



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## SUNDAY – MAY 14, 2017



Dear Friends in Christ,

At Mass we say: “Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.” This is our responsorial psalm of the Fifth Sunday of Easter. What does it mean to us?

We always need God’s mercy. There is no doubt that God’s mercy is always present in the world and in our life. God, however, has entrusted that mercy to His Church which was established by Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, on the Rock Peter to make His mercy visible, touchable and available. Through the Seven Sacraments instituted by Christ, God uses the ministry of the Church to bestow His mercy on those who sincerely and humbly seek it.



Is there anyone who thinks they do not need God’s mercy? Like it or not, I think the answer is: Yes. Who are they? They are those who do not believe in God’s mercy, who think they do not sin, who believe there is no black or white, no right or wrong (relativism), who think they are morally OK in whatever they do. Actually, they are the ones who need God's mercy; they can be Catholics and Christians.

God’s mercy is always present in the world through the ministry of the Church; secondly, God always initiates His action pouring His mercy on us and wishes that everyone would embrace it, but He never forces anyone to accept it. God’s mercy comes from His endless love; God is LOVE, so love is God’s nature. Therefore, God’s mercy never ends. It is human being’s unrepentance that will end God’s mercy, not God.

Sometimes people say they will wait until the last minute to repent in order to receive God’s mercy; they think they still have plenty of time. This is exactly what the Devil advertises everywhere, even in the Church, in your family! Would he have that “last minute?” Remember what Jesus had warned us many times: “Be awake! Be alert! God’s coming is like a thief!”

### CLASSES – MEETINGS

- Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30-11:30 am
- Monday ... Women’s Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am  
(Second Monday of each month)
- Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm
- Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am -12 noon
- Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm  
(First Tuesday of each month)
- Wednesday...First Communion Class...7:00 pm
- Thursday...Choir Practice...4:00-5:30 pm

We are destined to be with God forever in Heaven. Yes, this is God’s will, but the question for you and me is: is it our will to be with Him in Heaven? Then, if so, **PROVE IT** to Him!

We cannot do it without God’s mercy because we sometimes or often fail to prove it to God. In order to receive God’s mercy we must “place our trust in Him” as the responsorial psalm says or we must have faith in God and have faith also in Jesus, as Jesus, tells His disciples in today’s gospel.

Our trust and our faith in God, in Jesus Christ can be seen through our actions (our worshiping, charitable works - bodily and spiritually, devotion, reverence, practicing and keeping God’s law and the Church’s laws . . .)

Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life. May we always **follow** His way, **live** in His truth, and **have** His life in us. Amen.

I also want to use this letter to wish all the mothers (biological or spiritual) a Happy Mother’s Day. You have sacrificed so much for your family and children. You have been good examples in faith and morality for your children. You are the witnesses of Christ in the world today. Who can repay you enough for all the GOOD works (named or unnamed!) you have done? Only God can, so may the Almighty God, who has called you and sustained you in this vocation, continue to bless and strengthen you. And may the Mother of God intercede to God for you. Amen.



Peace in the Risen Christ,  
Fr. Tien

### STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$5,187
Envelopes & Cash	\$4,742
Online Giving	\$ 445
Capital Improvements	\$ 2,237
<u>Attendance</u>	
Saturday 5:00 pm	128
Sunday 9:00 am	184
11:30 am	250

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our parish.



Our condolences are extended to the Tasting family on the loss of their child, Shane. May Shane's soul, along with the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Please continue to keep the Tasting family in your prayers after this recent tragedy. A donation to help offset their medical expenses can be made online at [GoFundMe/john-julie-tasting-injury-fund.com](http://GoFundMe/john-julie-tasting-injury-fund.com) or at the Parish Office. Thank you.

We will pray the Consecration to Mary right after the Masses this weekend. Our ushers have copies for those who did not bring the copy posted in last week's bulletin.



There is a second collection this weekend for 2017 Trinity Dome Collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Diocese recently added this collection so there will not be an envelope in your box of envelopes. Please disregard the yellow envelope for the International/National Collection which indicates it will be taken up next weekend. The Diocese changed that date and this collection was already taken up on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Women's Guild Good Stuff Sale will be Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will sell household and garden items, books, toys, personal accessories (jewelry, shoes and purses) small furniture, plants, tools, garden items, etc. We will not sell electronics or clothing. We prefer you hold your contributions until the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>. However, if you have items that you need to donate now, please call Sue Kozma at (239) 940-2057 or Pat Tuscany at 349-0731.



Hand made rosaries are available for sale in the parish office. Purchase one for yourself or as a gift that will be cherished forever. Each sale results in a contribution to the Catastrophic Fund.

There will not be Mass on Monday or Tuesday of this week and will resume as usual on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.



Please check the back of our bulletin and be sure to support these businesses who have sponsored our bulletin covers!

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Carolina Home School Conference will be at Belmont Abbey College dining hall on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (12 pm - 6 pm) and Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> (9:30 am - 3:30 pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Prof. Joseph Pearce is the confirmed speaker! Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org).



**Pray for everyone who seeks healing:** Claire Barnable, Dean Birchard, Jim Broadwell, Alexander Canelas, Pauline Catania, Tom Coffey, Samuel Cosentino, Joann Croce, Joe Cukla, Dotti Currier, Lillianne Duong Davis, Dennis Ensley, Casper Erb, Shirley Euting, Debbie Fouts, Dorothy Gordon, Lisa Graber, Ron Galewski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Bill Himschoot, Charles Hoefeyzers, Carl Huebler, Sarah Hughes, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Bob Kilian, Lucy LaRoche, Christopher Marinari, Debbie Matthews, Fred Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Sue Merry, Lad Mezera, Millard Michaels, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Laura Moore, Kathy Obenshain, Josette Roisin, Richard Stodghill, Bill Shaw, Benalee Shields, Marlene Taber, Elijah Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Shirley Troutman, Fred Troutman, Helen Waniski, Teresa Williams, Brailyn Grace Williamson, Larry Wilson, Alice Yuzzi, Art and Mary Ann Zoecler.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, May 13

*Our Lady of Fatima*

5:00 P.M. Ray & Linda Behr, 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### Sunday, May 14

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 A.M. All the Mothers of the Parish

11:30 A.M. Parish People's Mass - En Español

### Monday, May 15

*St Isidore*

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

### Tuesday, May 16

8:00 A.M. NO MASS

### Wednesday, May 17

5:30 P.M. ✕George O'Malley

### Thursday, May 18

*St. John I, Pope and Martyr*

9:00 A.M. ✕Fred Bader by Rita Bader

### Friday, May 19

9:00 A.M. ✕Stephen H. Swanson

by Charlene Swanson Galbrecht

### Saturday, May 20

*St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

5:00 P.M ✕Clyde, Kerry and Michael Blue

by the Blue Family

### Sunday, May 21

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 A.M. ✕Gene Gonzalez

11:30 A.M. Parish People's Mass - En Español

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

## Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Friday at 3 P.M.

**Elderly & shut-in:** Barbara Elliot, Bernie Smetanka.

**Parishioners & all armed forces:** Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Ricke, Elizabeth Scoone.