



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY – MAY 6, 2018



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are in the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and because the Ascension of the Lord will be transferred to next Sunday (the Seventh Sunday of Easter), we are going to use the gospel of the Seventh Sunday for this Sixth Sunday of Easter. In this gospel, Jesus prayed to his Father: **Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. ...And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.**"

Jesus is the Eternal Word of the Father, so He is the Truth. By accepting the Truth, remaining in the Truth and proclaiming the Truth, we are consecrated in Jesus Christ who is the Truth. We all learned from Jesus that the truth will set us free. From our experiences we find that the truth is not easy to hear (yes, it is not easy to hear, nor, when we talk about it, to understand it).

We have said that we trust in Jesus, so we must accept all of His teachings/His truth. Like I said many times before, we just cannot "PICK AND CHOOSE" what we like, what we feel comfortable with, regarding the teaching of Jesus, the Truth. The Truth is from God the Father; so we just cannot "overwrite" or "change" or "shape" the Truth to the way we want it.

God is the One who set the Truth for us to follow. He does not need counsel from anyone to get wisdom. He has the power over His creation; He wants every one of His creatures to accept the Truth, but does not coerce anyone to accept it! God is our Loving Father (through Jesus Christ - the Truth), not master; and we are His beloved children, not slaves. Those who want to accept the Truth from the Father must remain in that Truth, so that they "may be consecrated in truth."

Now our world wants to throw "the Truth" away, and replace it with "its own truth" to please everyone, to ease people's conscience, or to make people think that they are gods. How smart the Devil is! He tells people about "THEIR RIGHTS," and from that, Satan just sits down, relaxes and is ready to "collect" a "big harvest" for his "kingdom of condemnation!"

Friends in Christ, we need to pray to God fervently for courage, humility and trust. With humility and trust we are going to accept wholeheartedly the Truth from the Heavenly Father. With courage we are going to stand firm in the Truth no matter what, to proclaim and defend the Truth.

May God listen to our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Risen Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Tien

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018** The DSA provides support for more than 20 services that Catholic Charities of Charlotte offers throughout the diocese. The appeal also provides funding for the Housing Ministry, Education Ministries (providing over 30 different services), Multicultural Ministries, Eucharistic Congress, and Vocations. Some of these ministries provide services beyond the scope of individual parishes and some exist for the sole purpose of assisting parishes in their own mission to teach, evangelize and serve. Our DSA assessment is still in need of \$14,472 at our Parish. Please consider contributing if you have not yet done so. Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$4,296
Envelopes & Cash	\$4,111
Online Giving	\$ 185

**Attendance**

Saturday 5:00 pm	136
Sunday 9:00 am	208
11:30 am	310

*Grateful Givers*  


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



**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 -12:30 pm

Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm  
(First Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday...Confirmation Class ... 7:00 pm

Wednesday...First Communion Class ... 7:00 pm

Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-4:30 pm



Our condolences and prayers are extended to Mary Ann Zoeckler on the death of her husband, Arthur. May the soul of Arthur, along with the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Our appreciation goes to all who helped make our last Fish Fry another huge success!!! Thank you to all who attended, those who sold tickets, prepared and served the food and all who cleaned up afterwards!



There will be NO FAITH FORMATION next Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for Mother's Day. The last class will be Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. **Early registration for Faith Formation 2018/2019 school year will be Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> after Mass.**

Please keep the children, who will be participating in the May crowning of Mary this weekend and will also be making their First Holy Communion on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, in your prayers.



The Food Pantry could use canned fruit, soup and also canned chicken for our next pantry day. Thank you for your continued support!

His Excellency, Bishop Peter J. Jugis, will celebrate a Mass for United States military personnel on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte. The Mass and rosary(prayed before Mass) will be offered for all military personnel who have died, retired and for those who are now serving. All military personnel are invited and encouraged to come in uniform.



## CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Don't forget to visit our Parish Library for good reading, videos & CDs

**Pray for everyone who seeks healing:** Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Jim Broadwell, Alexander Canelas, Pauline Catania, Tom Coffey, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Ron Gralewski, Sheila Grawe, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Bill Himschoot, Charles Hoefeyzers, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Bob Killian, Brandon Lowery, Lenore Maynard, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Kathy Moffitt, Laura Moore, Wanda Orf, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Alice Yuzzi, MaryAnn Zoeckler.



**Elderly & shut-in:** Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson, Jeanette Peters.

**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 5

5:00 P.M. †Elizabeth Kawales

### Sunday, May 6

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. Living members of the Yuzzi family by Alice Yuzzi  
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

### Monday, May 7

9:00 A.M. Frank and Malia Messina by Mary Murphy

### Tuesday, May 8

8:00 A.M. Alisa Stipanov by Mary Murphy

### Wednesday, May 9

5:30 P.M. †Cindi Poth-Nebel by the Women's Guild

### Thursday, May 10

#### The Ascension of the Lord Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

9:00 A.M. †Riley Maynard and †George Gover  
by Catherine Mickler

### Friday, May 11

9:00 A.M. †Timothy Atzei by Michael Scarciotta

### Saturday, May 12

#### Saints Nereus and Achilleus Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

5:00 P.M. †Dorothy Gordon by the Women's Guild

### Sunday, May 13

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass  
11:30 A.M. Bob and Maureen Stipanov by Mary Murphy

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.  
Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

## The 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.

**Diocesan Requirements for Reporting Ministry-Related Sexual Abuse of a Minor:** Any individual having actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect an incident of ministry-related sexual abuse is to immediately report the incident to the Chancery. After the incident is reported, the Chancery will then report the incident to the proper civil authorities. The individual reporting the incident to the Chancery will be notified of the particulars regarding the Chancery's filing of the incident with the civil authorities.

The reporting is not intended to supersede the right of an individual to make a report to civil authorities, but is to ensure proper, complete and timely reporting. Should an individual choose to make a report to civil authority, a report is still to be made to the Chancery.