



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY MAY 9, 2021



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

Today in our country we celebrate Mother's Day, so I wish all the mothers and godmothers HAPPINESS AND BLESSINGS on this day. What do you do for your mother on this day? Give her a gift; take her out for lunch or dinner, pray to God for her and ... all these are good, but did you ever offer a Holy Mass for her? You can do this for her or your loved ones any time. Remember the Holy Mass is the most beautiful, powerful and profound prayer that the Church is able to offer. Once again, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! ... Fr. Tien



STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs \$4,825



Weekly Collection

Cash/Envelopes \$4,827

Online Giving \$ 831

Total \$5,658

Capital Improvement Total \$ 978

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



Our Women's Guild will meet this
Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Normandy
Restaurant - Dutch treat. Masks and social
distancing will be observed. Any questions
call Sue Kozma 239-940-2057.

The International - National Combined Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the mission of the Church locally, nationally and internationally. Please take the time to read the brochure sent to you by Msgr. West, give prayerful thought to your level of participation and respond with a generous contribution. Envelopes for this collection are in our parish envelope packet.



MILITARY



Very Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. Winslow, V.G., will celebrate a Mass for United States military personnel on Monday, May 31, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte. The Mass and rosary (to be recited at 9:30 a.m.) will be offered for all military personnel who have died or retired and for those who are now serving. An all-American hotdog lunch will be served after Mass. All military personnel are invited and encouraged to come in uniform.

Photos of those who have died, who are now serving in the military and retired military personnel will be displayed in the Cathedral. To include your service member, preferably in uniform, please mail a photocopy of them with their name and military rank on the back to Michelle Maher, Office of the Bishop, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203 to be received no later than Wednesday, May 26, 2021. (Please do not send original photographs as they cannot be returned.)

Pray for those who seeks healing: Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Francis Bourgeois, Alexander Canelas, Robert Cerritelli, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Terry Duffy, Lakelynn Ellis, Joseph Fernandez, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Becky Fricks, Jim Giles Mickey Goodwin, Curt Halter, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Brandon Hatch, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Emilee Janson, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Dwayne Edward Johnson, Larry Joseph, Jr., Lauren Kennedy, Brandon Lowery, Lenore Maynard, Pat McSherry, Danny Mercer, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Laura Moore, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Berry Rankin, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, Melanie Tackett, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Pat Thompson, Irene Tisdale, Adan Vanbourgardien, Travis Verge, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Marlene Woods, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Donna Zacarias.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 8

5:00 P.M. Iris Whitlow by Allene

Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. †Nicky Schnittjer by Carol Todesco
11:30 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

Monday, May 10

Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Tuesday, May 11

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Wednesday, May 12

Saint Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

Saint Pancras, Martyr

5:30 P.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 A.M. Josette Roisin

Friday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle

9:00 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 15

Saint Isidore

5:00 P.M. †Harold Watson; †Camillus Doran;
†Patricia Coates

Sunday, May 16

The Ascension of the Lord

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. †John and Marie Coates
11:30 A.M. †Clara Ordaz Basquez; †Juan Altamivano
by Heladia Ruiz

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

The Rosary

The Rosary is recited everyday
one-half hour before Mass.

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



Parishioners & all armed forces: Edmund Cameron, Matthew Cameron, Wallace Cameron, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Josh Legere, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Lauren Richards, Michael Ricke, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone.