

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Last week we heard that Philip was one of the disciples chosen to assist the Twelve in their mission, preaching the word and serving the poor. Today we hear what Philip accomplished. He journeyed from Jerusalem, where Christians met with persecution, to Samaria, where he met with such support that the author of Acts remarks on the great joy he brought to the whole city. Samaritans of Samaria and Jews of Judea were unified in Christ. What's more, Peter and John joined Philip, demonstrating the solidarity between the original apostles and the later disciples. All this is wrapped up in the unity of God, as exemplified by the presence of both the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit in all who had been baptized. In the Gospel, Jesus promises the Twelve that he will not leave them orphans. Another Advocate will be with them always. The Greek word *parakletos*, also translated as "Paraclete," refers to one who defends or pleads the cause of someone at trial. In the trials of our lives, the Holy Spirit assists us, defending us from harm and guiding us along the right way. Jesus, of course, was the first Advocate whom God sent to us. Last week we heard Jesus tell his disciples that he would prepare a dwelling place for them. Now he tells them that this dwelling place is much closer than they expect. "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Jesus has chosen us as his dwelling place. Jesus' place is within us, within each other.

## Weekly Collections



Sunday, May 10, 2020  
Weekly Collection

Envelopes.....\$3,161.00  
Loose.....\$ 542.00  
Total Collection.....\$3,703.00

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We are all connected. John tells us in the Gospel that through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, we are not orphaned. We are connected with our fellow believers and with God. Before that, we hear that Philip, whose commissioning was proclaimed last Sunday, decides to go to Samaria, of all places. Recall that Jesus purposely chose a Samaritan to illustrate what it means to be a neighbor caring for the injured man who had been ignored by his own people. The Samaritans welcome Philip and accept God's word. As a sign of unity within the early church, Peter and John, two of the Twelve, travel to Samaria to call down the Holy Spirit on all those who had been baptized into the faith. The Samaritans, once regarded as outcasts, are now connected to the disciples, the apostles, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. What is the glue that holds all of them and us, together? It is love. It is love that leads one to want to keep Jesus' commandments, love that binds each person of the Trinity, love that reveals the presence of Jesus to others. Indeed, in this love we "sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts" (1 Peter 3:15)

### Question of the Week:

In the second reading, Peter tells his readers that they should "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). Can I explain to others, "gently and reverently," why I hope? .

**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 & be seated in the church by 8:30 a.m.*



**Mass Intentions  
for this week:**

Saturday Vigil, May 16th

4:00 p.m.: Charles Barras, Bernadette & Vic Cortez, Clara LeBlanc & Betty LeBlanc

Sunday, May 17th 8:00 a.m.: Clara LeBlanc, Betty LeBlanc, Laurent & Betty Verdin, Rosalie & Tommy Waguespack, Guy & Laura Adams, Benjamin Hernandez & Marie Schouest.

Sunday, May 17th 10:00 a.m. : Junius Duhon, Virgi & Edward Andrus, Margaret Talmadge, Clara Le Blanc, Betty LeBlanc, Paul Ponthieux, Raymond P Juno, Sr.

Sunday, May 17th 12 pm: Por todos los feligreses

Sunday, May 17th 6:00 pm: Clara LeBlanc, Betty LeBlanc and for the special intentions of Walter Danner.

May 10th Vigil Lights: Laurent Verdin, Quentin J McGuire and Betty Verdin

May 17th Vigil Lights: Roy Scioneaux,, Sr. Myra Bellanger LaChute.

Monday, May 18th 6:00 p.m.: Roy Scioneaux, Sr.

Tuesday, May 19th 6:00 p.m.: Thelma Sellers

Wednesday, May 20th 6 :00 p.m.: Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr. and for the conversion of sinners

Thursday, May 21st 6:00 p.m.: The Ascension of the Lord: For the poor souls in purgatory

Friday, May 22nd 6:00 p.m.; For the conversion of sinners

**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](mailto:iccmarrero@arch-no.org) or call the office at 504-341-9516.

God's Blessings, Fr. Jimmy

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**ROSARY IS PRAYED MONDAY—FRIDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**EVENING PRAYERS MONDAY—FRIDAY AT 5:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES HAVE RESUMED BUT WE ARE LIMITED TO ATTENDEES AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AND THE WEARING OF MASKS.**

*Mother's Day Remembrance*

*May 10, 2020*

*Thelma Sellers, Anna Mae*

*Ricotta*

