

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

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

— Revelation 21:3

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today’s readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment’s freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to “make all things new.” In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: “love one another.”

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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

Last Week’s Collection	\$2,011.00	\$1,069.00
Number of Families contributing	57	40
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (18 Weeks)	\$59,079.00	\$60,081.00
Received to Date	\$48,853.00	\$39,677.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$10,226.00	\$20,404.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$94.00	\$3,132.00

Thirteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$60.00	\$71,120.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$75.00.

0 **CHILDREN** contributed \$0.00.

BAA totaled \$140.00.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES totaled \$82.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is nothing more sad to see than an aimless life. Such a life does not mean the person who lives it never has an aim, but that the aim is constantly being changed.

For it is the end—the aim—that interprets the life; we judge people not so much by their attainments as by the tendency, the bent, of their life. We judge one another not so much by what we are as by what we are becoming, trying to be.

A person who aims at some noble end in life is noble; the difference between the commonplace life and that which is above the commonplace lies mainly in the region of motive. The person whose life from first to last is inspired by the noblest aim, however constantly it may fail, however devoid it may be of the brilliancy of natural gifts, lives the most noble of lives.

Great objects form great minds.

—Emmons

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Hambone’s Mary Catherine in loving memory of her 87th Birthday;
2. Leanne and Family in loving memory of Justin on his 36th Birthday;
3. Philip, Jill and Raquel in loving memory of Deputy’s Mary Ann on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
4. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be celebrated this Tuesday, May 17th at 12 Noon. To prepare ourselves for the Feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer this Saturday, May 14th. The Young Girls Organization will organize the celebration.

THANK YOU to a member in honor of St. Joseph, the Infant of Prague, and St. Expedite for a miracle needed; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony for something found; a member for a donation in thanks to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Mother, St. Anthony, St. Rita, St. Expedite, St. Padre Pio, and St. Joseph; and a member in thanks to St. Expedite.

POCKETS

EMPTY POCKETS teach us a million things in life,
But **FULL POCKETS** spoil us in a million ways.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER	Monday thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
EVENING PRAYER	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	6:30 p.m.

SMILING

**SMILING is the best way to face every problem,
to crush every fear, and to hide every pain.**

MAY PROCESSION will be held on Saturday, May 28th after 4:00 P.M. Mass.

BEST EXERCISE IS WALKING

**Walk away from arguments that lead to anger.
Walk away from thoughts that steal your happiness.
The more you walk away from things that destroy your soul, the happier your life will be.**

"NO EXCUSES" SUNDAY

- Cots will be placed in the narthex for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel the pews are too hard.
- Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.
- The section by the window will be reserved for those who like to seek God in nature.

SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE

*To be most successful in life,
always forget the problems that you faced in life,
but never forget the lessons that those problems taught you.*

JOKE OF THE WEEK Joe was broke. His business had gone bust and in desperation he prayed to God to make him win the lottery. But he was out of luck and had to sell his car. The next week he again prayed to God to make him win the lottery, but once more he was out of luck and had to sell his house.

With his wife about to leave him, Joe made one last plea to God to make him win the lottery. God came back to him and said: "Listen, Joe, meet me halfway on this – buy a ticket."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. John I
Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena
Saturday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions;
Armed Forces Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Deputy's Mary Ann on the 1st Anniversary of her death.
Tuesday: For Brandon Riley and for Alisha Riley on her Birthday.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; in honor of Pope John Paul; and for the repose of the soul of Justin on his 36th Birthday.
Thursday: For Petie and Mary Louise Carroll.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Bibbie and in honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

THE EYES OF GOD

*God's eyes are always watching,
They are never far away;
His ears are always open,
To hear us when we pray.*

*His hands are thus extended,
To lift us should we fall;
His voice will give an answer,
If upon Him we will call.*

*His feet will walk before us,
Leaving footprints we can see;
His love will wrap around us,
And His grace will set us free.*

READERS

Sat. May 14th, 4:00 P.M.
Natalie & Mary Martha

Sun. May 15th, 10:00 AM.
Taniel & Lauren Ashley

Sat. May 21st, 4:00 P.M.
Dayna & Leah

Sun. May 22nd, 10:00 AM.
Taniel & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Ivana
Tuesday - Dominique
Wednesday - Cathy Lisa
Thursday - Julie Ann
Friday - Ashley Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday - Winnie Ann
Tuesday - Nora
Wednesday - Catherine Ann
Thursday - Mary Cat
Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Right
Left

May 14th

Winnie Ann
Bridget Rita

Sunday 10:00 A.M

May 15th
Rose Marie

May 22nd
Rose Marie

GOD'S PLAN IS ALWAYS THE BEST

*Sometimes the process is painful and hard.
But don't forget that when God is silent,
he's doing something great for you.*

EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION

**Mathematics may not teach us how to add happiness
or how to minus sadness. But it does teach one
important thing:
EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION**

INTERESTING FACTS

- 50% of a person's bones and 50% of the muscles, are in the two legs.
- The largest and strongest bones of the human body are also in the legs.
- 70% of human activity and burning of energy in one's life is done by the two feet.
- When a person is young, his/her thighs have enough strength to lift a small car of 800kg.
- The foot is the center of body locomotion.
- Aging starts from the feet upward.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~ A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Heavenly Father, there are times when I feel helpless and weak, when my faith seems at a low ebb, and I feel frighteningly alone. In those moments, Father, instill within me the hope that fills my soul with light, renews my faith and allows me to bask in the glory of Your love. Help me to always look toward tomorrow with hope, knowing that in all things, Your will, and not mine, will be done. In the name of Your Son, Amen.