

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 6, 2018

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Anton, Emma & David Bujnoch

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

7 A.M. – Living & Deceased Members of  
the L. J. & Anita Havel Family

9 A.M. – Victor & Cecilia Bujnoch

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for a Special Intention.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

### Your Gift to God: April 29<sup>th</sup>

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| Sweet Home         | \$958 |
| Online Giving      | \$20  |
| Building Fund      | \$20  |
| Special Collection | \$135 |
| Koerth             | \$558 |
| Building Fund      | \$20  |
| DSA                | \$7   |
| Special Collection | \$134 |

*May God reward your generosity!*

### Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

### Solemnity of the Ascension

The celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Special Collection

A special collection for Retired and Needy Priest of the Diocese of Victoria will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

### Congratulations!

The parish family extends heartfelt congratulations to our Faith Formation First Communion students. May this first reception of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament draw each of them into a closer relationship and desire for the Bread of Life!

**First Communion Class:** Dayson Brosch, Arain Lee Brown, McKenna Clyne, Ty Cook, Brinlee Feril, Leo "Arlen" Henke, Koy Kopecky, Hayden Matula.

### "What You Have Received, Give as a Gift"

Our Lord instructed his disciples in a way that challenges us to first recognize how blessed we have been...and the need/responsibility of sharing that with others. As we conclude our Faith Formation year it is surely appropriate to recognize all of those members of our parish family who have done just that during this past year with our youth. We are blessed in so many ways--particularly with the gift of faith--and our CCD teachers and staff give back in loving dedication to share with the next generation that which we hold so dear: our Catholic faith and heritage! May the good Lord bless each of you who have been so generous in this necessary ministry/responsibility of our parish and community.

**Teachers:** Judy Anderle, Jocelyn Bolom, Theresa Brewer, Helen Darilek, Anna Frazer, Kim Frazer, Angela Hartmann, Susan Hermes, Sharon Jemelka, Stephanie Tobola; **Volunteers:** Amanda Fling, Karen Green, Diana Jurena. **CCD Coordinator:** Bill Reardon.

Special thanks to Sweet Home Principal, Shane Wagner, for allowing us to use the school for classes and to Monica Turk for unlocking the gates and rooms every Wednesday.

*"Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God."*

## Gratitude

The Parish Family extends its gratitude to Bobby McCord and South Texas Cemetery Service for assisting with a drainage issue inside the cemetery. It is most appreciated!

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.** at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room. **This will be the last class offered until September.**

## Acts of the Apostles: Judea and Samaria

Signs and wonders! In this fifth session of our six part Bible Study on Acts miracles and conversions abound as the Church expands outside of Jerusalem. Jesus is alive and is still active through His People. Come join us as Fr. Jacob explains Philip's ministry and Paul's conversion, **Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Family Center. **Bring your Bibles!**

## Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat July 19-22

The Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat will be held July 19-22 at Cathedral Oaks in Weimar, Texas. Cost is \$160.00 (\$30.00 registration fee will be credited to retreat fee). Retreatants will depart from Hallettsville on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. and return July 22<sup>nd</sup> for 10:30 A.M. Mass in Hallettsville. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.



## Day of Equipping

This one-day training, presented by Bart Schuchts, is designed to equip and prepare God's people do the works Jesus did throughout His ministry on earth. During this special day of training you will learn the foundations of abiding in Christ, hearing His voice, and becoming empowered to pray for others as Jesus did. If you desire the Holy Spirit operating in your life as described in John 14:12 and Ephesians 4, this training is for you.

***Come Be Equipped So That His Will Be Done...  
On Earth As It Is In Heaven.***

Teaching Sessions Include Topics On:

- Equipping God's People
- Living in the Fullness of Confirmation
- Recognizing How God Speaks to You
- Abiding in Christ
- Following the Movements of the Holy Spirit

**During the day the teaching will be augmented by prayer demonstrations, listening to God exercises, and praying for one another.**

**July 13, 2018**

**St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church  
EL Campo TX**

**Register at: [www.JPIIHealingCenter.org](http://www.JPIIHealingCenter.org)**

**Local Questions: Pat Hoelscher at  
[pat623@icloud.com](mailto:pat623@icloud.com)**

**Early registration opens April 9, 2018  
Online registration closes July 2, 2018.**



**JOHN PAUL II HEALING CENTER**

*Transformation in the Heart of the Church*



## Healing The Whole Person

Jesus responds today to brokenness, disease, and pain with transformative love and restoration. Through three days of teaching, worship, prayer, and testimony, you'll encounter God in a powerful way, and experience deeper freedom as the Father speaks to you in the depths of your heart, and through the supernatural graces of the sacraments. Whether you're struggling with life, or you just want "more" in your walk with God, this conference will empower you with tools, revelation, and a greater desire to live your life passionately on fire for God. Grounded in Church teaching, you'll engage the topics of "Facing our Brokenness," "Encountering the Father's Love," and "Living in Freedom."

Saint Philip the Apostle Catholic Church is hosting a Healing the Whole Person retreat, led by the John Paul II Healing Center, on July 12-14<sup>th</sup>. Learn more, and register for this amazing retreat at <http://jpiihealingcenter.org/> Early Registration opens on April 9<sup>th</sup> and Online Registration closes on July 2, 2018. For local questions you may contact Pat Hoelscher @ pat623@icloud.com

## Why is May "Mary's Month"?

Philip Kosloski

### ***This is why May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.***

Among Catholics, May is most well-known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Why is that? How did May become associated with the Blessed Mother?

There are many different factors that contributed to this association. First of all, in ancient Greece and Rome the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime (Artemis and Flora, respectively). This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. This was long before "Mother's Day" was ever conceived, though the modern celebration is

closely related to this innate desire to honor maternity during the spring months.

In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year, but it wasn't until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, "The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite."

Dedicating an entire month to Mary wasn't a new tradition, as there existed a prior tradition of devoting 30 days to Mary called *Tricesimum*, which was also known as "Lady Month."

Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May, as it is recorded in the *Raccolta*, a publication of prayers published in the mid-19th century.

*It is a well-known devotion, to consecrate to most holy Mary the month of May, as the most beautiful and florescent month of the whole year. This devotion has long prevailed throughout Christendom; and it is common here in Rome, not only in private families, but as a public devotion in very many churches. Pope Pius VII, in order to animate all Christian people to the practice of a devotion so tender and agreeable to the most blessed Virgin, and calculated to be of such great spiritual benefit to themselves, granted, by a Rescript of the Segretaria of the Memorials, March 21, 1815 (kept in the Segretaria of his Eminence the Cardinal-Vicar), to all the faithful of the Catholic world, who either in public or in private should honour the Blessed Virgin with some special homage or devout prayers, or other virtuous practices.*

In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honor our heavenly mother.

# "Salve Regina!"