

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

*"I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth."
— John 14:16-17*

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

"What is the reason for your hope?" Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not "What are you hoping for?" or "What are you hoping to do?" No, this isn't about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it's "Why do you hope?" Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or Jn 17:1-11a.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,281.00	\$3,495.00
Number of Families contributing	113	96
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (17 Weeks)	\$62,145.00	\$61,248.00
Received to Date	\$64,424.00	\$49,591.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$2,279.00)	\$11,657.00

LADES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$351.00	\$7,048.00

Twenty-eight ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$90.00	\$39,221.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

POOR BOX totaled \$10.00.

BAA totaled \$66.00.

26 **CHILDREN** contributed \$245.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Paul writes, "You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on his throne at the right hand of God."

—COLOSSIANS 3:1

A young woman bought a beautiful vase and placed it on a table in her room. The vase made her see how ugly the rest of the room really was. So, she cleaned the room and painted it. Next, she washed the windows and fitted them with new curtains. Finally, she waxed the floor and put down throw rugs. Gradually she transformed the room into something beautiful—almost as beautiful as the vase.

In a similar way, Paul exhorts the Colossians to transform their hearts into something beautiful—as beautiful as the Christ who now dwells in them.

What is one beautiful thing I might do to the room of my heart to make it more like the Christ who inhabits it? Think about it and do it.

Evil finds a ready home where beauty is despised and ugliness enthroned.

—CALVIN MILLER

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Raymond and Mary in loving memory of Pete Anthony Carroll on the 2nd Anniversary of his death, in loving memory of Bridget Marie Carroll on the 9th Anniversary of her death, and in loving memory of Tommy J. Riley on his Birthday and Winnie Black Eyes on the Anniversary of her death;
2. the Family of Eddie Gerard Riley in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Johnny Jude Carroll and Jonbenet Carroll.

MAY PROCESSION The Crowning of Our Blessed Mother will be next Sunday, May 24th at 3:00 P.M.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Catholic Communications Campaign*. Please be generous.

INTERESTING DEFINITIONS

1. **Accident:** *an event frequently descended from a long line of advice not listened to.*
2. **Advice:** *the approval sought for doing something one has decided to do.*
3. **Baby:** *an angel whose wings decrease as his legs increase.*
4. **Baseball:** *a game played by eighteen men who don't need exercise, watched by thousands who do.*
5. **Buffet dinner:** *a situation where the hostess doesn't have enough chairs for everybody.*

PROBLEMS

Every problem in life has a gift inside.
So don't get upset when you face problems.
It may have a more beautiful ending than your expectations.

MOMENTS

*Happy moments, Praise God. Difficult moments, Seek God.
Quiet moments, Worship God. Painful moments, Trust God.
Every moment, Thank God.*

THANK YOU to two members for their donations of \$100 each in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, the Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; two members in thanks to the Holy Spirit for a special intention; a member in thanks to St. Anthony for the poor; a member in thanks to Jesus, Mary and Joseph; and also to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man and his little girl were on an overcrowded elevator. Suddenly a lady in front turned around, slapped the man, and left in a huff. The little girl remarked, "I didn't like her either, Daddy." She stepped on my toe, so I pinched her."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. John I
Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
Friday: St. Rita of Cascia

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In honor of Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, and the Holy Spirit.
Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of the souls of Betty Ann Butts and Vinnie Sherlock.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Little Bibbie on her Birthday.
Friday: In honor of St. Joseph the Worker and the Holy Spirit.

SIMPLICITY

*Give us faith to trust You,
To know that You are there.
Remind us we should come to You
In all our dark despair.*

*Keep us ever near You
When You seem far away.
Hold us in Your loving arms
Each and every day.*

*We beg You for Your mercy
When we've begun to stray.
Accept our humble praise and thanks
This is what we pray.*

READERS

Sat. May 16th, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Karen
Sun. May 17th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

Sat. May 23rd, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sun. May 24th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Cat & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Rita Weaver
Wednesday	-	Ivana
Thursday	-	Marilyn
Friday	-	Annette

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Kim Gallon
Tuesday	Rose Melissa
Wednesday	Rosie Cat
Thursday	P.A.'s Ann Marie
Friday	Bridget Rita

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	May 16th
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 17th	May 24th
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

10 FANTASTIC WORDS

- I:** The most **SELFISH** one letter word. **Avoid it.**
- WE:** The most **SATISFYING** two letter word. **Use it.**
- EGO:** The most **POISONOUS** three letter word. **Overcome it.**
- LOVE:** The most **USED** four letter word. **Value it.**
- SMILE:** The most **PLEASING** five letter word. **Keep it.**
- RUMOURS:** The fastest **SPREADING** six letter word. **Ignore it.**
- SUCCESS:** The **HARDEST WORKING** seven letter word. **Achieve it.**
- JEALOUSY:** The most **ENVIABLE** eight letter word. **Distance it.**
- KNOWLEDGE:** The most **POWERFUL** nine letter word. **Acquire it.**
- FRIENDSHIP:** The most **VALUED** ten letter word. **Maintain it.**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

FOR EASING OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

Dear Lord, I have been taught that money is not what is most important, yet money is often a problem in my life. These latest financial difficulties are particularly hard. Help me to use money wisely – to resist buying what I do not need and to stop comparing my possessions with those of others. Grant me what I need in this life, so that I may care for myself and those dear to me, with enough to share with those less fortunate. Amen.