

## ***Sixth Sunday of Easter*** ***May 1, 2016***

**The Story and You:** Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Some burdens are carried for no good reason, and some things are borne because we have a deep intuition that the kingdom of God is built on the muscles acquired from carrying them. Take fasting, for example. Please. Some fasts—like cutting calories in half for an extended period of time—are excruciating, and may or may not bring us closer to those who are hungry in this world. But other fasts—like cutting gossip at the quick, or disallowing ourselves the luxury of ignorance about the needs of others—build character, and are, in fact, the very character of God. In the earliest days of the infant Church, some of the Orthodox Jewish-Christians living in Jerusalem were happy to allow Gentiles to join in the Jesus Movement. Certainly! All are welcome! There are just a few requirements, of course. Naturally, the men will all need to be circumcised. Yes, it's an extremely painful and dangerous procedure, but God demands it. Now, if they had had the good sense to be born Jewish, they would have been circumcised at eight days old and would have no memory of it. The Holy Spirit was so evident in those early years. As the good news of the Risen One advanced throughout the Gentile provinces, it became beautifully obvious that the burdens of kosher dietary laws and circumcision no longer applied. Come to the feast! Partake of the table of mercy. And every day, hundreds were added to their number. It's nearly Pentecost again, that festival of inclusion that strengthened the disciples to preach Jesus to the ends of the earth. They traveled light, and, thank God, left the heaviest burdens behind.

*In what ways are you joyfully lifting burdens from those who long to draw near to Christ?*

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**La Historia y Usted:** Sexto Domingo De Pascua  
Hay algunas cargas que llevamos sin un buen motivo, y algunas cosas se soportan porque tenemos una profunda intuición de que el reino de Dios está construido en los músculos que adquirimos al ir las cargando. Considera ayunar, por ejemplo. Por favor. Algunos ayunos- como cortar las calorías a la mitad por un periodo prolongado de tiempo – son insoportables, y puede que si o puede que no nos acerquen más a los que sufren hambre en este

mundo. Pero, otros ayunos- como poner un alto al chisme en cuanto comience, o negarnos a nosotros mismos el lujo de ignorar las necesidades de otros- nos hacen mejores personas, y de hecho son, la misma esencia de Dios. En las primeras etapas de la infancia de la Iglesia, algunos Cristianos Judíos Ortodoxos que vivían en Jerusalén se deleitaban en permitir que los Gentiles se unieran al Movimiento de Jesús. ¡Ciertamente! ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Solo hay algunos requisitos, por supuesto. Naturalmente, todos los hombres tendrán que ser circuncidados. Si, es un procedimiento extremadamente doloroso y peligroso, pero Dios lo exige. Ahora, si hubiesen tenido el sentido común de haber nacido Judíos, hubiesen sido circuncidados a los ocho días de nacidos y ni siquiera tuvieran el recuerdo. El Espíritu Santo era tan evidente en esos primeros años. Conforme las buenas noticias de El Resucitado se esparcían por todas las provincias Gentiles, se convirtió en algo hermosamente obvio que las leyes dietéticas judías y la circuncisión ya no aplicaban. ¡Vengan al festejo! Participen de la mesa de la misericordia. Y cada día, cientos se agregaban al número. Ya casi es Pentecostés una vez más, ese festival de integración que fortaleció a los discípulos para que predicaran a Jesús hasta los confines de la tierra. Viajaban con equipaje ligero, y, gracias a Dios, dejaban atrás las cargas más pesadas.

*¿En que maneras estás alegremente llevando las cargas de aquellos que desean acercarse más a Cristo?*

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

**Holly Stolley, Bev Gallegos, Tate Hallahan, Rita Schuster, Jana Purdy, Lucila Pimental, Baby Stephany, Gretchen Testerman, Rosi Cervantes, Ana Portillo, Lucy Ortega**

### **Readings for the week of May 1, 2016**

**Sunday** Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29//Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23//Jn 14: 23-29

**Monday** Acts 16: 11-15//Jn 15: 26-16: 4a

**Tuesday** 1 Cor 15: 1-8//Jn 14: 6-14

**Wednesday** Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1//Jn 16: 12-15

**Thursday** Acts 18: 1-8// Jn 16: 16-20

**Friday** Acts 18: 9-18//Jn 16: 20-23

**Saturday** Acts 18: 23-28//Jn 16: 23b-28

## ***Around the Parish and the Community***

### **FAITH FORMATION**

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

We are currently seeking a faith-filled, energetic and FUN person to join our Catechetical team to help lead our middle school youth in our Sunday Faith Formation Program. Ideal candidates must be practicing Catholics who have a desire to share their faith and who enjoy working with young people. Previous experience is appreciated, but not required. Must be available and ready to begin by late summer. Interested candidates should contact Laurie Lopez at the Parish Office, or via email at [laurie.srldenver@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.srldenver@gmail.com).

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Our Faith Formation classes for children are over for this academic year, but many of you have students who are in preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. If so, please continue to work on your packets. Once they are completed, you can call or email Laurie at the parish office to schedule a time to meet for a quick review with your student and mark your packets as completed. As a reminder, 1<sup>st</sup> Communions are celebrated at any of the weekend Masses.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to the following students who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 pm.

Aguilar, Leo  
Arellano, Emiliano  
Blas, Juan  
Castaneda, Isaac  
DeJesus, Antonio  
Diaz, Javier  
Diaz-Rivera, Harmayony

Flores, Alvin  
Flores, Citlally  
Flores-Escobedo, Heidi  
Garcia, Faith  
Garcia, Jason  
Gordon, Benjamin  
Guerra, Xavier  
Gutierrez-Munoz, Anthony  
Hernandez, Gabriel  
Hernandez, Pablo  
Hernandez, Victor  
Kunselman, Jax  
Lopez, Alexis  
Lopez, Citlali  
Lopez, Giselle  
Lopez-Hernandez, Michelle  
Maestas-Diaz, Lauren  
Majera-Alvidrez, Andrea  
Marsh, Joshua  
Martin, Sol  
Maximiliano-Hernandez, Eddy  
Maximiliano-Hernandez, Vanessa  
Molina, Christian  
Najera, Anahi  
Navarro-Tarin, Anzel  
Perez-Varela, Jimena  
Rios, Tatiana  
Rizo, Alejandro  
Rodriguez, Edgar  
Rodriguez, Karina  
Rubio-Marquez, Roselyn  
Sanchez, Isaac  
Sanchez-Mendoza, Lesley  
Tamayo, Luna  
Tellez, Eilene  
Vigil, Colt  
*Please pray for these young people as they continue their journey of faith.*

**PLUS A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL  
WHO CAME OUT TO THE  
FUNDRAISER AT THE KITCHEN  
NEXT DOOR—IT WAS A BIG  
SUCCESS!!**

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 30</b>
4:00 pm	+John Smice by Bert and Di Smice +Don Milner by Sue and Erwin Retzer
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 1</b>
9am	Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society +Rev. John J. Tyne SSJ by the Huter Family
11:30 am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 2</b>
8:30am	Communion service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 3</b>
8:15am	+Frank Mencin Sr. by Elaine & Frank Mencin Jr.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 4</b>
8:30am	+Lillian Kress by LeRoy Kress & family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 5</b>
8:30am	+Vanda Kohlmann by Maybelle Vasquez
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 6</b>
8:30am	+Bruce McKinney by Jo Sager
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 7</b>
4pm	+Dana Tracy by Deacon & Mrs. Kotas +Don Milner by Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 8</b>
9am	+Joseph Nguyen by Family +Christine Trujillo by Tom Trujillo
11:30am	People of the Parish

## ON PILGRIMAGE WITH KATHY McGOVERN

Travel with Kathy McGovern, the author of our weekly scripture column *The Story and You*, to the shrines of the North American martyrs, and the other magnificent shrines of Canada. The trip takes place September 19-29, 2016.

The pilgrimage begins in Auriesville, NY, the site of the martyrdom of St. Isaac Jogues and the birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. In Montréal, pilgrims will see the great St. Joseph's Oratory, and in Québec, the stunning Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupré. They'll learn about life with the Black

Robes at the museum of the Huron/Wendat peoples, and in Ontario will stand on the very hill of two of the most profound martyrdoms in history. The pilgrimage concludes at the beautiful Canadian shrine of St. Térèse of Lisieux, which overlooks the breathtaking Niagara Falls. And all of this in the most (hopefully) glorious week of Canadian weather. It sounds wonderful, yes? Contact Jane or Ken at Religious Travel International, 303.563.6261 or go online at <http://www.rtijourneys.com>

Community Ministry needs—Cereals and Mac & Cheese for the month of May. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

“Do not neglect to do good and share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.” (Hebrews 13:16) The 2016 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is on need of your financial support. If you have already donated to the Appeal, thank you! If you have not contributed, please do so today. It is extremely important in the life of our wider Church. As Christians, let us answer our vocation to be a charitable people of God. Thank you, and please visit [www.archden.org/donate](http://www.archden.org/donate), or call 303.715.3111.

“Hagan siempre el bien y compartan lo que poseen, porque esos son sacrificios agradables a Dios.” (Hebreos 13,16) La Colecta Anual del Arzobispo 2016 necesita nuestro apoyo financiero. Muchas gracias a los que ya han donado a la Colecta. Y si aun no han contribuido, por favor háganlo hoy mismo. Es de extrema importancia para la vida de nuestra Iglesia local. Respondamos a nuestra vocación de cristianos a ser personas caritativas. Gracias. Por favor visite [www.archden.org/donate](http://www.archden.org/donate) o llame 303.715.3111.