



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY MAY 22, 2022



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

Let us pray that the Supreme Court justices will stay the course they are on, and give us an official reversal of Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey!

Doing that will open the door for us to protect many more children and their families from the devastating consequences of abortion. Doing that will allow the pro-life legislative work that has already been done in so many states to finally take effect!

Abortion is a burning hot topic right now. Here are two simple websites to equip you for this moment: SupremeCourtVictory.com and ProLifePrayers.com. Please use that site and pass it along!



*"The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."
Mother Teresa*



The solemnity of the Lord's Ascension will be moved from Thursday, May 26th, to the weekend Masses on May 28-29. 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 is this weekend. We will resume in the fall.

The Women's Guild Good Stuff Sale will be Saturday, June 25th. 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 June 1st. 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.



We wish to thank you for the donations to our parish library. We have 33 sections of Catholic books and DVD's. Books can be checked out for 4 weeks and DVD's for one week. Any questions, please call Georgette Lee at 828-349-4223.

Our Food Pantry could use frozen meats, canned meat (chili, spam), eggs, pasta sauce and boxed milk for our next Pantry distribution. Thank you for your continued support!



We still have \$19,000 to go on our DSA assessment. Our Hispanic Community will be selling food this Sunday after our 9:00 a.m. and will continue to do so every 2 weeks until our assessment is reached.

Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Rita Bader, Joan Barnum, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Pam Brady, Parker Burkhart, John Wayne Crunkleton, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Morgan Hagen & baby, Shannon Halpin, Brandon Hatch, Dariel Hellerer, Donna Hogsd, Jim Holloran, Aaron Ivey, Chris Marinari, Matthew Marinari, Bob Mast, Millard Michaels, Bill, Dee and Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Catherine Holten Snider, Marlene Taber, Irene Tisdale, John Turner, Marlene Woods, Alice Yuzzi



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:

Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

5:00 P.M. Lexi and Brendan Fox
by Dee Oppermann
✠ Chuck Perreault by Rosalie Perreault

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. ✠ Justino Soriano by his family
Erin and Brian Bock by Allene Ramsey
11:30 A.M. ✠ Maria del Refugio Acevedo
✠ Armando Acevedo

Monday, May 23

9:00 A.M. The intentions of Carol Tucker

Tuesday, May 24

9:00 A.M. ✠ Anna Nemeth by Pat Tuscany

Wednesday, May 25

**Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
Saint Gregory VII, Pope;**

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

5:30 P.M. ✠ Peter Brown
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

Thursday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 A.M. ✠ James Davenport, Jr.
✠ Joan Hatch by Dee Oppermann

Friday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9:00 A.M. ✠ Robert Christian Thornley
by Stanislava Michalik

Saturday, May 28

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

5:00 P.M. Lexi and Brendan Fox
by Dee Oppermann
✠ William Scott by Eileen Scott

Sunday, May 29

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 A.M. ✠ Justino Soriano by his family
In thanksgiving by Edline Jiglau
11:30 A.M. ✠ Diego Gopar, ✠ Francisco Gopar