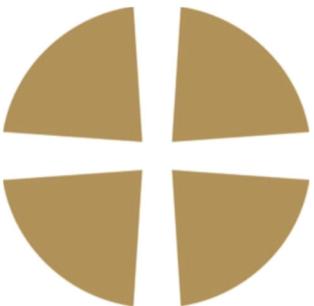


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 26, 2019



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### MASS TIMES

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday  
10:00 AM-4:00 PM



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Dear Friends,

I hope that with the coming of the Memorial Day holiday this Monday, May 27, that most of your hectic May comings and goings have slowed down somewhat and that you get to enjoy the weekend with your families and friends as stress-free as possible. Whatever you are planning on doing (or not), enjoy it as much as possible, and be safe, especially those of you who will be hitting the roads as you head to the beaches and hills.

Next Thursday, May 30, is NOT the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord except in six dioceses in the US. We happen to be one of the many others who celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension next Sunday, June 1. This has been the norm for most of the dioceses in the US for over the last fifteen years, but old habits die hard, and many of us associate next Thursday with the feast. So, it is daily Mass as normal at 12:15pm on Thursday, May 30.

The Birthright Baby Shower request for donations of baby clothing, diapers and cash or gift cards from those of you who didn't have time to do any shopping was very pleasantly met with tremendous generosity, considering May-madness and the mere fact of just getting yourselves here to Mass on time or at all! The cash



donations amounted to a very generous sum of \$1,813.00 not counting the many gifts of baby clothing and other such necessities. Thank you all especially from the Women's Group who organized the

Birthright Baby Shower.

Happy Memorial Day and God bless,

*Fr. Niall*

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### Treasures from Our Tradition

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

### The Gift of Peace

"There arose no little dissension and debate." Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little "give and take" now and then. So where was it that "there arose no little dissension and debate"? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today's Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today's Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that "reconciled diversity," often encouraged by Pope Francis and

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter

- SAT 25** 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass  
† Donna Armbrewster
- SUN 26** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass  
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
- MON 27** OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day
- TUES 28** 12:15 Weekday Mass  
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- WED 29** 12:15 Weekday Mass  
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- THURS 30** 12:15 Weekday Mass  
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- FRI 31** 12:15 Weekday Mass  
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

- SAT 1** 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass  
† Hugo Versalovic  
Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
- Catholic Communications  
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- SUN 2** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass  
11:15 AM Sunday Mass  
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even envisioned in today's Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus' promised Gospel gift: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."