



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY – MAY 26, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him,” Jesus said to His disciples and says to us today. Are we not His disciples (at least in word)?

Do we love our Lord Jesus Christ? This is the basic and essential question for every Christian - Catholic and non-Catholic. We need to repeatedly answer this question, particularly when we are tempted to ignore or go against the teaching of Christ (teaching from Christ Himself or from His true Church: the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.)

Keeping Jesus’ word and understanding His word, as the Church understood and taught, are what we must do. Who could understand Jesus’ word more than His Apostles and other disciples who did *“eat and drink”* with the Risen Lord, who would *“touch”* His wounds, who said to Jesus: *“you have the words of eternal life...leaving you, to whom shall we go,”* who received the mission from Jesus directly?

So the Church, built on the Rock Peter, understood correctly and truthfully the word of its Master and has the authority to teach and preach Jesus’ word faithfully as its Master did. People, however, tried to understand the word/teaching/commandment of Jesus in opposite ways to what the Church understood.

“Whoever loves me will keep my word.” In fact it is difficult to keep Jesus’ word. We are asked to keep Jesus’ word, not to pick and choose which *“word”* from Jesus we like or can keep. Keeping Jesus’ word is to prove to Him that we love Him, not to prove to Him that we are good or righteous ones.

Friends, let us listen to the word of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and then make it **VISIBLE** in our life by our good deeds and our way of life. Let us listen to the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, and follow His voice, His guidance, because the Holy Spirit will teach us everything and remind us of all that Jesus told us (to the Apostles and now to the Church.) The Holy Spirit will continue to guide the Church in the **TRUTH** and with the **TRUTH**. He does not play a game: who is right or who is wrong.

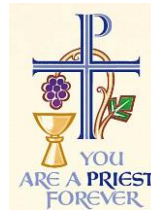
There is only one God, one truth, one faith, one baptism and one Church. There is no game here to play: believing or rejecting Jesus; keeping Jesus’ word or rejecting His word; following the truth or being deceived by Satan; living in peace with God or living in doubt and disobedience with the Devil.

Keeping Jesus’ word, listening and following the teaching of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, we are sure that we will have true peace of the Lord (not of the world). That peace will be in us for eternity when we are faithful to God, Jesus Christ, and His Church to the end.

May our Lord Jesus Christ put on us the *“white robe”* at the end of our journey. Amen.

Peace,
Fr. Tien

Congratulations to Fr. Tien who will celebrate his 18th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, June 2nd. Thank you for your faithful service to the people of God. May God continue to bless you abundantly in your priestly ministry.



STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs \$4,825

Envelopes/Cash/Online	\$4,377
Second Collection Total	\$1,281

<u>Attendance</u>		
Saturday	5:00 P.M.	145
Sunday	9:00 A.M.	273
	11:30 A.M.	346

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

CLASSES - MEETINGS

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)

Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-5:00 pm





The Sanctuary Lamp this week is
in memory of Timothy Blackburn by Linda Behr.

The solemnity of the Lord's Ascension will be moved from Thursday, May 30th, to the weekend Masses on June 1st and 2nd. Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate this solemnity with JOY and PEACE.



Thank you to all our Catechists for your time, patience & love of God that you shared with the children of our Parish. Our final class was last weekend. We resume in the fall.

This Sunday 47 of our Faith Formation students will be making their First Holy Communion! Please keep them in your prayers.



Vacation Bible School coming to St. Francis on July 22nd through the 26th for children, kindergarten to 5th grade. Save the date!

Sunday, June 23rd, is Corpus Christi Sunday. We will create the sawdust carpets around the church again this year. There will be sign-up sheets coming soon for those who would like to create a carpet. Please sacrifice your time to participate in this important event at our Church. You will never regret it!



The annual Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress is Sept. 6-7, 2019 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Best-selling author and renowned biblical scholar Scott Hahn will be speaking this year! Plan to attend!

This Monday, May 27th, is Memorial Day. Our Parish Office will be closed. There will be daily Mass that morning at 9:00 a.m.



The Summer Highlights Television Schedule from EWTN are available at the entrances of the church. Be sure to pick up a copy!

Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Eric Baquet, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Alexander Canelas, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Ron Gralowski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Bill Himschoot, Emilee Janson, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Lauren Kennedy, Doris Lobeck, Brandon Lowery, Bill Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Danny Mercer, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Kathy Moffitt, Laura Moore, Wade Morgan, Cheryl Murphy, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Chris Richards, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Irene Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgandien, Mary Ann Zoeckler.



Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson,

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, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone. *Thank you for your service!*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
Saint Gregory VII, Pope;
Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
5:00 P.M. + Harrison Coffey by Joe and Marilyn Ricke

Sunday, May 26

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. The First Communicants
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9:00 A.M. + Diane Fetch by Marilyn Ricke

Tuesday, May 28

8:00 A.M. + William Scott by Eileen Scott

Wednesday, May 29

5:30 P.M. + Joseph Rodriguez by Marilyn Ricke

Thursday, May 30

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 A.M. Chuck & Colleen Snowden

Friday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. Ortiz Ruiz family; Susuna Acevedo by Basilia Ruiz

Saturday, June 1

Saint Justin, Martyr

5:00 P.M. + Ruth Patton by Tom and Nancy Lemieux

Sunday, June 2

The Ascension of the Lord;

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. Fr. Tien's 18th Anniversary of Ordination
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

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 each Friday at 3:00 P.M.

