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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 17, 2020



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m. Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m. First Friday: 6:30 p.m.

7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Holy Days:

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m. Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **CHOIR REHEARSALS:**

Adult Choirs

Judah Choir:

Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

God's Chosen Choir:

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Youth Choir:

Saturday-12:00pm (Harris Center)

Thursday before the 4th Sunday-7:00pm (In Church)

BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.

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We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.

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Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

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NOTE: THE SUNDAY 12:15PM MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE 10:00AM MASS.

SAT. 05/16/2020

People of the Parish

SUN. 05/17/2020

7:30AM

5:00PM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends Alonzo Richardson (D)

Marian Richardson & Family *John L. Stewart (D)* – Sisters & Brothers

Margaret Cadoree (L)

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Rev. Chester Smith, SVD (D)

Theresa G. Savov

05/17/2020 SUN.

10:00AM

Glen Higgins (D) – Mary Ida Reed Jean Campbell (D)

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Ben & Delores Catalon Bessie Swindle (D) – Theresa G. Savoy Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr. Wanda Dixon & Family

Charles I. Murray (D)

The Murray Family

Charles LaRue Hill (D)

Ingrid Singleton

7:00AM MON. 05/18/2020 *Irene Hutchins (D)* – The Chanev Family 05/19/2020 7:00AM TUE.

Ola Lacy Bell (D)

Florence McChristian & J.B. Holley Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L)

Florence & Wanda

7:00AM WED. 05/20/2020

John & Mary Buckman (D) Elizabeth Nyankah (D)

THUR. 05/21/2020 7:00AM THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Vivian Willis (D) – Annette Willis

FRI. 05/22/2020 7:00AM

Beatrice Dugas Foreman (D)

Shirley & Belinda Foreman



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Let us Know

Please let us know when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery, especially if the illness or surgery is serious. Call the Parish Office so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers and/or visitation if needed. After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country. Army:

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Trov Butler, Shanta Charles, Josiah Charles, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

Navy:

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Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers. Terrance J Valiare.

Thomas Q Valiare II

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

SFX Scholarship Applications

are available in the Vestibule of the Church, in the Harris Center Lobby and Website the Parish (www.sfxhouston.com). Due to the early end of the school year, the deadline to submit applications has been extended to Friday, May 29th.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today's readings anticipate the feast ofPentecost, which we will celebrate two weeks from now. Peter

and John join Phillip in Samaria to make sure that the Samaritans received the Holy Spirit, just as they had in In the Gospel Jesus Jerusalem. promises his disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit, who will be another Advocate after his own return Listening to today's to the Father. readings, let us be aware of the Holy Spirit's influence in our lives.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

□Sunday – May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

Monday – May 18

Acts 16:11-15

Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9

John 15:26-16:4

☐Tuesday – May 19

Acts 16:22-34

Psalm 138:1-2, 3, 7-8

John 16:5-11

□□ Wednesday – May 20

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

John 16:12-15

Thursday – May 21

Acts 18:1-8

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 4

John 16:16-20

□□Friday – May 22 Acts 18:9-18

Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

John 16:20-23

□Saturday – May 23

Acts 18:23-28

Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10

John 16:23-28



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The initiation of catechumens and candidates will be scheduled at an appropriate time before the year ends.

ATTENTION GRADUATES



The 2020 Graduate Recognition Mass has been cancelled this year. However, we

would like to acknowledge all of our Graduates in the May 24th Bulletin. If you or your child is a Middle School, High School, College, University, Community College, Business or Technical School graduate, please contact the Parish Secretary @ 713-410-6535 NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, May 20th.

When is Ascension Celebrated?

(Father Reginald Martin)

The feast of the Ascension celebrates the completion of Christ's mission on earth and his entry into heaven. The Church's Code of Canon Law includes the ascension of Jesus among the solemn feast days to be observed by Latin-rite Catholics throughout the universal Church. The text also remarks, "The conference of bishops can abolish certain holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday with the prior approval of the Apostolic See" (Canon 1246.2).

In many places, as we have seen, the Ascension has been transferred to Sunday, for two reasons. First, holy days are to be observed with the same regard as Sundays. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God ... and [partake in] the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (No. 2185). This is often impossible on weekdays, so moving the feast to a Sunday makes a great deal of sense.

Some will ask why the Church does not maintain the feast of the Ascension on Thursday but remove the obligation to attend Mass that day. This leads to the second reason for moving the feast. Doing so allows those who cannot attend Mass on Thursday to share an important, common prayer experience.



To everyone on the front line during these challenging times:

CLERGY: Rev. Michael Saah-Buckman, Deacon Michael Jenkins, Deacon Darryl Drenon

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Catholic Charities ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Catholic Charities has expert bilingual counselors who can help for free during the Catholic COVID-19 pandemic. Call Charities' Mental Health Line at 713-874-6590 from 9:00am to 4:00pm to request a session, and a licensed counselor will call you back within a day. Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution with hours each week at our three locations: Guadalupe Center in Houston; Mamie George Community Center in Richmond; Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston. For hours call the COVID Assistance Line at 713-874-6521.

Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Prayer in Time of the Coronavirus

Comfort us, O Lord, for we are like your disciples on the storm-tossed seas, unsettled by what lies ahead. We turn to You, our Healer and Guide, to still our hearts in our time of need and hear our prayer: Heal those who are sick with the coronavirus and protect the elderly and most vulnerable. Give strength to all who tend to our health and wisdom to researchers who work toward a cure. Open our eyes and hearts, as you did during Hurricane Harvey, that we may look beyond our immediate needs to care for others who need help. Through the Holy Spirit, guide our leaders to make wise decisions for the welfare of all the people they serve. Grant eternal rest to those who have died from the virus. May Mary, Our Mother, who has heard our pleas in the storms of our lives, intercede to her Son, that we may find healing and a prompt end to this illness. Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us. Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, heal us.

Stewardship Reflection

That we recognize that things don't always go the way we plan and God has a better plan in store for us. "For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17 The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

[Jesus said to His disciples:]

"If you love Me,
you will keep My commandments"

John 14:15

Show love at all times, and if necessary, use words.

I never heard my father tell my mother that he loved her. I can't even remember hearing my father saying to me, "son, I love you" or "Mike I love you." Did he love my mother and I? He unequivocally loved both of us. How could I tell, you may ask? He loved us by his actions. He was a quiet man; he wouldn't raise his voice. I never heard him argue with Mom; neither did I witness any abuse or disrespect. I never heard him use profanity. He worked hard with his hands in all kind of weather for the City of Houston (Street and Bridge Division). Mom worked also as a Nurseaid, but the bulk of the income came from my father. He didn't "run" the streets. He was in bed every night (including weekends) between 8:30 and 9:00 PM. On occasions I would see him sitting in the bathroom reading his bible-before he left for work at 6:00 AM. Our utilities were never turned off and our small two-bedroom home was always comfortable, regardless to the season of the year. My father was a good man and an excellent provider.

In the Gospel readings [John 14:15-21], Jesus clearly tells His disciples, how they are to love Him. Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15) *As Christians, we are to demonstrate our love for Christ, by keeping His commandments.* Our love for Christ is to be seen in our actions.

Jesus said in a prior chapter of John's Gospel, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you...." John 13:34

The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20 & Deut. 5) can be divided into two sections. The first three Commandments are about loving God.

It's our vertical relationship. The last seven commandments are about loving neighbor. It's our horizontal relationship.

Our love for God and neighbor should be full of good actions. Words are so cheap and meaningless if they are not followed by right actions. The Lord said it this way: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Isaiah 29:13

My parents were married on May 9, 1957. I was born two years later. On May 9th of this year, I told my Mom-that it was her anniversary. (My dad died of cancer in 1982, after 25 years of marriage to my Mom-she never remarried.) This year my 94 year old Mother couldn't remember his name.

She asked, "what was his name?" I told her. She repeated, "Victor Jenkins". I asked her, "do you remember anything about him?" She began to name the acts of love that I listed at the beginning of this reflection. She couldn't remember his name, but she could remember the love that he showed her for 25 years.

I only have one large picture of my dad. He's in his US Naval uniform--taken in the 1940s.

This week I looked at his picture and, I thanked my father for loving Mom and I—with actions and not necessarily with words. Dad, may you continue to rest in peace.



-Dcn. Jenkins







NEED HELP PAYING APRIL OR MAY RENT?

LANDLORD

You may be able to receive up to \$1,056 per unit per month for unpaid rent for April and May if you agree to the following:

- ☑ Waive all late fees and interest for that month
- ✓ Allow for interest/penalty free payment plan for any rent due in excess of \$1,056
- Refrain from initiating eviction process or rescind any prior eviction process for that month

Required Documentation:

- Photo ID of landlord or authorized landlord representative
- ✓ Completed one-page agreement
- ☑ EIN/SSN/ITIN
- ACH payment information

Next steps:

- ☑ Sign up immediately to be a Participating Landlord
- ✓ Inform qualifying tenants with delinquent rent that they may apply for assistance starting 10:00am on May 13th
- ☑ Be sure your tenants have computer and internet access when the tenant system goes live

2020 Houston/The Woodlands/Sugar Land Region HUD Maximum Annual Household Income Limits*

Household Size	80% Area Median Income
1-person	\$44,150
2-person	\$50,450
3-person	\$56,750
4-person	\$63,050
5-person	\$68,100
6-person	\$73,150
7-person	\$78,200
8-person	\$83,250

TENANT

Qualifications:

- ✓ Unit must be inside City of Houston
- ✓ Current on your lease through March 31
- ☑ Behind on rent payment for April and/or May
- ☑ Have a landlord who agrees to the landlord terms
- ✓ Pre-COVID-19 household income is less than 80% of Area Median Income or tenant is currently participating in any of the programs listed (see table below)
- Cannot pay rent due to economic harm from COVID-19

Required Documentation:

- ☑ Completed one-page application
- ☑ Photo ID or utility bill in your name for residence

Next steps:

- ✓ If possible, secure computer or smart phone access to submit your application at 10:00am on May 13th
- Check to see if your landlord is on the Participating Landlord List
- ✓ If not, ask your landlord to sign up as a Participating Landlord
- Prepare to submit a tenant application

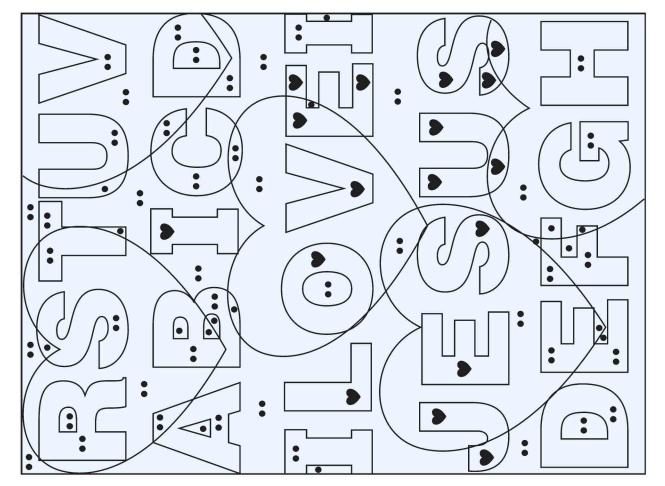
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- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
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For more information visit HoustonRentAssistance.org

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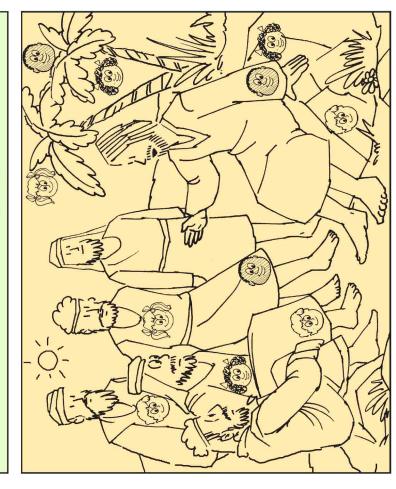
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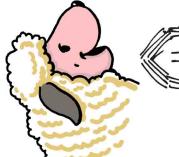
Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans."

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Jesus shared a message about love.

and I will love them and <u>reveal Myself</u> commandments and keep them are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father, Jesus said, "They who have My to them."

Find the underlined words in the puzzle below.

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Jesus Tells About the Holy Spirit

Jesus said that God would send another Counselor after He left. Who was this Counselor?

Add and subtract letters to find out.



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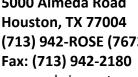
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