

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 75% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, May 9, 2021 9:00 am Mass

Monday May 10th NO MASS

Tuesday May 11th 9:00 am

Wednesday, May 12th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 13th, 9:00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Friday, May 14th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 15th, 4 p.m.

Reconciliation by appointment

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you, your love ones, or any deceased or living person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).



May Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Cecilia Davis	3
William Davis	10
Ronald Warnell	21
Charles Rogers	21
Mary Alexander	22
Dorothy Broussard	22
Ashley Anderson	30
Marva Hebert	31
Herman Richard	31

Happy Anniversary
Fred & Peggy Green 8th

LECTORS SERVING IN MAY

Saturday's/ one reader

May 8th - Gary Mims
May 15th - Felicia Richard
May 22nd - Freda Guillory
May 29th - Veronica Berry

Sunday's/ one reader

May 9th - Horace Broussard
May 16th - Peggy Green
May 23rd - Cindy Hampton
May 30th - Tins Richard

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities	* Brushelle Scott
BINGO	* Evangeline Platt
Bishop Faith Appeal	* Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
Bereavement Committee	* Rose Bottley
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D.R.E	* Sanja Popillion
Youth	* Felicia Richard
Stewardship	* Gary Mims

Last week
Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 27
Collection

E-giving	\$ 425.00
Donations	\$ 21.00
Saturday	\$ 178.00
Sunday	\$ 1,066.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,690.00

Expenses paid out

Center Point <\$ 193.89>
Admin. Supplies <\$ 246.17>

Bishop Faith Appeal
Goal : 17,049.

While we are facing challenging times, keeping safe and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. God challenges us to share what we have with others, to make a commitment to serving His people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Making your pledge to the BFA is one of the ways we are all called together, one parish, supporting others with what we have. Thank you for your support.

Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.

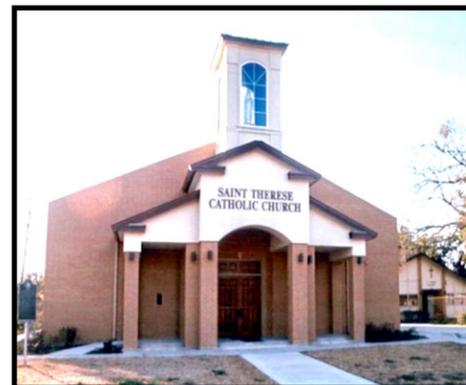
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Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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The 6th Sunday of Easter
Year B
May 9, 2021

**"This I command you:
love one another"**

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:
Tuesday-Friday
9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays
3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction
1st Tuesday of each month
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

**Exposition & Adoration
Of the Blessed Sacrament**
every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Infant Baptism:
Please contact the Pastor
two months prior to
desired date of
baptism

Marriage:
Please call the Rectory
six (6) months prior to
proposed date



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. May 9 - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 14:23 Jn 15:9-17

Mon. May 10 - Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b Jn 15:26b, 27a Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tues. May 11 - Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:7, 13 Jn 16:5-11

Wed. May 12 - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 14:16 Jn 16:12-15

Thurs. May 13 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 28:19a, 20b Mk 16:15-20

Fri. May 14 - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:16 Jn 15:9-17

Sat. May 15 - Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:28 Jn 16:23b-28

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Love

Christians talk about love a lot. In English, this little word is forced to do the heavy lifting. It has to stand for everything from the overly sweet Valentine's day hearts to the nuanced love that lasts a lifetime. If love were all fluff and sugar, we could get along with a book of sentimental sayings. But love is strong and demanding, and for this kind of love, we need a book of Gospels.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7–10 GOSPEL: John 15:9–17

Comment

Just prior to today's selection from the Acts of the Apostles, we meet Cornelius the Roman centurion, a devout, upright, and God-fearing man who is much loved and respected by the Jews. Cornelius inquires after Peter, and Peter goes to his home.

The reading opens today with Peter coming to Cornelius' home and being greeted with a kind of respect that unnerves Peter. And there is yet more to this surprising visit: Cornelius in his seemingly simple request unwittingly forces a decision. What is Peter to do about this good and loving Gentile who seeks baptism? What is to become of the small but growing band of those who follow Jesus?

Peter asks himself what he can possibly do with a people who have already been blessed by the Holy Spirit. His actions seem right: Peter baptizes Cornelius and his household and remains with them a few days. This story tells of the first welcome of a Gentile into what would become a universal Church, open to all. Cornelius' request and Peter's response set the Church on a course that makes it truly universal. The Spirit leaps over the boundaries of old rites and cherished memories of a chosen yet circumscribed people. The promised Spirit makes it known that the whole world is now chosen.

The Gospel also reminds us who is choosing and who is chosen. In Israel's experience, would-be disciples gathered to listen to various rabbis. Through this protracted process, disciples eventually chose the rabbi they wished to follow. Jesus reverses the process. In his case, he, the rabbi or teacher, chooses the disciples, just as the Father has chosen Jesus. Throughout their public ministry together, Jesus has taught them all he knows, and now during this Last Supper discourse, he invites them into a deeper intimacy. Their relationship to him is not just that of a master to servant, but one of friend to friend.

Jesus is clearly intense in his insistence that they love one another and live on in his love. He does not merely suggest this nor simply urge the disciples to do so, he commands it. The word "love" here is translated from the Greek *agape*, which describes the mutual self-giving relationship between Jesus and God and must exist mutually between Jesus and his followers. The love that the Father bestowed on Christ is spread abroad. It gets up and works. It visits the house of the unlikely candidate, Cornelius.

Reflection

Easy love doesn't require obedience and openness to its demands. It doesn't call for followup. It doesn't demand that we work to stay vulnerable. The Gospel, however, doesn't speak of easy love, which is really not love at all. The second reading tells us that the love demanded of us is possible because God has first loved us. When love is spoken of in the two readings attributed to John, we see how important it is to understand and appreciate that Jesus is the manifestation of God's abiding love. Through him, God's love is poured out. John calls us to recognize this and then to respond by loving one another. Our loving brings full circle the love of God manifest in Jesus.

The entrance antiphon for this Sunday reminds us all: "Speak with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth ..." This hearing to the ends of the earth began with Peter, but the Holy Spirit set Peter free and led him by the hand, as it were, to the house of Cornelius, and then by extension to the rest of the world.

PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander
Mary Brown
Courtney Chavis
David J. Carey
Hollis Fain
Beatrice Guillory
Ella Mae Garrett
Mary Gray
Mark Mitchell Jr.
Westley Papillion
Mormon Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers
Carroll Durio
Mable Durio
Margaret Green
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Tiffany Winphrey

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, backing, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.

We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion. Give each mom strength, help her to see in every task the eternal, significance that you place on motherhood.

We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mothers who never had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel.

We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home. Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. Amen. **Mothers are an inspiration to the world.**

A litany for Mothers

Eve our first mother – thank you for stepping out and being the first to understand the complexities of life.

Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth – thank you for your patience and courage in waiting for a miracle. May all people longing for children be strengthened by your stories and comforted in their pain.

Hagar – thank you for your resolve in the face of exile. May all mothers who are forced to flee or are forgotten be given hope in you.

Rebecca – thank you for your flexibility. Let us remember all mothers who have to raise their children in a different country or far from their relatives and who feel isolated.

Rachel – you carried the burden of grief and wept for your children. Hold the hands of all those mothers who weep for their children – children who have gone missing, who have died or are lost to them in other ways.

Jochebed – you used wisdom and insight to protect your children. Give to all mothers this wisdom and insight in the bringing up of their children, especially in vulnerable times.

Naomi and Ruth – you showed that love can conquer all trials. Help all mothers to love constantly when life seems impossible and despair weighs hard upon their souls.

Mary – the new Eve whose 'yes' to God changed our world forever. Thank you for sheltering the Holy One all those years ago, for your faithful love and tender care of God's most precious Son. May we never forget that in your giving is our greatest receiving – of the gift of life wrapped in a manger and in a tomb. May we know the true cost of relationship by holding our faith in Christ deep within our hearts as you once held him deep within your womb. Amen