

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Anyone who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; John 14:21

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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“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us Christian stewards of the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They also teach us that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Throughout the Easter season, our first readings, taken from the Act of the Apostles, have recounted the growth (and growing pains) of the early days of the Church. Today we read that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God, and while there was great rejoicing over this, they were still in need of more before they were fully empowered disciples. So, Peter and John “went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Peter and John “laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” The “more” that these new Christians needed, was, of course, the Holy Spirit.

We, too, need and have received the Holy Spirit in our lives, initially at our Baptism, and in full measure at the moment of our Confirmation. The gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit are essential to the Christian steward and the stewardship way of life. Today is a great opportunity, especially as we draw nearer to Pentecost, to begin to examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Do we make full use of all of the grace and power the Holy Spirit has for us in meeting the challenges of life?

Our second reading, from St. Peter, is certainly filled with challenges for us, beginning with the first verse, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we must put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is; He is to be “Lord” of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talents, and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord in our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not mere sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God’s commandments. This requires courage, humility and deep trust in Him. It requires that we lean on the Holy Spirit for the strength and wisdom to continuously make Jesus the Lord of our lives.

But the rewards are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us fully embrace the stewardship way of life so as to truly sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts.

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 04/14 to 04/28	\$5,289.00
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations)	\$1,567.52
2 nd Collection Maintenance Fund	\$474.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$7,330.52
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	\$6,743.00
*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance	\$21,898.00
Collection <u>not retained</u> by the Parish	\$209.00

Mass Intentions

Rest of the Souls of;

- (+)Evangelyn Palting
- (+)Demetria & Pedro Pascual
- (+)Arcadia & Baldomero Pascual
- (+)Veronica Ranchez
- (+)Estanislao Ranchez

Birthday;

- Matalena. A. Carhart

Blessings for;

- Princess. Leota

Thanksgiving;

- Leota family

May 18-23 For the repose of the Souls;

- (+)Loreto & Natividad Balmaceda
- (+)Felipa Pascua

Thanksgiving & Birthday;

- Linda Bumanglay

Blessings;

- Princess. Leota
- Antonio. lu



If you would like to have a confession, you can call the office to schedule an appointment. Mahalo

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

Stewardship Collection

- 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
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary & Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P.
Sisters Convent & Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education Director

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