

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2016

*“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.”*

— Revelation 21:3

### TRUE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Can you imagine a world such as the one put before us in today’s scripture readings? Communities of believers everywhere would support and encourage one another and be identified as Christians by the way they love each other. It would be a world with no tears, no death and mourning, no crying out in pain. “Behold, I make all things new,” we hear the Son of God say in the second reading from the book of Revelation (21:5).

Is this world of John’s vision only imaginary? Are these faithful followers for whom Jesus prayed only a savior’s dream? Today they are put before us as a worthy goal. How much closer can we come to this vision of a true Christian community in our lives today? © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — John’s vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

**Gospel** — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week’s Collection</b>	\$3,493.00	\$2,912.00
Number of Families contributing	113	83
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (15 Weeks)	\$53,080.00	\$57,928.00
Received to Date	\$46,644.80	\$42,427.80
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,435.20	\$15,500.20

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$157.00	\$3,114.00

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$1,956.00
Amount Outstanding	\$21,374.00

Seven people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$146.00	\$3,551.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

POOR BOX \$116.00.

17 CHILDREN contributed \$45.00.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL totaled \$421.00.

The ATTENDANCE for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 215, 7:00 P.M Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 195.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Each one of us is given unique God given gifts, but all too often these gifts are put aside, like a prize you won as a child and kept in the closet. Gifts not used are gifts wasted. And a wasted gift is the greatest shame. So go in the closet, blow the dust off and get them out. You have been given these gifts, so you could use them, as they were given to you to help you with your mission in this world.**

**Some gifts are clear, while others are hidden and need to be uncovered. But when they become clear, one has an obligation to make the most of his or her gifts whether they be in teaching, learning, speaking, leadership, writing music, scholarship, sports, business, professional, cooking, entertaining or in any one of a thousand other fields.**

**You see when we use our gifts, our soul starts to become happy and wants to do more. This is contentment. Not satisfaction that a job is completed because it never is but contentment that you are on the path that you have been given, using the gifts that have been given to you. And this includes material wealth. If you are blessed with talents to generate wealth, then it is not only proper to use them, you are wasting your gifts if you do not as long as you have proper intentions with your work and with the proceeds of your success.**

*This reminds you to go find that gift that you have buried and better the world with your talents and make your soul happy in the process.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. A Parish Member in loving memory of Winnie Turner on the Anniversary of her death;
2. the Family of Shirley Suedle Carroll in loving memory of her on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN** who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to participate in the Mass. The children who have been prepared are:

*Emily Bates  
Brighton Carroll  
Fame O’Hara  
William Edward O’Hara  
Chazzlynn Mack  
Pete Aaron Mack  
Edward Joseph Riley  
Kendra Riley*

*Marley Riley  
Rose Marie Riley  
Allie Sherlock  
Jimmy Sherlock  
Mark Joseph Sherlock  
Pete William Sherlock  
Stephen Thomas Sherlock*

**THANK YOU** to Onasis Sherlock, Miami Carroll and Richlie Carroll for their donation to the Church from their Lemonade Stand.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed this Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**MASTER'S TABLE** The Youth Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jack's Mary Rita.

**THANK YOU** to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, St. Anthony and the Infant Jesus; a member for a donation in thanks to Fr. Patrick Power; and two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A man asked an acquaintance how his wife was; then, suddenly remembering that she had died, he blurted out, "Still in the same cemetery?"

**CLASSIC DEFINITIONS**

- Cigarette:** A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end and a fool at the other.
- Committee:** Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.
- Politician:** One who shakes your hand before elections and your confidence after.
- Doctor:** A person who kills your ills by pills, and kills you with his bills.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Wednesday:** In thanks for Asher Carroll on his 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday.
- Thursday:** In repose of the soul of Pat "Al" Carroll.
- Friday:** In thanks for Eddie Owen Riley on his 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. Mark
- Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals Day
- Thursday:** St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
- Friday:** St. Catherine of Siena
- Saturday:** St. Pius V

**GOD'S CREATIONS**

Take time from Your busy schedule  
 To see God's wonders there  
 In such uncommon places  
 He's placed them everywhere!

They're there to lift our spirits  
 And to put our hearts at ease,  
 They'll make us want to know Him  
 And this, our God, will please.

God's wonders are no accident,  
 Will not dissipate in the air;  
 No, they are His creations  
 And He's left them in our care!

Mary S. Chevalier

**READERS**

- Sat. Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Kathy Boo & Ann T.
- Sat. Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa
- Sun. Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie
- Sat. Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Mary Theresa & Bridget Ann
- Sat. Apr. May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa
- Sun. May 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** Dominique
- Tuesday** Christina
- Wednesday** Grace
- Thursday** Christina
- Friday** Rosie Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** Front: Bridget Ann, Front Left: Mary Regina, Left Cup: Catherine Ann, Front Right: Rose Melissa, Right Cup: Ann T., Sick: Rita Weaver
- Saturday 7:00 P.M.** Front: Sharon, Cup: Jay

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

- April 24<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man's Nora, Rose Marie
- May 1<sup>st</sup>** Pete Man's Nora, Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday** Mary Cat
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Ann T.
- Thursday** Betty Jo
- Friday** Bridget Ann

**PEACE**

Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.

**PRAYER CORNER**

**HELP US REMAIN CLOSE TO YOU**

Lord Jesus, we ask You now to help us remain with You always, to be close to You with all the ardor of our hearts, to take up joyfully the mission You entrust to us and that is to continue Your presence and spread the good news of Your resurrection. Amen.