

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter



We Are Jesus' Presence in the World - the Way

Today's Gospel passage is a direct reply to the questions of Jesus' disciples "Lord, where are you going?" Their belief system was collapsing right there at table during their last meal with Jesus before he dies. Jesus assures them with faith in him, there is no reason for their hearts, or ours to remain troubled. He's leaving but not abandoning us. Our challenge is to live in such a way that others will perceive a way to God in the witness we offer with our lives.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by the Altar Society in thanksgiving to God for all the mothers of our Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 20
4:30 p.m. Robert R. Schaefer
Sunday, May 21
8:00 a.m. Vlasta Pekar

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY



Next weekend is *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: 66

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Lillie Agnes Zimmerhanel
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2017 Assessment \$7,670.00
Contributions So Far \$ 1,605.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 6,065.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Georgia Cerny
Helen Schaefer
Jill & Brian Noska
Carol & Randy Barta
Denise & Gary Greive
Anna & Michael Fishbeck
Patricia & James Gready*

Do please consider making a donation.

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Jon Fischer, Beeville, TX - \$20

In Memory of Louis Barta

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Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

To Our First Communicant

Rylie Jo Noska

No Taking of Photographs During Mass

Pictures are not allowed to be taken during the Liturgy. You will have the opportunity to take pictures after mass.

Prayer For Our First Communicant



Lord Jesus, bless all those who are receiving you in Holy Communion for the first time today. May each one of them know your love and mercy in a personal way. May all your people open their hearts to you and be transformed by this sacrament. May we become a sign of your love for the whole world. Amen.

REFLECTION

"I am the way and the truth and the life"

From last Sunday's celebration of Jesus, our Good shepherd, this Sunday we turn our attention to who we are and how we are to live as Jesus' flock. We, like Thomas, are often haunted by Jesus' words "Where I am going you know the way." We therefore ask: "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Like Thomas, we want to know more about the place Jesus is going to prepare for us and learn the way to it, which cannot be drawn on a map. The response of Jesus to Thomas, frees us from useless efforts and flights of imagination. The way, the truth, and the life is a person, Jesus himself! Our ways can disappear or become obsolete. Jesus, the way is always accessible and leads to the end. Jesus is not only the guide but the way as well as the truth and the life. In him, the humanity whose head he is has traveled the road. In him everything hangs together. It is therefore pointless to toil to find the secret road. The way is revealed to us in the person of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 15 – Johnnye Jameyson

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts.

They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Remember to pray for the following intentions:

- For Health*
- For Good Health*
- For My Marriage*
- For Health of Son-in-law*
- For Health, Love & Patience*
- Pray For My Husband's Soul*
- For Richard K. & Christian A.*
- For Frank B. In His Time of Need*
- For A Job For My Brother-in-law*
- For True Love & Financial Stability*
- For Salud, Rebecca, Jesus, & Cristian*
- For Happiness & Health For My Family*
- To Bless Alana & Richard With A Healthy Child*
- For Speedy & Complete Recovery of My Sister Martina*
- For Physical, Emotional, Spiritual Healing of Marisol R.*
- For Financial Success So I Can Endow Charitable Causes*
- For the Children of Mark Spill After Losing Their Father to Cancer in 2016*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

Happy Mother's Day

Prayer for Mother

Thank you, God for my mother. How many times have I said that I will be different from my mother – "better," unusual – not like her. Yet here I stand, morally and lovingly hers.

Thank you, God for all that she said and all that she did not say, for all that she did and all that she left undone.

Thank you, God for letting me become so many of those good things that were my mother—the things I had not the wisdom to see in earlier day. Thank you, God for my mother.

– Donna Schaper

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet – See Insert

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEKEND

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Basilica is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine, and is oftentimes affectionately referred to as *America's Catholic Church*. Open 365 days a year, the Basilica is host to nearly one million visitors annually, attracting pilgrims and tourists alike from across the country and the world. Proceeds from this one-time collection will assist with the completion of the central and final dome in mosaic, The Holy Trinity. *Please be generous.*

NEXT WEEKEND

Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese



Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community. *Please be generous.*

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

During these latter weeks of the Easter season, our readings turn from the narratives of the appearances of the risen Christ to our participation in the risen life of Jesus. Today's passage from the Gospel according to John invites us to participate in the love that flows between the Father and the Son.

PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED



It's time to start thinking about making donations to the Raffle. Anyone interested in doing so may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Liz Janak (361-596-8206). The Raffle Prize donation deadline is May 31. *Thank you.*