MAY 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.” - Jn 14:15-16

“Si me aman, cumplirán mis mandamientos; yo le rogaré al Padre y él les enviará otro Consolador que esté siempre con ustedes”. - Jn 14, 15-16

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you need prayers for health issues, world peace, family issues, etc., or if you’d like to join the Prayer Network, please contact Jean Elvekrog 849-9224 (jelvekrog@gmail.com) or Doris Labarre 849-9692.
**Readings for the Week of May 17, 2020**

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]; Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-2, 3-4, 5-7 [8a]; Jn 16:16-20

**Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]; Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

**7th Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

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**A Spiritual Communion**

*Author Unknown*

Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament,  
I love You above all things and  
I desire to possess You within my soul.  
Since I am unable at this moment to receive You  
Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as being already there  
And unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

**Pray the Rosary with Simon Tipps**

Tuesday-Saturday @ 7pm—Chapel

Simon Tipps joins us this summer from St. Francis de Sales Seminary. A Wisconsin Dells native he has completed Year One Theology as he strives for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Madison.

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**Please remember to keep in your prayers all those who have recently died and their families.**

Agnes Acker  
Cecil Creighton  
(Father of Denise Starbuck)  
Patrick Ryan

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let the perpetual light shine upon them.  
And may the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

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**Please take an opportunity to pray for religious vocations by signing up to take the Traveling Chalice. You host the chalice for a week by displaying the chalice and praying for vocations each day. Due to COVID 19 Ed and Roberta Gilkes will host the chalice until further notice. For more information or to sign up please call Ed Gilkes at 608-358-5096 or email at edgilkes@gmail.com**

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**For updates and information on COVID-19 from Bishop Hying and the Diocese of Madison, please go to their website:**

www.madisondiocese.org/updates
Last week we published the **First Prayer** the Holy Father asked all to pray interceding our Blessed Mother for help in the pandemic. These prayers are to be added at the end of the Rosary. This is the **Second Prayer**.

**Msgr James Gunn**

**Second Prayer**

The second new prayer reminds us to consider the great power and gift of intercessory prayer. Imagine if all of us took a walk every day to pray with the Pope for our families, our neighbors and the world.

‘We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.’ In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the front line of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Imagine if everyone began walking with Mary every day — how many cisterns, currently filled with water, would be transformed into wine. Today, ask Mary to go with you on the walk, and to carry your cares to her Son.

**Patriotic Rosary**

A Patriotic Rosary in honor of Memorial Day will take place in the old Church (Chapel) at Saint John the Baptist, Waunakee, on Monday, May 25, 2020 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Please join us for this beautiful rosary which includes patriotic writings and songs, prayers for our state and national leaders and a Hail Mary for the citizens of each state.

We will observe careful physical distancing by requesting family groups to sit together with spacing every 2-3 pews.
To water the flower pots and gardens at Saint John’s on the weekends—May thru September. We all love our beautifully flowered campus and want to be sure they are getting enough to drink! Please contact Kathy at 608-850-4678 or kathyscheffler@tds.net.

The Secular Franciscan (OFS) Fraternity based in Beaver Dam is hosting a pre-Pentecost meeting that will be open to any active Catholic via computer or phone. The meeting will happen on Sunday, May 17 from 12:30-1:30pm.

Fr. Michael Erwin, who is himself a professed Secular Franciscan, will be hosting the meeting with other members of the fraternity.

The topic will be how the Holy Spirit moves, how we can be helped by the Holy Spirit, and prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

To gain access to the meeting, please contact Fr. Mike at 920-887-2082, ext. 302 or: erwinm@st.katharinedrexelbd.org. You may also contact Linda Abel with any questions at 608-438-7244. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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CALLING ALL
MIDDLE & HIGH
SCHOOL YOUTH!!!

Saint John the Baptist is signed up to participate and students do NOT need to pre-register. All students have to do is head to PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH this Sunday at 7pm CDT. Students will need a PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS to log on.

The broadcast starts at 7pm CDT, but plan to log in a few minutes early to make sure you’re on when it starts. Students can access the event on any device with a web browser – but the faster the connection, the better.

GIVE IT A TRY! What have you got to lose?

WHAT’S UP DURING STAY AT HOME ORDER

Madison Mercurio taught herself how to sew face masks and has been distributing them. Thank you, Madison! What an awesome gift!

Ashlyn Bauer and Graycin Phillips began a business called GASH Boutique. Homemade doggy treat enterprise donates 20% proceeds to the Dane County Humane Society.

Joel Lenshek and Luke Nilsson have been enjoying our Church’s Angelus bells ringing once again and decided to bring some flowers to Our Lady of Fatima—a mini version of a May Crowning. Way to go, Joel and Luke!

“Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world…”
Our Lady of Fatima
May 13, 1917
V ENCUENTRO PRAYER FOR EASTER AT A TIME OF CRISIS

God of life and healing,
you sent your Risen Son
To encounter the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

Grant us today a missionary spirit
and send us forth to encounter
our sisters and brothers
by the ways that are within our reach:

to walk with them in this time of crisis,
to listen to their concerns with compassion,
to respond to their fears with sensitivity,
and to proclaim your Word with hope,
so that they might feel your presence
in flesh and blood in their homes.

Nourish us today as missionary disciples,
and stay with us always,
as we dedicate ourselves this Easter season
to rediscover love and share it
in our families and with the whole human family.

We ask you this with burning hearts,
filled with the Holy Spirit,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and under the loving protection of
our Blessed Mother Mary
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Americas.

Amen.

V ENCUENTRO PRAYER FOR EASTER AT A TIME OF CRISIS

Dios de la vida y la curación,
enviaste a tu hijo resucitado
Para encontrar a los discípulos en el camino a Emaús.

Concédenos hoy un espíritu misionero
y envíanos a encontrarnos
nuestras hermanas y hermanos
por las formas que están a nuestro alcance:

caminar con ellos en este momento de crisis,
escuchar sus preocupaciones con compasión,
para responder a sus miedos con sensibilidad,
y para proclamar tu Palabra con esperanza,
para que puedan sentir tu presencia
en carne y hueso en sus hogares.

Nutrirnos hoy como discípulos misioneros,
y quedate con nosotros siempre
mientras nos dedicamos esta temporada de Pascua
para redescubrir el amor y compartirla
en nuestras familias y con toda la familia humana.

Te lo pedimos con corazones ardientes,
lleno del Espíritu Santo
en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
y bajo la protección amorosa de
Nuestra Santísima Madre María
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Patrona de las Américas.

Amén.

A PRAYER IN TIMES OF PESTILENCE

The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord
drove away the plague of death
which the first parents of man brought into the world.

May this bright star now vouchsafe to extinguish
that foul constellation whose battles have slain
the people with the wound of death.

O most pious Star of the Sea,
preserve us from pestilence;
hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee
by denying Thee nothing.

Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother
supplicates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Amen.

—Attributed to Saint Augustine in the Book of Common Prayer, Compline
WE NEED HELP!

Are you looking for some meaningful way of helping families within our community? The Waukneke Food Pantry is in need of Volunteers who are under the age of 70, in good health and not caring for someone with a health need at this time. We are still open our normal schedule but with drive up service only in order to maintain social distancing. Donations can be made at the Waukneke Food Pantry, 806B S. Division St. in the donation box outside the door.

Top Items Needed by the Waukneke Food Pantry
- Spaghetti sauce
- Snacks
- Crackers
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Toiletries (Soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Condiments (honey, mayonnaise, ketchup and mustard)
- Canned meats
- Canned fruit
- Boxed or bagged dinners (Hamburger Helper)
- Boxed potatoes
- Pancake mix, Pancake syrup
- Flour
- Sugar
- Snack items and crackers (Snack items that can be put into the Children’s luncheons, any type of cracker)

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UPDATES FROM PREGNANCY HOTLINE

Our Sharing Center may be closed to clients and donation intake, but all of our other programs are still running with modifications to ensure safety for our volunteers and clients. We have hired a part-time summer LTE for the Sharing Center but are also still actively looking for a half-time coordinator.

Our Phoneline is actively taking calls and referring women and families to get the help that they need. Babies are still being born and still need essential items! Safe Sleep and Baby Care Packages are being delivered to the doorstep of our clients.

Diaper Need has increased dramatically due to the pandemic! Even though we can’t directly distribute to our clients, our Diaper Bank is making sure that the agencies that can, are adequately supplied. We have made deliveries to ARC, RISe, Shelter from the Storm Ministries and St. Vincent de Paul. We are directing our clients to get diapers at St. Vinnies on Fish Hatchery. We will continue to supply them as we are able!

Thank you for your prayers and support during these challenging times. Visit: www.pregnancyhelpline.net

Brenda Collins, Executive Director
Pregnancy Helpline of Madison
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At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him" (St. Leo).

The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and the State of Nebraska have retained the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord on the proper Thursday, while all other provinces have transferred this solemnity to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

**The Ascension**

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea of what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don’t know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Calculando el Amor

¿Alguna vez has buscado en Google la palabra "amor"? Si lo has hecho, es posible que hayas encontrado algo llamado la Calculadora del Amor. Es un sitio web donde puedes proporcionar dos nombres, y se calcula el porcentaje de probabilidad de una relación exitosa. Curioso, ingresé mi nombre y el de mi esposa. ¡Veinte por ciento! ¡Espero que mi esposa no lea esto!

Entonces decidí agregar mi nombre y Dios. ¡Un enorme trece por ciento! Luego, para el último intento, puse mi nombre y Jesús. ¡Un cero por ciento muy decepcionante! ¿Soy tan indeseable? Por supuesto, luego leí la letra pequeña en la parte inferior de la página: "Tenga en cuenta que este sitio no tiene ninguna intención seria." ¡Sorprendente!

La verdad es que el mundo moderno parece no tener una idea real de qué es el amor o cómo determinar cuándo es real. Eso hace que las palabras aparentemente simples de Jesús sobre amar a Dios y a tu prójimo sean muy complejas. ¿Cómo puedes amar a Dios con todo tu corazón, alma y mente cuando no tienes idea de lo que significa el acto de amar? Y luego, ¿qué constituye amar al prójimo? Para hacerlo más complicado, Jesús te ordena que los ames como te amas a ti mismo. Apuesto a que puedes estar de acuerdo conmigo en que hay muchas personas que ni siquiera saben amarse a sí mismas. Saber qué es el amor en los tiempos modernos no es tan fácil. ¿Cómo puede una persona bien intencionada descubrir el verdadero significado del amor?

¿No sabes lo que es el verdadero amor? Creo que sí lo sabes. Dirige tus ojos a ese crucifijo que cuelga en tu iglesia, hogar o oficina. La respuesta se dio hace más de 2,000 años y la imagen permanece para que todo el mundo la vea.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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