

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

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

— John 15:16

### THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### 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** — God is love (1 John 4:7-10)  
or 1 John 4:11-16.

**Gospel** — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,622.00	\$1,744.00
Number of Families contributing	92	70
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (17 Weeks)	\$56,416.00	\$57,360.00
Received to Date	\$49,425.00	\$39,729.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,991.00	\$17,631.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$205.00	\$3,570.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$1,000.00	\$74,187.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$107.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$71.00.

**BAA** totaled \$105.00.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Mommy, you are a fairy," I said. My mother laughed like tinkling bells. "I am serious, Mother. You know everything."

"My child, I try to answer as best as I can. When you grow older, you will not need me," she said.

"No, Mom, I will always need you. Nothing can change that," I said.

Her words echo in my heart as I look at the blue sky: "Dear daughter, nothing remains the same except the vast blue sky."

It has been ten years since I lost my fairy. Mom, you were wrong about one thing: I still need you.

—Saman Rahman, Peshawar, Pakistan.

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**Rev. Cherian Thalukulam, C.M.I. and**

**Rev. Bobby Vadayattukunnel, CMI**

**Wish A Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of St. Edward Family.**

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
2. The Apple's in loving memory of Betty Apple on Mother's Day;
3. The Family of Pat L.'s Ann Marie in loving memory of her on Mother's Day and in loving memory of Rosie Girl on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death and Mother's Day;
4. The Family of Black Pete's Winne Ann in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
5. The Family of Nora Francis in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
6. The Family of Mary Francis Rouk in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
7. The Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
8. And a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be closed next Monday, May 10th.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to a Parish Member for a \$1,000 donation to the Church.

### OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021-2022 REGISTRATION

Early Registration ends on May 31<sup>st</sup> - \$275

Regular Registration begins June 1<sup>st</sup> - \$375

Financial Aid Applications available (Must be completed by June 30)

State sponsored 4K scholarships available

In South Carolina, Kindergarten is a compulsory grade for children who are 5 years old on/before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the academic year. OLP will not be allowing any 5-year-old to remain in/or enroll in 4K.

Contact the School Office for more details at 803-279-8396 ext. 100.

\*\*\*August 16, 2021 School Start Date\*\*\*

## JOKES ABOUT A MOTHER

- A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. *"Carrots are good for your eyes,"* she says. *"How do you know?"* the boy asks. *"The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"*
- Elephant: *"Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?"*  
Hippo: *"I give up."*  
Elephant: *Because their kids have to play inside."*
- Chris: *"Why is a computer so smart?"*  
Mom: *"It listens to its motherboard."*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Charities*. Please be generous.

### MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.  
**EVENING PRAYER** Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Joseph; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony, St. Expedite and St. Christopher; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKES OF THE WEEK** Upon attempting to prepare a 7-year-old daughter for a new baby in a few months, she repeatedly stated, "No boys in our house!"

After several months the BIG day arrived. The daughter came into the hospital room and the mother told her the baby was a boy and asked her, "What are we gonna do?"

She placed both her hands on her hips and without missing a beat said, "Well I guess we'll have to love the little thing!"

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Damien de Veuster; St. John De Avila  
**Wednesday:** Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras;  
**Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord (transferred to Sunday); Our Lady of Fatima  
**Friday:** St. Matthias  
**Saturday:** St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Blonde Mary Sherlock on her 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
**Tuesday:** In thanks to the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.  
**Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Hambone's Mary Catherine on her 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
**Thursday:** For Pete Suedle and Mary Louise.  
**Friday:** In honor of the Holy Spirit and Blessed Mother for a special intention.

### WONDERFUL MOTHER

*God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.  
~ Pat O'Reilly*

## READERS

Sat., May 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.      Sun. May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.  
Julie Ann & Mary Martha      Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

Sat., May 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.      Sun. May 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.  
Christina & Natalie      Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Taneil  
Tuesday - Fallon  
Wednesday - Julie  
Thursday - Dayna  
Friday - Christina

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday - Cathy Pole  
Tuesday - Kim Gallon  
Wednesday - Rosie Cat  
Thursday - Mary Cat  
Friday - Rose Marie

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**      **May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Front      Mary Margaret  
Right      Cathy Pole  
Left      Kim Gallon

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

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**      **May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Rose Marie      Rose Marie  
Mary Cat      Mary Cat

### ALWAYS REMEMBER

THE MIND WILL NOT ALWAYS REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED, BUT HE HEART WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE FEELING.

### SOMETHING YOU NEVER HEAR IN CHURCH

- Hey! It's my turn to sit on the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.
- Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
- I've decided to give our church the \$500.00 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.
- I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
- Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible Seminar in the Bahamas.

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER FOR YOU

*I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears. And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be. Amen.*