

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

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

— Psalm 67:6

### RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

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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	\$2,581.00	\$1,326.00
Number of Families contributing	89	61
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (19 Weeks)	\$62,120.00	\$63,180.00
Received to Date	\$51,374.00	41,003.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$10,746.00	\$22,177.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$233.00	\$3,365.00

Twenty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$10.00	\$71,130.00

One person 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 \$29.00.

11 **CHILDREN** contributed \$54.00.

**BAA** totaled \$120.00.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The fable says the ant and the elephant were crossing a bridge. The bridge shook under the weight of the elephant, and when the two reached the other side, the ant exclaimed, "Boy, we certainly did shake that bridge."

There is a strong temptation to claim credit for things that are accomplished with little or no effort on our part.

One good way to avoid any exaggeration of the part you play is to work as hard as you can and seek no credit.

Leave it to God to judge and give you your due. The recompense He will make will far outweigh any worldly compensation.

*Even if the role you play is small, be assured that it is an important one in God's eyes. Neither underestimate nor overestimate it.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Apple's Mattie in loving memory of him on his Birthday and in loving memory of Katie Riley on her Birthday;
2. Susan Butts and Cathy Lisa in thanks to St. Rita on her Feast Day;
3. the Family of Pete Anthony Carroll in loving memory of him on the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**MAY PROCESSION** will be held next Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> after 4:00 P.M. Mass.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in honor of St. Joseph, the Infant of Prague, and St. Expedite for a miracle needed; a member for a donation in honor of St. Expedite and Mother Teresa for a special intention; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

### GOD GIVES US ENOUGH

*God balances our lives by giving us enough blessing to keep us happy, enough burdens to keep us humble, and enough hardships to keep us strong.*

### MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

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

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

### TEST OF FAITH

**The greatest test of faith is when you don't get what you want, but still, you are able to say, "Thank You Lord."**

**POSSIBLE SIGNS OUTSIDE OF CHURCH**

- ❖ *Gambling is a sin. Bet you can't give it up.*
- ❖ *There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.*
- ❖ *Let us help you study for your final exam.*
- ❖ *Speak well of your enemies. After all, you created them.*
- ❖ *The meek shall inherit the earth, that is, if you don't mind.*
- ❖ *Happy Easter to our Christian friends. Happy Passover to our Jewish friends. Happy Ramadan to our Muslim friends. To our atheist friends, good luck.*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** The doctor smiled as he entered the room. "You look much better today."

"Yes, I followed the directions on your medicine bottle."

"What were they?"

"Keep the bottle tightly corked."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:* Sixth Sunday of Easter  
*Wednesday:* St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;  
 St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi  
*Thursday:* St. Philip Neri  
*Friday:* St. Augustine of Canterbury

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:* In thanks to St. Expedite.  
*Tuesday:* For the repose of the soul of Apple's Mattie on his Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Katie 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; and for the repose of the soul of Big Pierre on the Anniversary of his death; and for the repose of the souls of Black Barney and Winnie.  
*Thursday:* In thanks to St. Expedite.  
*Friday:* For the repose of the soul of Jim Carroll on his Birthday.

**PLEASE LORD...HELP ME**

*Please, dear Lord, come fill my heart  
To quell my doubt and fear.  
Abide in me and guide me  
Let me know that You are near.*

*Calm the emptiness I feel;  
I seek Your love and peace,  
To end the turmoil in my life  
Please, make my heartache cease.*

*Give me the strength to carry on;  
The wisdom and the power.  
I place my utmost faith in You  
Please, Lord, uphold me every hour.*

**READERS**

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| Sat. May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 4:00 P.M.<br>Dayna & Leah    | Sun. May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 10:00 AM.<br>Taniel & Lauren Ashley |
| Sat. May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00 P.M.<br>Ritz & Savannah | Sun. May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 AM.<br>Taniel & Lauren Ashley |

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

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| <b><u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u></b>  | <b><u>May 21<sup>st</sup></u></b> |
| Right                             | Winnie Ann                        |
| Left                              | Bridget Rita                      |
| <b><u>Sunday 10:00 A.M</u></b>    |                                   |
| <b><u>May 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b> | <b><u>May 29<sup>th</sup></u></b> |
| Rose Marie                        | Rose Marie                        |

**BEAUTIFUL LINES**

- Prayer is not a "SPARE WHEEL" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "STEERING WHEEL" that directs the right path throughout life.
- Why is a car's windshield so LARGE and the rearview mirror so SMALL? Because our PAST is not as IMPORTANT as our FUTURE. So, LOOK AHEAD and MOVE ON.
- FRIENDSHIP is like a BOOK. It takes a FEW SECONDS TO BURN, but it takes YEARS TO WRITE.
- All things in life are TEMPORARY. If they are GOING WELL, ENJOY them. They WILL NOT LAST FOREVER. If they are going wrong, DON'T WORRY, they CAN'T LAST LONG EITHER.
- Old FRIENDS are GOLD! New FRIENDS are DIAMONDS. If you get a DIAMOND, DON'T FORGET the GOLD! To HOLD A DIAMOND, you always need a BASE OF GOLD!

**SUCCESS**

Success is a vehicle, which moves on a wheel named hard work, but the journey is impossible without the fuel named self-confidence!

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

**LORD, JESUS BE WITH ME**

*Lord Jesus, may I be with You in all that I say and do. Draw me close that I may glorify You and bear fruit for Your kingdom. In flame my heart with Your love and remove from it anything that would make me ineffective or unfruitful in loving and serving you as my All. Amen.*