

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.



17 de mayo de 2020

Sexto Domingo de Pascua

Podemos ver el mundo alrededor de nosotros y concluir que este es el tiempo más desafiante en la historia para vivir como una persona de fe. Pero sabemos que no es así. A través de los tiempos, las personas de fe han enfrentado la burla, la persecución e incluso la muerte como resultado de su compromiso con Cristo. Aún así, es importante que reconozcamos el desafío de vivir hoy como cristianos, cuando la fe es vista con ambivalencia en el mejor de los casos y a menudo con antagonismo. Algunos no entienden como la fe y la razón pueden coexistir, aunque muchos de los grandes descubrimientos científicos fueron hechos por personas de fe. Otros ven las fallas de la Iglesia y de sus líderes y descartan la fe como resultado. Confiamos en la presencia poderosa del Espíritu Santo para que esté con nosotros cuando se burlen o simplemente malinterpreten nuestra fe en Jesucristo. Por medio del Espíritu Santo, encontraremos la gracia para vivir con convicción como pueblo cristiano.

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

Saint Peter admonishes us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

LA RAZÓN DE NUESTRA ESPERANZA

San Pedro nos exhorta a que "siempre estemos listos a dar razones de nuestra esperanza a quien nos la pida". Uno de los grandes dones de la fe en nuestras vidas es nuestra esperanza en Jesucristo. Por medio de Cristo, ponemos nuestros ojos en una visión más amplia de la vida aquí en la tierra y en la vida eterna con Dios. Sabemos que las pruebas y los desafíos de hoy no tienen la última palabra, y no tiene poder sobre nosotros. Con la presencia del Espíritu Santo, tenemos la ayuda que necesitamos para vivir de acuerdo a la voluntad de Dios, como el quiere y desea, para que el mundo pueda conocer a Cristo por medio del testimonio de nuestras vidas. Esta es una forma de vida con significado y llena de esperanza. Cuando gran parte de la cultura alrededor nuestro habla de las distracciones momentáneas e impermanentes, tenemos la esperanza del significado y propósito de hoy y la promesa de la vida eterna por venir.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 8:5-8, 14-17; Sal 66 (65):1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1 Pe 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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All daily and weekend Masses have resumed with a 25% attendance allowed.

Daily Mass:

8:30am— Monday thru Friday

7:00pm Friday-Spanish

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Sat. Vigil Mass: 5:00pm Eng. & 7:00pm Sp.

Sun. Mass: 8am & 10am(Eng.) & 12Noon(Sp)

Todas las misas diarias y misas de fin de semana se han reanudado con un 25% de asistencia permitida.

Misa diaria:

8:30am— lunes a viernes –Ing.

7:00pm Viernes-Espanol

Misas dominicales:

Sabado Misa Vigia: 5:00pm-Ing. Y 7:00pm-Esp.

Domingo: 8am & 10am (Eng.) & 12pm (Esp.)

The Church will be open for personal prayer with a limit of 10 people: / La Iglesia permanecerá abierta para oración personal con límite de 10 personas:

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Wed/Mie: 9:00am—9:00pm

Thu/Jue: 10:00am—9:00pm

Fri/Vie: 7:00am—9:00pm

Additional Spirtual resources:

Sign up FREE formed.org. Go to formed.org/signup.

There you will see a space to type in location of parish. Type in Alvin and St. John the Baptist will pop up underneath. Click next and sign up with your own email information.

www.archgh.org/resources/health-updates/spiritual-resources

Youtube “Mass” to get various Priests Celebrating Mass.

COLLECTIONS

5/10/20 Collection: \$11,287.98

OneParish App : \$ 986.11

Archdiocese on-line Contributions: \$710.00

In these weeks of uncertainty Prayer is most needed for all. If you have the means, please continue to support your Parish financially. Contributions may be dropped of at the Parish Office or use the OneParish app to make online contributions. Or My.OneParish.com on the computer. Also <https://www.archgh.org/ways-to-give/parish-offertory-support/>

If you have a need do not hesitate to call the Office - 281-331-3751 if no answer dial 0 & leave a message.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: May 16th.

5:00 P.M. †Henry, †Alice & †Henry Adame, Jr.

Sunday: May 17th.

8:00 A.M. Randy Lawless Family

10:00 A.M. †Salvador Solis Sr.

12:00 P.M. For the People

Monday: May 18th.

8:30 A.M. Bexi Joibel Castillo

Tuesday: May 19th.

8:30 A.M. †B. G. Juarez

Wednesday: May 20th.

8:30 A.M. †Maria Ramirez

Thursday: May 21st.

8:30 A.M. Rudy Garza

Friday: May 22nd.

8:30 A.M. Jorge Lopez

Saturday: May 23rd.

5:00 P.M. For the People



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

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

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); other Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1,4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46) :2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Domingo: Hch 1:12-14; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pe 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a o (para la Ascensión) Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47:2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

MAY IS THE MONTH OF
MARY,
OUR BLESSED
MOTHER.
PRAY A DAILY ROSARY.

EL MES DE MAYO ES DE
MARIA, NUESTRA MADRE.
RECEN EL ROSARIO
DIARAMENTE.



Gold Anniversary Celebration —October 18, 2020

Celebracion de las Bodas de Oro —18 de Octubre, 2020

Registrations start now and ends September 12, 2020
Inscripciones: empiezan ahora hasta 12 de septiembre

Silver Anniversary Celebration —September 20, 2020

Celebracion de Bodas de Plata—20 de septiembre, 2020

Registrations start now and end on August 10, 2020
Inscripciones: empiezan ahora hasta 10 de agosto, 2020

Time/Hora:3:00 P.M.

Location/Sitio: Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral

For information contact Our Family Life Ministry at:

Para mayors informes contacte a los siguiente numeros:

713-741-8710 713-741-8730



We're sorry to say that we canceled the May 15-17 weekend. We're following the guidelines set by the diocese, government and Worldwide Marriage Encounter at this time. We're sure you all agree this is a necessary thing. We recently added another weekend at St. Dominic's Center July 31 - August 2. And we're considering hosting a Marriage Encounter Weekend online so that couples can experience the beauty of the weekend experience from the comfort and safety of their home. Times like these are requiring us all to think outside our box and put our trust in God. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information Or go on-line to www.houstonme.org.

**Spiritual Remedies for Your Quarantine Cabin Fever
By Rejoice Counseling Apostolate**

It's easy to get caught up in the chaotic noise of media and panic-stricken grocery runs during this time of global panic. However, social distancing can be a real blessing if you solidify a prayer routine in your daily life that nurtures hope and gratitude amidst the anxiety. Here are a few ways to spiritually make the most of this time:

Schedule Time for Christ

In the book *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*, Fr. Jacques Philippe suggests, "to contemplate Jesus...is what really inspires confidence." Jesus is the companion you need to give you hope for the journey. He provides the road map forward, allowing you to rest easy and know that you do not need to blindly navigate through these fear-inducing days. You can take a step closer to lasting peace by spending time with Christ.

Explore Different Prayers

Prayer is the armor that enables you to face any crisis with a level head. Your spiritual health relies on a persistent prayer life to get you through the ups and downs of daily life. By praying the rosary, meditating on Sacred Scripture, participating in the Mass, and other daily devotions, you remain connected to God. Like a daily vitamin, prayer provides the nutrients you need for a healthy spiritual life.

Focus on Hope

Hope can be fleeting in a time of crisis. You may be left with questions, but God is present in your suffering. Christ is the light that shines through the darkness. By nurturing your hope in the Lord, you can look at the light that dispels the darkness. The closer you stand to Christ the light, the more you recognize how to move forward.

Reflect Daily on Gratitude

Looking for God's guiding hand, especially in a difficult situation, is important to staying positive through life's challenges. Devoting yourself to daily reflections of gratitude will strengthen a spirit of joy. The quarantine can be a time that we grow deeper in our love for the Lord. In the book *The Way Furrow the Forge*, St. Josemaria Escriva asserts, "Not all of us can become rich, wise, famous... Yet, all of us are called to be saints." You may not become rich materially, especially in this time of layoffs and furloughs, but you can become spiritually rich. Today is the day to be a saint!

Read more on the Catholic Counselors' blog at

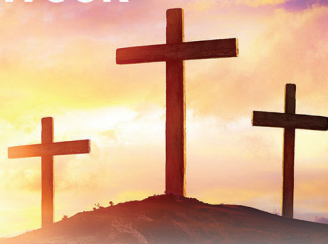
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