

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The first reading addresses one of the challenges of the early church: serving a growing number of disciples with only a handful of leaders. Initially, the flock of newly baptized Christians looked to the Twelve for leadership, whether it was leading worship, preaching the word of God, or serving the widows and the poor. However, with sometimes three thousand persons added in a single day (recall last Sunday's first reading), the Twelve were not enough. A solution was found in realizing a related issue. The Twelve were all Aramaic-speaking Galileans. However, much of the church was now made up of Greek-speaking Hellenists from elsewhere in the region. Therefore, the Twelve selected seven (a number that meant perfection) reputable Hellenists to lead as well. (The reading suggests they were put in charge of feeding the hungry, but later in Acts we hear of them preaching and leading in worship.) The burgeoning church had solved an initial challenge: finding enough shepherds to serve the growing flock. Though the church was made up of men and women of many nations, speaking various languages, coming from divergent backgrounds, Peter emphasizes that they are unified in Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. Echoing the Old Testament, he asserts that they are together one race, one nation, one people. Diverse in many ways, but unified as Christians.

Weekly Collections



Sunday, May 03, 2020

Weekly Collection

Envelopes.....\$7,040.00

Loose.....\$300.00

Total Collection.....\$7,340.00

Please drop your envelopes off through the mail slot on the Parish Office door, or you can mail it to 4401 7th Street, Marrero, LA 70072.

Thank you for your generosity.

“No one comes to the Father except through me,” Jesus said to his disciples (John 14:6). For some Christians, this line has become a weapon to be used against those who are not Christian, denying them the possibility of salvation. But notice, when Jesus said these words he was speaking to his disciples in response to Thomas's fear that they would not know how to follow him to the Father. So Jesus tells them that he is the way, the truth, and the life. For his disciples, this was the best answer to their question. Salvation is open to all, whether you know Jesus well or even at all. For us as Christians, we are blessed to have this way to follow.

Therefore, we celebrate Easter not just for a single day or even for just a season, but always. Every day the risen Lord guides our way.

Question of the Week:

How does Jesus guide your way? How can his presence within you lead you to accomplish great works? What can I do to contribute to Jesus' mission? How can I serve the Church more fully?

**First Reconciliation &
First Holy Communion**



We will have First Reconciliation on May 23rd at 9:00 a.m. for those students who prepared during this school year. Strict social distancing will be enforced and face masks required for all who attend. (Students receiving sacraments and parents only, may attend) First Holy Communion will be June 13th at 9:00 a.m. Strict social distancing will be enforced and face masks required for all who attend. We must limit attendance to First Communicants and four (4) family members only. Students should arrive & seated in the church by 8:30 a.m.

Mother's Day Remembrance

May 10, 2020



Helen M Tomino, Betty Capdeville, Myrtle Dantin, Ida Danos, Bridget Rouchon, Lou Helen Waggonch, Ethel Koehler, Roberta Rouchon, Elvire Sci- oneaux, Dolores Diaz Grajales, Inocencia Lara, Antonia Tirado, Petra Grajales, Maria de los Angeles Grajales, Jessie Breaux, Edna Farve, Suzanne Plaisance, Rita Smith, Lucy Ryerson, PK Smith, Yvonne Landt, Bennie Verwald, Orine Pitre, Shirley Davis, Lucy B Galiano, Klara Galiano, Bernadette Cortez, Mamie Parrino, Shirley McCall, Bernadette Parrino, Alite McDaniel, Victoria Gonzales, Ana Palacieos, Esperanza Molina, Adela Lantan, Olga Leiva de Barrera, Maria Sanitisina, Emanuella R Parrino, Carolina Parrino, Bjagia Ragusa, Gerry Ragusa, Doris Fast, Mary Juliat and for all those who were mother figures to us but didn't hold the name of Mother.

Mass Schedule

We have reinstated our regular Mass schedule:
Saturday Vigil @ 4:00 p.m
Sunday @ 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. Link; 12:00 p.m. Link; 6:00 p.m.
Evening Mass Monday—Friday @ 6:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S CORNER

At the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic I asked several members of the Parish Council to make calls to people on our parish roster. Most of the phone numbers were no longer working. Over several decades many people have moved away or have died, without us being aware and making changes to the data base. We have removed most of these families from our data base. This in no way affects the ability of these families calling on us for sacramental and pastoral care. My greatest concern is to clean up our parish roster in order to strive to facilitate better communication with parish families.

I signed up for a robocall service to keep in contact with the parish. If you have not received a call and are a parishioner, please send us an email with contact information at iccmarrero@arch-no.org or call the office at 504-341-9516.

God's Blessings, Fr. Jimmy

Mass Intentions for this week:

- Saturday Vigil, May 9th & All Sunday Masses are for All Mothers living and deceased.
- Monday, May 11th @ 6 p.m. For poor souls in purgatory.
- Tuesday, May 12th @ 6 p.m. Conversion of sinners
- Wednesday, May 13th @ 6 p.m. Michael Hinojosa & Paul Ponthieux
- Thursday, May 14th @ 6 p.m. Poor souls in purgatory.
- Friday, May 15th @ 6 p.m. Conversion of sinners.

Happy Mother's Day