

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

— John 14:6

VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of "vocation" and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today's apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the "cornerstone" of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God's] own, so that you may announce the praises" of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life's vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,519.00	\$1,813.00
Number of Families contributing	79	58
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (17 Weeks)	\$56,083.00	\$56,892.00
Received to Date	\$49,723.00	\$41,595.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,360.00	\$145,297.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$157.00	\$3,485.00

Nineteen ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$180.00	\$38,150.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$2,860.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$173.00.

15 **CHILDREN** contributed \$61.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A very old lady looked in the mirror one morning. She had three remaining hairs on her head, and being a positive soul, she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she braided her three hairs, and she had a great day.

Some days later, looking in the mirror one morning, preparing for her day, she saw that she only had two hairs remaining. "Hmm, two hairs...I fancy a center parting today." She duly parted her two hairs, and as ever, she had a great day.

A week or so later, she saw that she had just one hair left on her head. "One hair huh..." she mused, "I know a pony-tail will be perfect." And again she had a great day.

The next morning she looked in the mirror. She was completely bald. "Finally bald huh," she said to herself, "How wonderful! I won't have to waste time doing my hair anymore."

This tells you to always look for the positive side in things. A positive outlook, more positive events, makes a person much happier. So why hurt yourself and your sense of happiness by looking for what is wrong. It is much easier finding wrong than right, but what is the point?

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Penn in loving memory of him on his 71st Birthday; and in loving memory of Johnny Rouk on the 17th Anniversary of his death; and also in loving memory of Annie Rouk on her 92nd;
2. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to Mary Undoer of Knots, St. Jude, St. Expedite and St. Rita.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Hunter Sherlock and Gracin Sherlock.

FR. CHERIAN'S PHONE NUMBER IN INDIA

91-944-649-2827

THANK YOU

to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

TO BE STRONG

Even solid things like **IRON** becomes **WEAK** when its **HOT**.

People can **USE** it as they **WISH**.

So always try to stay **COOL** if you wish to be **STRONG**.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

COMIC DICTIONARY

- **PROCRASTINATION** - The art of keeping up with yesterday.
- **SKELETON** - A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
- **UNDERTAKER** - The last guy to let you down.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE.

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK During one “generation gap” quarrel with his parents, a young man cried,

“I want excitement, adventure, money, romance.

I’ll never find it here at home, so I’m leaving. Don’t try to stop me!”

With that he headed toward the door, his parents close behind.

“Didn’t you hear what I said? I don’t want you to stop me!”

“Who’s stopping you?” replied his parents.

“We’re going with you!”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Wednesday: St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster

Friday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Penn on his 71st Birthday.

Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Blonde Mary 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.

Thursday: In thanks to St. John Paul II.

Friday: For the repose of the soul of Rosie Girl on Mother’s Day; for the repose of the soul of Pat L.’s Ann Marie on Mother’s Day; and for the repose of the soul of Hambone’s Mary Catherine on her 88th Birthday.

IT’S GOD’S WAY

Sometimes I think I’m all alone

And it seems that no one cares.

*When the specter of loneliness shadows me,
I wonder – does God hear my prayers?*

It is then I seek out a garden,

Where flowers profusely bloom.

It is there I see the handiwork of God...

In a rose, in a tree, in the blossoms’ perfume.

In a garden, I know, I am never alone,

It is there I know God’s love and grace.

*It is there, He wraps me in His loving arms
And gathers my loneliness in His embrace.*

READERS

Sat. May 6th, 4:00 P.M.

Natalie & Macy

Sat. May 6th, 7:00 P.M.

Dayna & Leah

Sun. May 7th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

Sat. May 13th, 4:00 P.M.

Natalie & Julie Ann

Sat. May 13th, 7:00 P.M.

Sun. May 14th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Christina

Tuesday - Natalie

Wednesday - Julie Ann

Thursday - Ashley Carroll

Friday - Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun

Tuesday - Jack’s Mary Rita

Wednesday - Julie Ann

Thursday - Betty Jo

Friday - Ned’s Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Right

Left

May 6th

Winnie Ann

Bridget Rita

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

May

Cathy Carroll & Betty Jo

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 7th

Nora

May 14th

Ned’s Rose Marie

WHERE THERE IS

Where there is no lie, there is comfort.

Where there is no jealousy, there is progress.

Where the heart is clean, happiness rests.

UPLIFTING QUOTES

“God has *PERFECT TIMING*: never early, never late. It takes a little patience and a lot of *FAITH*, but it’s worth the wait.”

“God only puts us through as much as we can handle so the people who struggle the most have been *CHOSEN* by God to be the strongest ones.”

PRAYER CORNER

JESUS GIVE ME

Lord Jesus, give me a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and a great love of You. Take from me all lukewarmness in the mediation of Your word, and dullness in prayer. Give me fervor and delight in thinking of You and Your grace, and fill me with compassion for others, especially those in need, that I might respond with generosity. Amen.