

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017

*"I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth."*

— John 14:16–17

### PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

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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 (*Psalms 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 *John 17:1-11a*.

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,114.36	\$2,372.00
Number of Families contributing	85	63
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (20 Weeks)	\$66,150.00	\$71,260.00
Received to Date	\$66,700.56	\$57,181.20
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$550.56)	\$14,078.80

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$169.00	\$6,255.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$5,427.41
Amount Outstanding	

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

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$60.00	\$5,721.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$8.00.

20 **CHILDREN** contributed \$119.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$40.00.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** totaled \$203.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 110 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 130.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*In my name shall they cast out devils.*

—MARK 16:17

Redlands University professor, Dr. William R. Parker said that when he returned from World War II his life was outwardly ideal but inwardly in turmoil. Although he was a psychologist, he was plagued with what he called "four demons," *hate, fear, inferiority, and guilt*. This drove him to a scientific research on the power of prayer and his life was changed. The demons were exorcised.

In the colorful language of the New Testament, many inner turmoils and conflicts were termed "demon possession." Christ, Master of all of earth and nature, said we need not be slaves to these churning emotions and promised He would give power to cast them out of our lives. These last words of Christ are particularly meaningful in our century of confusion and uncertainty.

As Dr. Parker discovered, there is power in prayer. As we submit ourselves completely to Him in periods of inner inspection and then look to Him for effective change, our lives become different. We no longer are tormented by these frustrating "demons" but live in clean houses in the company of the Kings of kings.

*There is no power that can conquer you while you are on Christ's side.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Little Bibbie in loving memory of her on her 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday;
2. the Brothers of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on his 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
3. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
4. and a Parish Member in thanks to the Blessed Mother and St. Philomena.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Juliet Riley and Radiance Riley who won Trophies for Most Improved Students in their Ballet Classes for the Year 2017.

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

**MAY PROCESSION** will be held this Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**7:00 P.M. SATURDAY MASS** Next Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> will be the last 7:00 P.M. Saturday Mass until further notice.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Fr. Thomas Healy will celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. with a reception to follow at St. Joseph Church, 2607 Lumpkin Road, Augusta, Ga. All members of St. Edward's Parish are invited to attend this celebration.

**THANK YOU** to a member for donation in honor of St. Gerard and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**FRAUD & POLITICS**

If you lie to people to get their money, that's **FRAUD**.  
If you lie to people to get their vote, that's **POLITICS**.

**BIBLE GUIDE**

***What are the Five Historical Books of the New Testament?***

The Five Historical Books of the New Testament are: the Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. These provide a record of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, and the beginning of the Church he founded.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Before going on his first airplane journey, a man was told by his friend that chewing gum would keep his ears from popping thru the flight. As they landed, the man turned to his friend and said the chewing gum worked great but how do I get it out of my ears.

**ALPHABETIC ADVICE**

- A B C** Avoid **B**oring Company.
- D E F** Don't Entertain **F**ools.
- G H I** Go for **H**igh Ideas.
- J K L M** Just **K**eep a friend Like **M**e.
- N O P** Never **O**verlook the **P**oor suffering.
- Q R S** Quit **R**eaching for **S**illy tales.
- T U V** Tune **U**rself for your **V**ictory.
- W X Y Z** **W**e **X**pect **Y**ou to **Z**oom ahead in life.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. Rita of Cascia
- Friday:** St. Philip Neri
- Saturday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** In loving memory of Katie Riley and Apple's Mattie on their Birthdays.
- Tuesday:** For a special intention.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** For Alicia Riley and Bryan Jude Gorman on their Birthdays.
- Friday:** Communion Service.

**TIME IS A GIFT**

The person who thinks he has nothing...  
No job or ladder of success to climb,  
Should stop allowing negative feelings  
For he's been given the "gift of time."

Time to get out and feel the sunshine  
And meet a neighbor or two.  
Pitch right in where a hand is needed  
In whatever they're trying to do.

The gift of time should never be wasted;  
It's God's blessing given to you.  
By passing his love on to others,  
You may see it is a dream come true.

**READERS**

- Sat. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Dominique & Natalie
- Sat. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Apple's Mary Regina
- Sun. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph
- Sat. May 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Karen & Cathy Lisa Butts
- Sat. May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Dominique & Natalie
- Sun. May 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** Stephanie Boo
- Tuesday** Natalie
- Wednesday** Kara
- Thursday** Cathy Lisa Butts
- Friday** Karen

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** Front
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** Bridget Ann
- Front Left
- Left Cup
- Front Right
- Right Cup
- Sick
- Rose Marie
- Catherine Ann
- Rose Melissa
- Ann T.
- Bunk's Ann

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

- May 21<sup>st</sup>** Pete Man's Nora
- May 28<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man's Nora
- Rose Marie
- Rose Marie

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

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

**WHY**

Why is it that when you *eat too much for lunch* you *feel drowsy all afternoon*, but when you *eat a big meal in the evening* you *stay awake all night?*

**PRAYER & MEDITATION**

**Prayer is when you talk to God.  
Meditation in when God talks to you.**

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

**LIVE ETERNALLY IN ME**

So act, good Jesus, that, in my relationships with whatever neighbor and in all I do for the furthering of your Father's glory and the salvation of others, I form myself on your pattern; that I be a genuine reflection of your moderation, gentleness, humility, patience, graciousness, tireless zeal, in a word, all of your virtues; and, in order to engrave them in my soul, live eternally in me. Amen.