



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY – MAY 21, 2017



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Gospel of the Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Church gives us the words of Jesus to His disciples in preparing them for His departure: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments;” “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” and they will receive another Advocate - “the Spirit of Truth” from the Father.

Our love for Jesus Christ must be expressed through our remembering to: “Do this in memory of me” which is now the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, our accepting, and keeping/observing/practicing His commandments. In other words, faith and work go together! Our work is the concrete expression of our faith in Jesus. No one will misinterpret our faith through our work. We have to prove to Jesus that we love Him not just by words (sometimes or often they are just empty words) but also by good deeds, by keeping God's commandments.

The Holy Spirit - the Spirit of Truth - will remind the Church what Jesus' commandments are, and He will also guide the Church into the Truth and protect her from any errors, so she will continue to live in the Truth. The whole truth Jesus has entrusted to His Church under the leadership of the Rock - Peter and his successors with the *absolute assurance* of the *whole truth* by the Holy Spirit - the Advocate.

The Holy Spirit does not appear to everyone in a dream, nor will he appear over us as the tongues of fire, to tell us what Jesus' commandments are or what the truth of Christ is. Jesus gave that authentic authority to His Holy, One, Catholic, and Apostolic Church and again with the assurance of the guidance and protection of the Spirit of Truth.

The Church could be wrong or make a mistake in the administration of the visible Church, but she is never ever wrong in teaching the Truth (Faith and Morality). When Peter's successors - the Popes - sit on the CHAIR of Peter and teach solemnly, we listen and embrace it with faith, love, trust, and humility. Though we have had “bad popes”

throughout the history of the Church, none of them taught anything wrong in terms of FAITH and MORALS. We can see the Holy Spirit has been working effectively in the Church since the first Pentecost.

The Church will tell us the meaning of Jesus' commandments and how to observe them. Therefore there is an unbreakable connection between Jesus Christ and His Church - the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy Eucharist is itself another warranty of this unbreakable “link.” When, however, the Church stops celebrating the Holy Eucharist, when people stop going to Mass, when people get bored at Mass or say they do not get anything out of the Holy Mass (for they see the Church as a theater and the Holy Mass as a play and expect to be **entertained!**) that is when we and the Church allow the devil to take over the Church and our life. Then, there will be a “big harvest” for Satan.

If we love Jesus, we have to love His Church; if we obey Jesus, we have to obey His Church; if we want to remain in Jesus, we have to remain with the Church guided by the Spirit of Truth.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, and the Sunday after we will celebrate Pentecost. To prepare ourselves for these important celebrations of our faith, let us try to remain in Jesus' love by keeping/observing His commandments through the authentic teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

Come, Spirit of Truth, and remain with us!

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tien

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
 (No RCIA for the remainder of May)
 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

STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$4,620
Envelopes & Cash	\$4,435
Online Giving	\$ 185
Second Collection	\$ 559

Attendance

Saturday 5:00 pm	133
Sunday 9:00 am	210
11:30 am	304

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



The final Faith Formation Class will be next Sunday, May 28th. Thank you to all our dedicated teachers and volunteers who so graciously gave of your time. Your acts of kindness may seem small, but the impact they will leave in the lives of our youth will be huge. God bless each one of you!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Food Pantry. Because of your generosity, this ministry was able to serve 219 people last month. Volunteers are always needed and monetary donations are accepted. Call Terry Poth for details at 349-3021.



There will be no RCIA classes for the remainder of May. Our last class will be June 5th. We will resume in Sept.

We will celebrate The Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 18th and once again construct the sawdust carpets that afternoon for the Corpus Christi Procession. All are invited to prepare a sawdust carpet for the procession. A sign-up will be available in the entrance of the church soon!



The Women's Guild Good Stuff Sale will be Saturday, June 10th. We will sell household and garden items, books, toys, personal accessories (jewelry, shoes and purses) small furniture, plants, tools, etc. We will not sell electronics or clothing. We prefer you hold your contributions until the week of June 5th. 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.

His Excellency, Bishop Peter J. Jugis, will celebrate a Mass for U.S. military personnel on Monday, May 29th at 11:00 am in the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte. The Mass and rosary (to be recited at 10:30 am) will be offered for all military personnel who have died and for those who are now serving. All military personnel are invited and encouraged to come in uniform. Photos of those who have died or who are now serving in the military will be displayed in the Cathedral. To include your service member, preferably in uniform, please mail a photo to Nancy Weber, Office of the Bishop, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte NC 28203 to be received no later than May 26th. (Please do not send original photos as they will not be returned.)



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 Gralewski, 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 Waneski, Teresa Williams, Brailyn Grace Williamson, Larry Wilson, Alice Yuzzi, Art and Mary Ann Zoekler.

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.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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 by Art and Maryann Zoekler
11:30 A.M. Parish People's Mass - En Español

Monday, May 22

St Rita of Cascia, Religious

9:00 A.M. Marlene Taber by Juok Choi

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 A.M. ✠Carl Stickney by Barbara Johnson

Wednesday, May 24

5:30 P.M. ✠Mary L. O'Malley

Thursday, May 25

9:00 A.M. Marlene Taber by Juok Choi

Friday, May 26

St Philip Neri, Priest

9:00 A.M. ✠Pedro Martinez by Martha Martinez

Saturday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

5:00 P.M. ✠Bill Lobeck by Beverly Driscoll

Sunday, May 28

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 A.M. ✠Marc Newberry by Patri Cabe
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.

“Men are generally the carpenters of their own crosses.”

~St. Philip Neri~
Feast Day May 26

