

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus answered,

**"I AM THE WAY
AND THE
TRUTH AND
THE LIFE.**

**NO ONE COMES
TO THE FATHER
EXCEPT
THROUGH ME."**

Parish Calendar

As we are all aware, we are in a unique time in which a pandemic that has had deadly effects needs to be halted.

Therefore, the public celebration of Mass will be canceled in all locations until May 31.

No group prayer meetings, no gatherings etc. in the church and the hall, due to "social distancing" being enforced.

Father Diego will offer private Masses for the spiritual welfare of the people and specially to offer the Mass "pro populo" (for the people of the parish) every Sunday.

If you want to offer Mass Intentions, you can do so by calling the office, email, parish website and our Facebook page.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true "domestic church." In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home.

We actually see this concept at play from the earliest days of the Church, as illustrated in our first reading from Acts. In the first verse we read that members of the early church complained "because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution." When there is turmoil in the home, when needs are not being met — in this passage, a very basic need for adequate food and drink — or when we lack an attitude of service within our homes and towards each other in our community, we are not the stewards that Christ is calling us to be.

Stewardship is not just about going to Mass once a week, serving in ministries and giving financially to the parish. Those are all essential parts of stewardship. But stewardship begins long before we step onto our parish campus. It begins with our families, our domestic churches. The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

Ultimately, stewardship is not something that we do — it is who we are. It's a way of living out our baptismal call to follow Christ as His disciples — whether in parish life, in our social life, in our work life — and certainly in our home life.

In our second reading, St. Peter instructs, "Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." Peter is not speaking strictly to clergy members, but to all of us who are disciples of Christ by virtue of our Baptism. How are lay people to do this?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, "It is here that... all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way 'by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity.' Thus, the home is the first school of Christian life and a 'school of human enrichment'" (1657).

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect "spot" for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making of our homes true "domestic churches" where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and our generous hospitality to all. Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

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Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 03/30 to 04/13	\$1,642.00
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations)	\$445.00
Palm Sunday 04/05/2020	\$1,135.00
Holy Thursday 04/09/2020	\$200.00
Good Friday 04/10/2020	\$255.00
Easter 04/12/2020	\$855.00
Collection <u>not retained</u> by Parish	
Holy Land	\$108.00
(Holy Land & CRS RICE BOWL)	
Rice Bowl	\$504.11
TOTAL OFFERINGS	
Week 03/30 to 04/13 \$4,532	

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- Due to this covid-19 pandemic, we are asking for your support for our church through your offerings or envelope. You can drop off your envelope to the parish office from Monday to Friday from 8am to 12pm. Or you can mail it to the office. We will get through this crisis together. Mahalo!

Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna
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Mass Intentions

Repose of the Souls of:

- (+)Dominador Aguilar
- (+)Chris Esposito Andres
- (+)Tereza Dagulo & Felipe Pascua
- (+)Teofilo & Aleja Laogayan
- (+)Petra & Pablo Acoba
- (+)Florentino Longayan
- (+)Edwin Acoba
- (+)Romana A. Rivera
- (+)Avelino Cabanera

Birthdays:

- Faustina. Leota
- Anetele'a. Talaeai
- Kassius Cabanera Price

Healing for:

- Shannon Au

Thanksgiving:

- Leota family
- Michael & Arlene Balicoco

May 11-May 16 For the repose of the souls.

- (+)Felipe Pascua
- (+)Petra & Eilalio Balmaceda

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to appreciate your countless blessings more deeply. Increase your transforming spirit within us, to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance
Baptism Preparation
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Marriage Preparation
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Altar Server
Altar Cleaners
Ushers/Hospitality
Social/Outreach
Neo-Catechumenal Way
Divine Mercy
Music Ministries
Knights of Columbus
Youth Ministry
Gimona ti Novena

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

- * First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- * First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass
- * First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay Associates
- * First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass