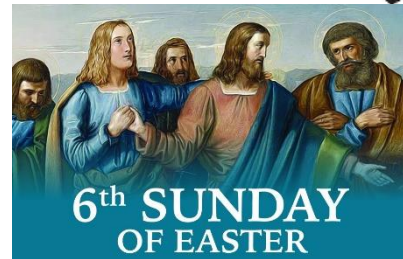


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2024



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

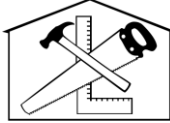


YOUR WORD IS
TRUTH, O LORD,
CONSECRATE US IN
THE TRUTH.





The last two monthly collection for Capital Improvements have averaged around \$2,750. We need to average around \$3,000 each month to reach our goal of \$361,000 for the church renovations. That is an additional \$250 a month. If you have the means to donate an extra \$5, \$10, or \$20 dollars each month for Capital Improvements, please consider doing so. Thank you!



Our condolences are extended to Kathleen Stanton on the death of her father, Gary Joseph Zenz. May his soul rest in God's loving peace.

Our Knights of Columbus meeting originally scheduled for this Tuesday, / May 7th has been rescheduled to next Tuesday, May 14th.



There are books, pamphlets, holy cards, blessed salt, videos, etc. in the foyer of the church. These are free and available to anyone who would like them!

There is a second collection this weekend for Capital Improvements.



As we ask for forgiveness, let us also forgive. This is what we say every day when we recite the prayer Jesus taught us. "Our Father...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Saint John Paul 11

Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Ray Behr, Rick Conner, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Carter Hellerer, Daniel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Michelle Mercer, Dee & Germaine Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Doris Price, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell

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

Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez, Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 4

- 5:00 P.M. † Petra Diaz Pacheco and
† Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos
† Roger R. Sullivan by Darcy Wesseling

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 A.M. † Damaso Daniel Acevedo, † Holy Souls
† Armando Acevedo, † Maria del refugio
Acevedo, † Marciano Diaz Acevedo
11:30 A.M. † David Ruiz-Ordaz, † Modesta Ordaz
by Luisa Ruiz
† Petra Diaz Pacheco & † Holy Souls
by Sele Ramos

Monday, May 6

- 9:00 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 7

NO MASS

Wednesday, May 8

- 5:30 P.M. Abigail de los Angeles Ortiz-Ruiz
† Petra Diaz Pacheco & † Holy Souls
by Sele Ramos

Thursday, May 9

Ascension of the Lord

- 9:00 A.M. † Petra Diaz Pacheco and
† Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos
† John Quigley by Dolores Botti

Friday, May 10

Saint John of Avila,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00 A.M. Antonio Ortiz Merlin
† Petra Diaz Pacheco and
† Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

Saturday, May 11

- 5:00 P.M. Michele Mercer and Josette Roisin
by Marilyn Ricke
† Petra Diaz Pacheco and
† Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

Sunday, May 12

The Ascension of the Lord

- 9:00 A.M. Lexi and Brendan Fox from Mom
† Damaso Daniel Acevedo, † Holy Souls
11:30 A.M. † David Ruiz-Ordaz, † Modesta Ordaz
by Luisa Ruiz
† Catalina Diaz and † Sipriano Ramos
Misericordia Group intentions