was to be considered profane or unclean. As he ministered to the Gentiles, Peter became a living testimony of God's love.

The reading from the First Letter of John explains that we are to love one another because "love is of God." As followers of Christ, we are to spread what is God's. The author of the letter notes that, by loving, we come to know God. Consider who you refrain from loving. Read over today's Scriptures several times this week to deepen your understanding that "God shows no partiality."



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 6

Take Your Place

Jesus predicts a dark future for his followers when he says, “They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God.” Preceding that reading is a psalm of thanksgiving, directing that we remember that we belong to God. “We are his people, the flock he shepherds,” the psalm proclaims. Dispositions of trust and gratitude may have allowed Lydia, the dealer of cloth in Acts, to open her heart to preaching, seek baptism, and invite the disciples into her home. *Today’s readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a, 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 7

Ready Your Hearts

It is not surprising that the disciples grieve upon hearing that Jesus is leaving them. After all, they had spent years with Jesus, witnessing his preaching and healing. Since they had not yet experienced the Spirit, it might have been little comfort when Jesus explained, “For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you.” The Gospel today refers to the Spirit as the Advocate, and in the Nicene Creed, the Spirit is called “the Lord, the giver of life.” How does the Holy Spirit instill life in the Church? *Today’s readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 8

Go into the World

St. Paul and the other disciples acted as a Church on mission, traveling to spread the Good News. In today’s reading from Acts, St. Paul tells the Athenians that God “gives life and breath and everything.” As St. Paul preaches, he yields to the Spirit, who Jesus says in the Gospel will “guide you to all truth.” This Easter Time pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. *Today’s readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 9

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

“You will grieve but your grief will turn to joy,” Jesus tells the disciples before ascending to be with the Father. The disciples had no idea of what lay ahead so, of course, they were grieving the anticipated loss of their teacher. Can you imagine their joy when they discover that, as followers of Christ, they had a new life in Christ that demanded that they spread the Good News? *Today’s readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

Ascension of the Lord

In today’s Gospel, we hear of God’s yearning for all to be saved. Each baptized person has the same mission as the first disciples to proclaim the Gospel. Have you considered that doing so is part of your baptismal responsibility? *Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Mark 16:15–20.*

Friday, May 10

Focus on the Joy

Jesus likens the pain and suffering of the disciples to that of a woman in labor. Once the child is born, joy erases the pain. As the disciples anticipate Jesus’ departure, they are in pain; however, when they meet the Lord again, their joy will be eternal. As we hear today, no one will take that joy from them. *Today’s readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

Saturday, May 11

For Your Joy to Be Complete

“Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete,” Jesus tells the disciples. Usually, people request things that they think will bring them happiness, and sometimes only fleeting happiness. But Jesus points out that what the Father gives will bring joy. How has God been present during the joys in your life? What does it mean for your joy to be complete? *Today’s reading: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*



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PARISH EVENTS

(may change without advance notice)

MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Men of Faith 5:00-6:30pm

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group - 5/16 6:00-7:00pm

FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

SUNDAY

- OCIA Mystagogy After 9am Mass
(Apr 14-May 19)
- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 12:30-1:30pm
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- Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass
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