

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

— John 15:16

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,368.00	\$1,620.00
Number of Families contributing	95	73
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (17 Weeks)	\$55,044.00	\$53,636.00
Received to Date	\$49,898.00	\$40,338.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,146.00	\$13,298.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$222.00	\$3,405.00

Thirty ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$3,746.00
Amount Outstanding	\$21,959.00

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

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$2,672.00	\$2,672.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$8.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$37.00.

19 **CHILDREN** contributed \$87.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 105, and 7:00p.m. 130; Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 110.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A teacher and his student went for a walk near a farm. While walking, they came across a pair of old torn shoes belonging to a poor farmer. “Teacher, why don’t we hide these shoes? It would be fun to watch the farmer’s reaction when he can’t find them!” “Son, the teacher said, don’t play cruel jokes on a poor person. I have a better idea. Why don’t we just put some coins in his shoes? We can hide somewhere to see the farmer’s reaction when he sees the coins in his torn shoes.”

After finishing the work, the farmer came to collect his shoes. As he slipped his foot into one of the shoes, he felt something hard. He checked and saw that there were coins in his shoe! He looked around and then he put them in his pocket. Then the farmer put on the other shoe. Again, he felt something hard. He checked and saw that there were even more coins in his shoes! This made the farmer emotional and he began to cry. He folded his hands and looked towards the sky. “Oh God, I thank you a thousand times for the unknown person who is helping me in this time of need. Because of their kindness, I can now buy medicine for my sick wife and get bread for my hungry children.”

As the student listened to the farmer’s words, his eyes filled with tears. Once the farmer left, the teacher questioned his student. “Tell me what would have made you happier...hiding his shoes or putting coins in his shoes?” Crying the student said, “Teacher, I will never forget the lesson you taught me today. Now I understand the meaning of these words: Joy of Giving is much more than taking, for it is truly limitless. Thank you, teacher.”

Instead of causing trouble, we should spread kindness. Help people whenever you can. Joy of Giving is much more than taking.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Rouks in loving memory of Johnny Rouk on the 12th Anniversary of his death and Annie Rouk on her 87th Birthday;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
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CONGRATULATIONS

to Patrick Dempsey Carroll on making the All-A Honor Roll. Congratulations to Hyland Sherlock on receiving an award for her artwork that will be on display at the Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta.

THANKS to a member for a donation in honor of St. Benedict and three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will be for *Catholic Charities*. Please be generous.

MOTHER’S DAY

Next Sunday, May 13th is Mother’s Day.

LET GOD ENTER

Open your heart and invite God into every circumstance, because when God enters the scene, miracles happen.

6 STEPS TO SELF CARE

1. If it feels wrong, don't do it.
2. Don't be a people pleaser.
3. Never give up on your dreams.
4. Don't be afraid to say no.
5. Let go of what you can't control.
6. LOVE.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Sue passed way, so her husband, Bubba, called 911. The operator said they'd send someone out right away. "Where do you live?" asked the operator.

Bubba replied, "At the end of Eucalyptus Drive."

The operator asked, "Can you spell that for me?"

There was a long pause. Finally Bubba said, "How about if I drag her over to Oak Street, and you pick her up there?"

QUIPS & QUOTES

- An empty tomb proves Christianity; an empty church denies it.
- Christians are the light of the world, but the switch must be turned on.
- A Christian shows what he is by what he does with what he has.
- What the world needs is not more Christianity but more Christians who practice Christianity.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Thursday: St. Damien de Veuster
Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For Hambone's Mary Catherine on her birthday.
Tuesday: In thanks for Styles Sherlock on his 4th Birthday.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: In honor of the Blessed Mother for the repose of the soul of Blonde Mary Sherlock on her 81st Birthday.
Friday: In honor of St. Padre Pio for the repose of the soul of Jay Carroll on the 1st Anniversary of his death and for the repose of the soul of Kate Francis Carroll.

A LITTLE TIME SPENT WITH GOD

*A little time spent with God
Proves an asset along life's way
By flooding the heart with joy and peace,
Making for a faith-filled day.*

*A little time spent alone with the Creator
Lifts a spirit to realms on high,
When the heart and soul are aching
And frustrations weigh a heavy sigh.*

*So as the clock of time ticks,
Just dedicate a half hour or more
To God our Almighty Father,
Praise, ask and seek at heaven's door.*

READERS

Sat. May 5th, 4:00 P.M. Skyler & Natalie
Sat. May 5th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Miranda

Sun. May 6th, 10:00 A.M. Miranda & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. May 12th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Christie
Sat. May 12th, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Miranda

Sun. May 13th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Reed
Tuesday Melissa Gallon
Wednesday Ann Rita
Thursday Celia
Friday Rachel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 8:30 P.M. April 29th
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 6th Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie
May 13th Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Mary Cat
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday Bridget Ann

EPITAPHS FOR A GODLY MAN'S TOMB

Here lies a piece of Christ; a star in dust, A vein of gold;
a china dish that must be used in Heaven, when God shall
feast the just. - *Robert Wild*

DON'T WRITE

Don't write your name on the sand,
waves will wash it away.
Don't write your name in the sky,
the wind may blow it away.
write your name in the hearts of people
you come in touch with.
That's where it will stay.

PRAYER CORNER

TEACH US LORD

*Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you
deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to
fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and
not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for
any reward, save that of knowing that we do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*