

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2016

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

— Psalm 67:6

THE GIFT OF PEACE

We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God. The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "[M]y peace I give to you," Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,290.10	\$1,595.10
Number of Families contributing	85	64
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (16 Weeks)	\$56,395.00	\$61,486.00
Received to Date	\$48,565.90	\$44,022.90
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,829.10	\$17,463.10

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$143.00	\$3,257.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$2,031.00
Amount Outstanding	\$21,299.00

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$154.00	\$3,705.00

Ten people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$11.00.

POOR BOX \$91.00.

27 **CHILDREN** contributed \$91.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 195, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 130.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Years ago, a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic, wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops. As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received a steady stream of refusals. Finally, a short, thin man, well past middle age, approached the farmer. "Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him. "Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man. Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him.

The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man's work. Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand's sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming! Tie things down before they blow away!" The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No, sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows." Enraged by the response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered by tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down. Nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, so he returned to his bed to also sleep while the wind blew.

When you're prepared spiritually, mentally, physically, you have nothing to fear. Can you sleep when the wind blows through your life? The hired hand in the story was able to sleep because he had secured the farm against the storm.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

FEAST OF BLESSED CEFERINO

On May 4, 1997 Pope John Paul II declared Ceferino Blessed. Blessed Ceferino is very special to us. Hence it is our honor and privilege to celebrate his feast this Thursday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. mass. All are requested to participate and get yourself blessed.

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 this Thursday, May 5th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jack's Mary Rita.

6TH ANNUAL ST. EDWARD'S WALK-A-THON

will be held Wednesday, May 18th at 11:00 A.M. The entry fee is \$60 per person. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$20 each.

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, May 8th is Mother's Day.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for Catholic Charities. Please be generous.

MAY PROCESSION will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

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 \$1000 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a \$100 for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a \$60 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Child of Atocha, St. George, St. Expedite and St. Anthony; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Charbel for the needy; a member for a donation in thanks to Jesus, Mary and Joseph and St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man was driving with his wife at his side and his mother-in-law in the back seat. The women just won't leave him alone. His mother-in-law says "You are driving too fast." His wife says, "Stay more to the left." After 10 mixed orders the man turned to his wife and asked, "Who is driving the car, you or your mother?"

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Wednesday: In thanks for Kody Sherlock on his 5th Birthday.
Thursday: In repose of the souls of Ann Lewis and Mary Catherine Sherlock.
Friday: In loving memory of Rosie Girl Carroll on the 6th Anniversary of her death.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Athanasius
Tuesday: Ss. Philip and James
Thursday: Blessed Ceferino
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

AT CLOSE OF DAY

My heart finds rest at the close of day
While tucking moments fast away;
The twilight lends a quiet hour
To fill an ever sweet desire,
While shadows creep and darkness falls
'Tis I hear the evening calls.
My heart finds peace — a precious time
In lovely dreams I claim as mine;
I look beyond the day just passed
Into tomorrows ever vast,
Awaits the stars in Heaven's sky
To thrill my heart and light my eye.
God's lovely world is calm and still,
The moon shines down on yonder hill,
Another memory my own,
Of this so dear today I've known,
I tuck each happiness away
And know a peace at close of day.

READERS

Sat. Apr. 24th, 4:00 P.M. Mary Theresa & Bridget Ann	Sat. Apr. 24th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa
Sun. Apr. 25th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie
Sat. Apr. 30th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Macy	Sat. Apr. May 1st, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa
Sun. May 1st, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Taneil
Tuesday	Allison
Wednesday	Rose Marie
Thursday	Rachel
Friday	Annette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	April 30th
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.	April 30th
Front	Sharon
Cup	Jay

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 1st	May 8th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

SUPERB SENTENCES

Shakespeare: Coin always makes sound but the currency notes are always silent. So when your value increases keep quiet.

Napoleon: The world suffers a lot. Not because of the violence of bad people, but because of the violence of good people.

PRAYER CORNER

AN ARTHRITIS PRAYER

Saint Alphonus Ligouri, you are honored as the patron of arthritis. You suffered immensely and yet still practiced God's teachings. Help me remember the suffering of Jesus Christ when my fingers ache or my joints are sore with pain. Help me alleviate my pain, O great saint, so that my arthritis will either be abstained or cured so that I may suffer no more. Amen.