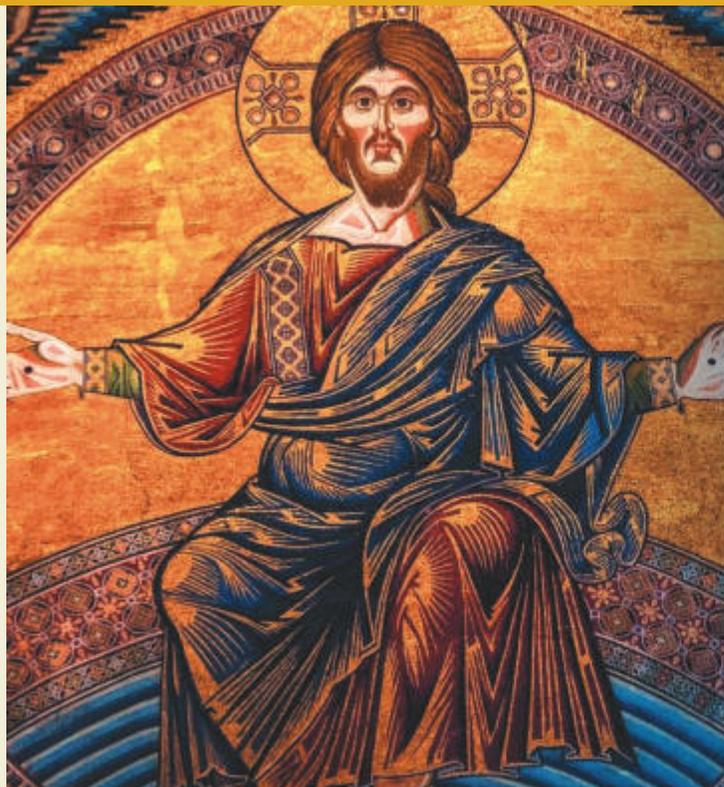


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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

May 8- 5:00 pm

May 9- 8:30 am
10:30 am

May 15- 5:00 pm

May 16- 8:30 am
10:30 am

Daily Masses

Fr. Oakland is away
May 10-14. No daily
Masses. Daily Mass
resumes May 18.

Walk-ups only for Daily Mass. To register for weekend Masses, visit holyrosaryseattle.org or call 206-937-1488x200. To view livestreams and videos, visit holyrosaryseattle.org.

REMINDER! Please arrive 10-20 min. before Mass if you have a reservation. Reserved seats are offered to walk-ups after that as we welcome people to worship.

CHURCH HOURS

12:00 pm -2:00pm, Wednesdays, Saturdays
2:00 pm -4:00 pm, Mondays, Fridays

Masks mandatory, no exceptions. Visitors must answer 'no' to all health screening questions. Max. of 10 people.

RECONCILIATION

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Saturdays
No Confession on Tuesday, May 11.

Or by appointment

PHASES 2 & 3

During Phase 2 and 3, Governor Inslee expanded the definition of a “household”. With this guidance, at Mass, a “household” can now include up to 2 families (for a maximum of 10 people) sharing a pew under a single reservation. Names of all attendees must be listed at the time of registration. Be sure to let your party know the last name that the reservation is under for an easy check –in process.

MAY 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Journey of Faith with Fr. Matthew Oakland



When we reopened for public Masses on June 20th of last year after being closed for three months, we did so under the protocols outlined by the CDC, Washington State Department of Health, and the King County Public Health Department. We also followed protocols outlined in public orders and business guidelines set forth by the Governor's office in addition to all applicable Archdiocese of Seattle directives. With all of these protocols in mind, our mandatory written COVID plan for Mass was submitted to the Archdiocese of Seattle COVID Task Force for review and approval. Including plans for office and ministry operations, our plan for returning to Mass was 35 pages long.

With your support, we have been able to successfully adhere to the protocols of our covid plan. This has enabled us to mitigate risk while we gather to worship. As we remain committed to following the science behind the mitigation protocols nearly a year later, it is time to revisit our covid plan.

I submitted and was approved for a covid plan revision by the Archdiocese. What is not changing is that we are still following all of the current risk control and mitigation directives. So, what IS changing? **Beginning May 22/23, the following revisions take effect:**

- ◆ **Original plan: Seating in every third pew.** When we reopened, with the space from pew top to pew top at just over 3 feet, we opted to use every third pew which is well over the 6 feet distancing requirement to minimize the spread of droplets.
- ◆ **Revised Plan: Seating in every other pew.** We have an increasing percentage of individuals who are vaccinated, reducing risk. Apart from this, the 6-foot distance between seated individuals is the universal standard. This change increases our capacity from 10 rows of pews to 14 rows of pews, in addition to a row of chairs and the loft. Pre-pandemic, full capacity in the church was 500. Currently, we average between 65-110 people at Sunday Mass. This meets both the Phase 2 capacity limit of 25% and the Phase 3 capacity limit of 50%.
- ◆ **Original Plan: Online or phone-in registration required for weekend Masses.** When we reopened last June, we started using a pre-registration system to help with covid symptom screening and to ensure that we were within capacity limits. Parishioners guaranteed a seat at weekend Masses by calling the

office or signing up online. Daily Masses have been walk-up only since they resumed.

- ◆ **Revised Plan: All Masses are “walk-ups only” - there is no more online or call-in registration.** With additional pews now available, we will seat individuals and families on a “first come, first serve” basis. The last Mass available for “Sign Up Genius” or call-in will be May 16. While space has been limited over these past few weeks with First Communion families and their guests, there are no upcoming special Masses. *We encourage everyone to arrive at least 15-20 minutes before Mass starts. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass begins.*
- ◆ **Original Plan: Assigned seating charts.** Hospitality Ministers relied upon designated seating charts to ensure proper covid-compliant seating arrangements for our parishioners while maximizing the capacity. Hospitality Ministers walked everyone to their assigned seats.
- ◆ **Revised Plan: Hospitality Ministers will seat people upon arrival in any open seating—there will be no more seating charts.** The front two pews will remain designated for mobility-impaired parishioners. Please request front pew seating upon arrival if you need it. Our Hospitality Ministers will seat people using various covid-compliant seating configurations based on group size, capacity limits, and mobility needs. We suggest arriving early for preferred seating, but aside from our mobility-impaired individuals, we cannot guarantee a specific seat to anyone. *We encourage everyone to arrive at least 20 minutes before Mass. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass begins.*
- ◆ **To note:** Two households of up to 10 individuals total may sit together in a single pew in Phase 2 and Phase 3. Please let the HMs know if you would like to sit with another household when you arrive.

What else? Blue tape has been removed from the church floor and signage will be updated throughout the church including new pew signs.

Stay tuned for more information, and thank you for your patience as we make these adjustments, follow the science, and as we gather and worship together in the love of God.

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its

origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

Our Lady of Fatima

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13.



Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a “bishop in white” shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.



Gospel Reflection

By Lorenzo Giacani

In this reading, Jesus gives a very simple statement (“Just as the Father loves Me, so I love you”), as well as clear and concise instructions (“Remain in My love”) just before His walk to the cross. This command is one of the most profound pronouncements ever voiced in the history of humanity. The apparent simplicity of the text only serves to enhance its transcendent significance. In fact, the love about which Jesus was speaking was not the ordinary love that we all experience as human beings. He was not speaking of a mother’s love for her child or a husband’s love for his wife. The reciprocated love of the Father and the Son is unfathomable in human terms, for it has no beginning and will never end. It spans from eternity past into the eternity to come. It is inestimable, unceasing, interminable, constant, and pure.

This is not a love that we people on earth could comprehend, for we are creatures whose love fluctuates over time. We are surrounded by the flow of human emotions, where love can grow cold. Yet the deep and incredible love the Father has for His Son is the same love that Jesus has for His people - for YOU and for ME! He made a point of telling His disciples that His love for us is as passionate, full, and glorious and unending as the love between Him and His Father.

There is nothing that should excite our hearts more than the knowledge that we are loved so deeply by God. At the same time, “Remain in My love”, means that we must allow the deep, deep love of Christ for us to penetrate every fiber of our being and our understanding. If we do so, we will be finally able to truly love one another.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Readings for Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 10 — *God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him*

Psalm 98 — *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power*

1 John 4: 7-10 — *In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins*

John 15: 9-17 — *It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain*

The full text of the readings can be found at:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050921.cfm>

Building the Domestic Church: Living the Faith At Home

Breakout Questions for Parents

- Being a parent is a vocation. You are chosen and loved by Jesus. How does being chosen and loved by Jesus support your mission to “go and bear fruit”?
- As a parent, how can you respond to Jesus’ invitation to widen the circle of love by caring and sharing for others in the midst of daily family demands, home, and job?
- Jesus’ command is simple but not easy: “Love one another as I love you.” Do you take this command seriously? What are some ways you can fulfill this command?

Activity to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

God loves, forgives and welcomes everyone. Think about ways that your family can love, forgive and welcome others. On a sheet of paper create three columns with the following headings: Love, Forgiveness and Welcome. Brainstorm with your family ways you can reach out to others. Write the responses under the appropriate headings. Post the paper in a prominent place in your home.

Breakout Questions for Adults

- Why is it important for us to have hope?
- Think of a joyful person in your life who you look up to. How does that person make you feel on a daily basis?
- What are some ways you can show and share the joy you have received from Christ?

Breakout Questions for Teens

- Have you ever felt like something was unfair? What happened? Why did it feel unfair.
- Read Acts 10:25 -26, 34-35, 44-48. Have you ever been hurt by an unfair situation? What happened? Did you find healing or are you still hurting? What can you do to bring healing to that situation?
- What are some specific instances where Jesus was treated unfairly? How did He respond in those situations?
- Have you ever felt that God was unfair? Did you overcome this feeling or do you still feel this way? Why?

Breakout Questions for Children

- In today’s Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them. What does loving one another mean to you?
- Do you know someone who is most in need of your love and kindness? How can you show your love to them?
- Can you still have a friendship with Jesus if you don’t act with kindness toward your brothers, sisters, classmates and neighbors?
- One way we remain in God’s love is by keeping God’s commandments. Ask your parents to review the 10 Commandments with you. [The Ten Commandments - Relevant Radio](#)

Watch Catholic Kids Video— Sixth Sunday of Easter:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_56HoE9Dd-Q

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Schedule Your Vaccination!

Covid is not over– Please vaccinate yourself and your loved ones!

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

To register directly at the City of Seattle vaccination clinics including West Seattle, go to the city-run website at: seattle.signetic.com/home

Holy Rosary is still available to help anyone who would like to make an appointment but needs help navigating online registration. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call Libby at the parish office at 206-937-1488 ext. 209 or email at parishoffice@holyrosaryseattle.org.

Archdiocese of Seattle Statement on COVID-19 Vaccines

In accordance with the instruction of the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the use of all current COVID-19 vaccines during this pandemic is morally acceptable. It is not only important for one's personal health, but it is also our responsibility to care for the common good of the broader community, and getting a vaccine is one way to do so. Whenever you are allowed to get the vaccine, please do so knowing that it is morally acceptable to receive whichever vaccine is being offered.



Holy Rosary Pre-K Has Openings

A few rare spots are available in our half day Pre-Kindergarten program for next year. If you have a Pre-K aged child (age 4 by August 31st), please visit holyrosaryws.org to learn more about our preschool program and contact our Admissions Director Jennifer Kokkonis (jkokkonis@holyrosaryws.org) to schedule a tour.

Hurry, these spaces will go fast so we want to get the word out again to our parish families quickly. We'd love to have your special children join our wonderful program!

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All Wednesday Masses for the month of May will be closed to the public. Livestreaming is available at holyrosaryseattle.org.

- May 9 – Mother's Day
- May 10-14 – No Daily Masses (*Fr. Oakland away*)
- May 10-14 – No Confessions– (*Fr. Oakland away*)
- May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima
- May 16 - The Ascension of the Lord
- May 31– Memorial Day
- June 3 – 8th grade Graduation
- June 11– Last day of school

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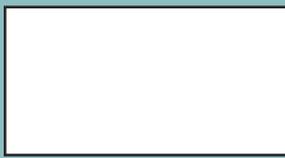
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