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, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.”

-Jn 14:15-17


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We are so blessed in this parish to recognize the generous support and ongoing care that you offer to each other, and the heritage that we have as a parish.

Many people have asked about the possibilities of giving online—especially during these challenging days. We are pleased to be able to offer this now—the link is on our website.

As always, thank you for your concern for one another, prayers for each other and for us, and for your ongoing support of Assumption Parish.

AMOUR INTENTIONS

5/17  Sunday
8:00am          Lorraine Welsford +
10:30am         Janet Joireman +
5/18  Monday  Marcia Ross +
5/19  Tuesday  Jack Thompson +
5/20  Wednesday  Ella McKiernan +
5/21  Thursday  Richard Belt +
5/22  Friday  Suzanne Duffy-Kane +
5/23  Saturday  Assumption Parishioners
5/24  Sunday  Bob Esser +  Assumption Parishioners

While Mass is not being celebrated publicly, Fr. Tim will continue to be celebrating the intentions for the day, in a personal Mass.

A special thank you to our teachers and school families who cleaned up around the statue of Mary; and also for the spontaneous crowning of Mary for the month of May in honor of the Blessed Mother. Check out the video on Facebook on the Assumption school page!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Art Smalley, Dennis Bunkers, Judy Long, Steve Torscens-son, Fr. Tom Caswell, Leo DiValentino, Marlene Bumbeck, Tina, Stephanie Folster, Marlena Pethers, JoAnn Hamad, Justin Futia, Nancy Brady, Terri Sanders, Karen Crum, Laurel Reilly, Darlene Daul, Peggy Smet, Joyce, Ben Trudeau, George Swagel, Danielle Basta, Susan, Joan Hastings, Bailey Cooper, Sean, Clara Fischer, Peg Walsh, and all who are sick or recovering from surgery. If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please call Barbara Rice (327-8124) or Kathryn Overland (328-8523).

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10)
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The gradual re-opening of society is underway, and our parish is taking its part as well. Many people have asked when and how that will take place for us at Assumption, and I am happy to report that a few steps will be taken next week. We will return to having the church building open on Wednesdays until noon for those who wish to stop in for a visit and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This is not to encourage large gatherings (more than 10), but simply to begin a return to prayer and worship opportunities. Hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes will continue to be in place in the church and everyone who comes should use them for the protection of others.

Beginning next week, I will hear confessions from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, and again on Saturday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be some significant changes for the form of celebration: until further notice, the confessional will not be in use. I am asking that the norms of social distancing be maintained (6 feet) between penitents (unless they are in the same family), and entrance will be from the emergency exit door on the side nearest the office—on the side of Stations VIII through XIII—it will be clearly marked. Individuals will come down the far aisle of the church and I will be seated in the small area between the main body of the church and the back chapel; there will be some sort of screen in place between the confessor and penitent. When the sacrament has been completed, the fire exit next to the door may be used. This is to comply with the guidelines recommended to ensure social distancing, good airflow, privacy for the penitent, confidentiality for the sacrament and ease of movement. I realize that this is not the ideal by any stretch of the imagination, but it does give us the opportunity to return to celebration of the sacrament of penance.

At this time, the Bishop is encouraging compliance with Governor Inslee’s instructions for the gradual re-opening of worship celebrations. The statement that some form of “drive-in worship services,” that many of you have commented on does not include distribution of communion. As some of you know, I am just now completing a period of self-quarantine following the celebration of the anointing of the sick of coronavirus patients at the V.A. facility last week. The most important thing, as I have said since the beginning of this challenge, is to ensure the safety of others and that I do not become a vehicle for the contamination to a vulnerable population. By the time that we begin these first steps, that time of self-quarantine will have passed.

Please remember that all our precautions are not about “catching” the coronavirus, but about protecting others who may be vulnerable. I continue to see people out and about ignoring social distancing, refusing to wear face masks and following social distancing recommendations. I continue to encourage you to remember that you hold the safety and the lives of others in your hands.

WE WILL be updating the parish website (www.assumptionspokane.org) on a regular basis. Information from Bishop Daly and the diocese, and other Catholic news sources will be posted.

* Fr. Tim will continue to post reflections there under a link on the “Home” tab.
* Deacon Kelly and Fr. Tim will be posting a recorded celebration of the Sunday liturgy.