

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!  
— Psalm 67:6

### THE GIFT OF PEACE

“There arose no little dissension and debate.” Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little “give and take” now and then. So where was it that “there arose no little dissension and debate”? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today’s Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today’s Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that “reconciled diversity,” often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today’s Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus’ promised Gospel gift: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

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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** — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,011.00	\$1,223.00
Number of Families contributing	73	55
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (18 Weeks)	\$59,134.00	\$59,986.00
Received to Date	\$51,579.00	\$42,818.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,555.00	\$17,168.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$146.00	\$3,631.00

Fifteen ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$70.00	\$38,220.00

Three people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$3,116.00	\$19,882.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$50.00..

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$69.00.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

My mom is a LIAR! I was born into a poor family. Most of the time we didn’t have enough food to eat. At mealtimes, my mother would give me a portion of her rice to eat and say, “I’m not hungry.”

When I was growing up, my mother spent her spare time fishing. While I ate a delicious fish soup, she would eat the remaining meat off the bones. She would say, “Eat the fish son! I don’t like fish.”

Then when I was a Junior in High School, my mother took two extra jobs. One winter night, I woke and saw that my mother was working to cover her extra workload. “Mother, go to sleep!” I said. She just smiled and said, “Go to sleep dear, I’m not tired.”

After, the death of my father our financial situation became worse. My uncle who helped us out every now and then advised my mother to marry again, but she said, “I don’t need love.”

After I finished school and got a good job, I told her to live with me and take rest. But she refused, “I have enough money. I’m not used to that kind of life son.”

In her old age, she got stomach cancer. Now, it was evident that the disease had ravaged her body. But my mother said: “Don’t cry my dear. I’m not in any pain.”

After telling me this last lie, my dearest mother closed her eyes, this time forever.

*Our mothers are a blessing here on earth. For those of us lucky enough to still have our mother, we must take every opportunity to thank them for their love, appreciate them for every sacrifice and help them through every hardship. You never know when might be our last chance.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Pat L.’s Ann Marie in loving memory of her on Mother’s Day and in loving memory of Rosie Girl on the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death and Mother’s Day;
2. the Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on Mother’s Day;
3. the Family of Betty Apple in loving memory of her on Mother’s Day;
4. the family of Jack’s Cathy in loving memory of her on Mother’s Day;
5. the Family of Black Pete’s Winnie Ann in loving memory of her on Mother’s Day;
6. the Family of Maul’s Jim’s Bridget Ann in loving memory of her on Mother’s Day;
7. the Family of Hambone’s Mary Catherine in loving memory of her on Mother’s Day;
8. the Family of Mary Francis Rouk in loving memory of her on Mother’s Day;
9. the family of Pat Mack in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
10. and Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### FR. CHERIAN’S PHONE NUMBER IN INDIA

91-944-649-2827

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**WHAT IS A MOTHER**

*Mothers are the sweetest gift from God to us. There is no way we can ever really thank our mother for all she does for us, nevertheless we must make it a habit to keep reminding ourselves of the various sacrifices she made while raising us. Mother's Day is the best time to say in words how much you love and care for your Mom.*

***Rev. Prasad Antony***

***Wishes A Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of St. Edward Family.***

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Charities* and the second collection next weekend will be for the *Catholic Communications Campaign*.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE.**

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.  
**EVENING PRAYER** Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A boy says, "Daddy, Daddy, I want to get married!"

The Father says, "For that son, you have to have a boy and a girl."

The son says, "I've found a girl."

"Who?"

"My grandmother."

"Let me get this straight," the father says. "You want to marry my mother? You can't do that."

"Well, why not?" the son says. "You married mine!"

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Monday:** St. Isidore  
**Wednesday:** St. John I  
**Saturday:** St. Bernardine of Siena

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For Pete Suedle and Mary Louise.  
**Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of the soul of Deputy's Mary Ann on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of her death; and for the repose of the soul of Pat Mack on his Birthday.  
**Wednesday:** For Alicia Riley on her Birthday.  
**Thursday:** For Pete Suedle and Mary Louise.  
**Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

**A MOTHER'S LOVE**

*My Mother, my friend so dear,  
Throughout my life you're always near.  
A tender smile to guide my way,  
You're the sunshine to light my day.*

*Of all the special joys in life,  
The big ones and the small,  
A mother's love and tenderness  
Is the greatest of them all.*

*There is no blessing  
Quite so dear;  
As a mom like you  
To love year after year.*

**READERS**

**Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Natalie & Julie Ann

**Sun. May 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

**Sat. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Christina & Macy

**Sun. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Christina  
**Tuesday** - Natalie  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Ashley Carroll  
**Friday** - Lauren Ashley

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Betty Jo  
**Friday** - Ned's Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Right** Winnie Ann  
**Left** Bridget Rita

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

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** **May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Ned's Rose Marie Nora

**JOKES ABOUT A MOTHER**

- A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says. "How do you know?" the boy asks. "The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"
- Elephant: "Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?" Hippo: "I give up." Elephant: "Because their kids have to play inside."
- Chris: "Why is a computer so smart?" Mom: "It listens to its motherboard."

**WE DON'T KNOW**

**We don't know what tomorrow will bring.  
So don't stay angry for too long.  
Learn to forgive and love with all your heart.  
Don't worry about the people who don't like you.  
Enjoy the ones who love you.**

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

**A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER FOR YOU**

*I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears. And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be. Amen.*