

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

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“My Peace I Give To You”

Peace is more than the absence of conflict and war. Christ asks us not to be afraid, reassuring us that He has left us a companion for the journey. Yet the Spirit of Pentecost usually indicates a time of testing to come. The Spirit is sent among us to quell our fears in the midst of the world. The presence of the Spirit certainly does not preclude debate within the Church. In fact, this is the way the Church has developed through the years. It is possible to disagree and still love each other enough to try to listen and understand. It also helps to find time for prayer that we might give ear to the Spirit within.

The disputes of the early Christians may seem a bit obscure and irrelevant to us. One thing is clear, in their time and in ours. It is hard to be open to people and resist the temptation to place our burdens on them. It is more convenient to tell others we have everything worked out and that their role is simply to follow our way of doing things. Yet all the while, Jesus makes it so simple: “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word.” Others might be able to cast a new light on that word for us. God’s Spirit can work in amazing and unexpected ways, in us and in others. Are our minds and hearts truly open to believe that?

First Holy Communion

In preparation for this important Sacrament, a **First Communion Practice** will occur in the Church at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7. Please arrive with your child at least 15 minutes prior to the start of practice. At least one parent is required to remain with their child at all times. Besides providing instruction to the children, parents are given direction on seating, cameras at Mass and the reception.

First Eucharist will take place at 8:30 a.m. Mass on May 8, Mother’s Day. The children will also honor Mary with a May Crowning and placement of flowers on Mary’s statue. Following the Mass, a reception will take place in the Parish Hall for First Communicants, parents and their special guests. A photographer will be present for those children whose parents choose to have pictures taken.

If you regularly attend 8:30 a.m. Mass, but do not have a First Communicant in your family, you may consider attending another Mass to accommodate extra seating for families who attend.



Offertory Giving—No Expectations

It has been said by wise men that it is not our desires that cause discord; it is our expectations. We expect so much of those around us. When we give of our time or talents, we expect recognition; we crave praise. If we give monetarily, we are appalled if the gift goes unacknowledged. We give, often generously, but we also *expect*. Well, what is wrong with that?

Jesus says we are to be above these expectations. He calls us to love, to give, to lend without a single thought of repayment. We are not to look for praise, appreciation, affection or even a simple thank you. We are to give for the simple act of giving, to serve His higher purpose. It is a call to live lives of true, selfless love. Stop and ask yourself today, “What are my expectations?”

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,000.00
Last Sunday Apr. 24	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$4,596.00
Loose	<u>550.00</u>
Total	\$5,146.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$301,000.00
Cumulative Income	<u>301,449.16</u>
Ahead	\$449.16
Second Collection	
(Priests’ Retirement)	\$705.00

Building Fund

The parish Building Fund will be next weekend’s second collection.



First Friday May 6



First Friday Mass begins at 8:00 a.m. in honor of The Most Blessed Sacrament, followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** and concludes with Benediction at **5:00 p.m.** *Sign-up sheets for adorers can be found at the main church entrance.*

Should an emergency prevent you from keeping your commitment once you have signed up, please call a friend to substitute for you. If unable to find someone, please notify the Church Office *immediately*. Our staff will offer phone numbers for you to call to fill the hour so our precious Lord will not be left alone.

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, May 2

(Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, May 3

(1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)

8:00 a.m. Joyce B. Wahl

Wednesday, May 4

(Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 5

(Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)

8:00 a.m. Sissy Templet

Friday, May 6

(Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)

8:00 a.m. Julia DiGiovanni

Saturday, May 7

(Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Robert Jenevein, Jenny Jenevein, Joseph D'Antoni, Althea Deckwa, Altar Society Members, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Helen Fabre, Madeline Simmons, Edward R. Lacoste, Mike Smith, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey

Sunday, May 8 Ascension

(Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)

7:00 a.m. Gary Nunez, Sr.

8:30 a.m. First Communicants, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Barbara Roszczynialski, Mark Symons, Henrietta Fischer, William Cox, Cathy Downey, Donald Westmoreland, Mary Anderson, Mary Joyce Howard, Deacon Richard & June Calkins

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

Lord, Teach Me to Pray—Women's program Mondays 10:30 a.m. to noon in St. Anthony Hall

Grand Adults of Sts. Peter and Paul—Monday at noon, in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish and a friend.

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

Annulment Workshop—Tuesday, May 3 and 10, in Classroom 6 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. The workshop is designed for persons who wish to petition for a Declaration of Nullity and for the individuals who will be witnesses. The cost for the workshop is \$10 (for supplies and refreshments). For more information, call Deacon Richard or June Calkins at 985-863-2560.

Antonians—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Knights of Columbus—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall after Mass

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

First Communion Practice—Saturday, May 7, in the Church at 9:00 a.m.

Save The Date—Saturday, August 27

The Summer Soiree, featuring Ronnie Kole, Harvey Jesus and Fire as well as several auctions, will be held Saturday, August 27, at the Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell. Proceeds from this fundraising gala will be used to help finance the Youth Group's trip to Washington, D.C., for the 2017 March for Life. Silent Auction items are now being accepted. You may also consider a cash gift to underwrite an auction item or another part of the event of your choice. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available in the Church Office. Mark your calendars for August 27!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

“That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.”

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Deceased Members of the Widows Group**.



Pray For The Sick

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Ashley Code, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Erlene Dearie, Pat & Cathy Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Jonathan Fandal, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Elizabeth Kittel, Andrew Lambert, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Bailee Mitchell, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith

Sponsorship Levels For Youth Group Fundraising Gala On August 27

GOLD LEVEL SPONSORSHIP—\$5,000

Includes two (2) Reserved tables, sixteen (16) Gala tickets and inclusion in all advertising media

SILVER LEVEL SPONSORSHIP—\$2,500

Includes one (1) Reserved table, eight (8) Gala tickets and inclusion in all advertising media

BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORSHIP—\$1,000

Includes four (4) Gala tickets and inclusion in all Gala Night only advertising media


YOUTH TRIP SPONSORSHIP—\$850

Includes two (2) Gala tickets and listing on Youth Trip Sponsorship Board displayed at the Gala

Rotolo's Raises "Dough!" On Mondays

Visit Rotolo's at either location (64167 Hwy. 41, Pearl River, or 1541 Gause Blvd., Slidell) on Mondays to have 10% of your ticket donated to the March for Life trip in January, 2017. **You must mention you would like to participate in the 10% donation for the fundraiser.**

Marriage Renewals At Lourdes

 In recognition of the 125th Jubilee of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Slidell, we are celebrating Marriage Renewals for ANYONE MARRIED at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Lynn Abney at rhabney@charter.net or 985-502-9581 or Cynthia Abney at cee-abney@gmail.com or 985-290-0214. The celebration is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with a reception to follow in the gym. Please register or call by the deadline of Tuesday, May 10. Registration forms are in our Church Office for your convenience.

Volunteers Needed At Slidell Memorial

Slidell Memorial Hospital is in need of volunteers. Volunteering can be very rewarding and a "key to your happiness." Sample assignments include patient-centered activities such as rounding, nurses' stations, waiting rooms—surgery, ER, patient escorts; clerical/administrative/financial; project management; gift shop/retail; and volunteering for special events. For further information on volunteering at SMH, please call Laurie Manley, Volunteer Coordinator at 985-280-8531.



**CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY
AFTER 10:30 MASS**

Mother's Day Rosary Crusade For Life

The 18th Annual Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life with Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will be held Saturday, May 7, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Angela Merici Church, 901 Beverly Garden Drive, Metairie. Celebrants will be Archbishop Gregory Aymond and Fr. Beau Charbonnet. Debbie Shinskie, Director of Archdiocese of the New Orleans Respect Life Office, will give an adoption testimony, to be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary and the Benediction. For information, call 504-460-9360 or 985-809-0773.

Pilgrimage To Holy Land


Catholic Tours will be offering a "Special" 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land on two different departure dates. We will be departing Toronto Pearson International Airport for trips November 6-15, 2016, and February 7-16, 2017, at the all land and air inclusive cost of \$2,699 in November and \$2,669 in February with twin accommodations and depending on the date you choose. We will visit Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Acre, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee, Tagba, Capernaum, Mt. Tabor, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and more. Brochures and reservation forms are available by calling 877-627-4268 (toll free) or simply e-mail jimadair@thecatholictour.com

Baptized Into Christ

Born of water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism in April was **Abel Knox Guston**, son of Michael Wayne and Cynthia (Mayeux) Guston. With love and joy, we welcome **Abel Knox** into God's family.



With Deepest Sympathy

 Our heartfelt sympathy on the death of **Emile Thomas Weathers, Jr.**, beloved husband of Karrel (Zechenelly) Weathers, father of Emile Weathers III (Kelley), and son-in-law of Theresa A. Zechenelly.

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