



# Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF

# Easter

JESUS SAID,  
"I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL  
GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE  
TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH."

John 14:16-17

May 17  
2020

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### Sacraments

#### ***Reconciliation***

Saturdays—4PM or by appointment

#### ***Baptism***

Class required for parents and godparents held the last Friday of month. Call the parish office two weeks prior to schedule. Baptismal sacrament given the last Saturday of the month at 11AM or by arrangement.

#### ***Marriage***

Please contact Fr. Basile Sede at least 6 months before the desired wedding date.

#### ***Anointing of the Sick***

The primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which a person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of serious or prolonged illness. Please call and email the parish office to request anointing.

### Mass Schedule

**\*All Masses have been canceled until further notice\***

***Tune into our website on Sundays for Mass with Father Basile Sede***

### Parish Office Hours

*During the Covid-19 Outbreak, please send an email to [olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org](mailto:olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org) with any questions.*

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede

Secretary: Colleen Kudela

Maintenance: Joseph McGuire

Music: Erick Massey & Michelle Wylie

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

## Parish News

**RCIA will meet virtually Wednesdays at 7:15 pm.**

**Bible Study will meet virtually Sundays at 9:45 am and Mondays at 7:00 pm.**

**Please note that since we cannot attend Mass it is important for our Church that we continue to tithe during this difficult time.**

**Ministry leaders should utilize Zoom platform for video conference for meetings. Please email the office with any questions.**

**Please contact your Ministry Leaders with any questions or to see if you will meet with an online streaming platform or conference call.**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).  
Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

**Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or Jn 17:1-11a.

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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS INTENTIONS ARE SAID BY FATHER BASILE DAILY IN HIS CHAPEL EVEN IF THERE IS NO MASS\*\***

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

*For Repose of the Soul of Katie Palmer requested by Stan Fri*

#### SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

*For Repose of the Soul of Bill Fri requested by Stan Fri*

#### SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

*Repose of the Soul of Lonnie Males requested by Stan Fri*

*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Stan Fri*

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

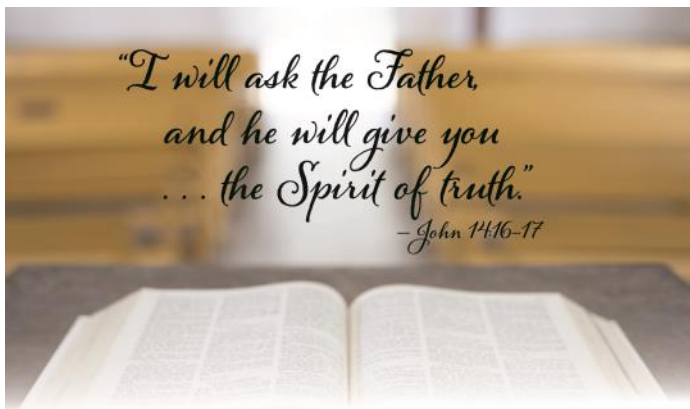
*For Repose of the Soul of Francis Mac Nutt requested by Stan Fri*

**Mass Intentions** - Please contact the office or email [olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org](mailto:olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org) to offer Masses for your loved ones: praying for the deceased, birthdays, anniversaries and other events. Every Mass should have an intention.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** St. John I
- Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday);
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia



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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 17, 2020

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.”  
— John 14:16-17

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE**

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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**LIGHT OF BELIEF**

Every believer in this world must become a spark of light. —Pope Saint John XXIII

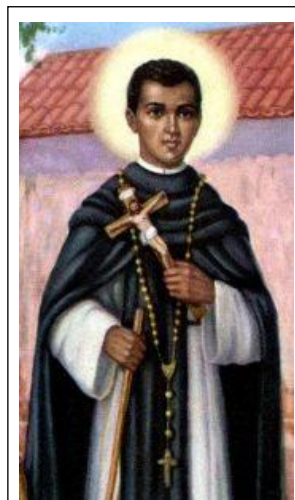
***PRAYER LIST***

- Larry Bass
- Deborah Bond
- Mr. Joseph Castro
- Mrs. A. Connors
- Florine Dennis
- Robert Douglas
- Fr. Jim Goode
- Theresa Greenley
- Alan W. Jones
- Cassandra Lambert
- Sammuel Lambert
- George Lewis
- Vilma Males



- Edward Marsh Jr.
- John McDowell
- Sr. Bessie McCarth
- Patricia North
- Robin Plummer
- Julius Rose, Sr.
- Janice Rucker
- Lee Anne Rucker
- Angela Smith
- Jake Suggs
- Diane Taylor
- OLC Parishioners

Please notify the Parish Office to have yourself or a family member placed on the Prayer List for the New Year. Names will appear through the calendar year. You can email your request to olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org or call the parish office.



**St Martin de Porres Outreach Ministry**

The food pantry operates two days per week giving food to those in need. If you need assistance with food, or know someone who does, please call 704-817-8813. We are open on Tuesday from 10:00AM - 12:00PM for appointments only.

Interested in joining the food pantry team? Please contact Deborah Wadsworth at 704-231-7956.



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 17, 2020

Jesus said, “If you love me  
you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

## A TIME OF TRANSITION, INSTABILITY, AND HOPE

Today’s readings describe that period when the apostles are getting used to acting on their own. Acts describes the spreading of the word to Samaria, curing the sick, and their reception of the Holy Spirit. First Peter reminds us that our response to evil must be to do good and to speak of our hope with gentleness and reverence. The psalm is joyous with praise for God and a reminder of God’s saving of those held captive in Egypt long, long ago. John talks not only about the Father and Jesus but also another Advocate, who will remain even when Jesus leaves. The readings also contain the promise of continued love and comfort. The readings today reflect a time of transition, instability, and hope, much like we are experiencing in these days of the pandemic.

### WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED

Each of the readings describes a time of transition and uncertainty. In Acts, the apostles are learning how to respond to those seeking to share in the joy of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. In First Peter, the new Christian community is reminded that they will be maligned. Their response to such suffering is shaped by Jesus’ example of gentleness and reverence. The Gospel offers Jesus’ words of consolation to those who are being left behind. All those who had lost Jesus once through crucifixion must prepare to lose him again. But this time they are promised that they will not be abandoned. They are left with the promise that Jesus’ new commandments are the continuing guide to a life that, through death and resurrection, unites those who believe in Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit.

### KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

If keeping Jesus’ commandments is the key to loving him, being loved by the Father, and accompanied by the Spirit, then what choice do we have but to keep his commandments? It seems simple, but unlike the commandments carried down the mountain by Moses, Jesus did not leave us with ten statements of conduct to guide our actions. Jesus left us with a much more complicated commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment requires that we first love ourselves as Jesus loved us. We must see in ourselves what Jesus saw in each one of us. Jesus saw that we too are made in the image and likeness of God and that we carry with us the fragility of our humanity. We must see that same Godliness and humanity in every person we encounter. It is not just ourselves we see in the face of our family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. It is the face of God. We should act accordingly, especially during this pandemic.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17  
Psalm 66:1–7, 16, 20  
1 Peter 3:15–18  
John 14:15–21