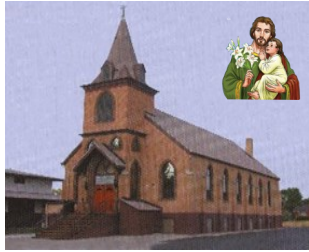


Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 14—20, 2023



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Mass Intentions

Sun., May 14: **For the people**
 Mon., May 15: _____
 Tues., May 16: **No Daily Mass**
 Wed., May 17: **No Daily Mass**
 Thurs., May 18: **No Daily Mass**
 Fri., May 19: **+For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus**
 Sat., May 20: _____



Offertory Collections **Month of March, 2023**
 Sat., Apr 29: \$ 224.00 Income: \$ 6,646.96
 Sun., Apr 30: \$ 1,238.00 Expenses: \$ 7,706.21
 Sat., May 6: \$ 1,172.00 \$ - 1,059.25
 Sun., May 7: \$ 1,137.00

*God is good, all the time!
 All the time, God is good!*

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., May 13	Patty Kepp	Bethany Fuchs	Celeste Geier & Larry Johnson
Sun., May 14	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., May 20	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Bethany & Chris Fuchs
Sun., May 21	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., May 27	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., May 28	Amelia Ramirez	Katie Fuchs	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora

Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church – Hardin
 Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.
 Daily Mass – 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday—Friday
 St. Mary's Mission – Custer
 Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Cally
Contact Numbers:
Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions
Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

Sun., May 14: The Knights of Columbus are serving Mother's Day breakfast after Mass. A goodwill offering is appreciated.
Sun., May 14: *Happy Mother's Day!*
Wed., May 17: Those receiving the Sacraments on May 27th — Religious Education class will continue thru May at 3:45 pm
There is no daily Mass on May 16-17-18
Fr. Cally will be on the Priests' Annual Retreat.

"Graduating Seniors"!
 If you would like to attend Mass as a graduating senior in cap and gown on Sunday, May 28th, please contact Bethany Fuchs at (406) 698-9341.

"They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." John 14:21



THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus before ascending to heaven promised us the Holy Spirit. He told the apostles in today's gospel (John 14:15-21): "if you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate, the Spirit of truth. Again, he said: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." This promise was fulfilled on the Pentecost day. In the next two weeks, we shall be celebrating the feast of the Pentecost- the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is among us through his Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. Christ continued his ministry on earth through His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a counsellor, a director, a defender, a teacher, a consoler, a sanctifier. The Holy Spirit encourages us in our effort to do God's work on earth. He helps us to overcome spiritual obstacles towards our salvation. He makes us strong and active Christians.

We all need the Holy Spirit. The first reading (Acts 8:5-8,14-17) shows us how the people of Samaria received the Holy Spirit. Philip first evangelized them. They were baptised. Then Peter and John as Bishops and chief shepherds were invited to lay hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. That's exactly what we do in the church today. Sacrament of confirmation is administered by the bishop through the laying on of hands. It's the duty of the bishop to administer the sacrament of confirmation. But when the bishop cannot make it due to certain circumstances, he can give the faculty to the priest. On Saturday May 27, our coadjutor bishop will be here to administer the sacrament of confirmation on our kids. We keep those children in our prayers.

On the feast of the Pentecost every year, all of us who have received the sacrament of confirmation are being refilled with the Holy Spirit. There is always a new Pentecost, a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church on that day. That's one of the major reasons why the church celebrates this feast every year. Thus, we need to prepare ourselves for the feast of the Pentecost coming up on the 28th of this month. Jesus said in today's gospel that loving him and keeping his commandments is the condition for receiving his Holy Spirit. Let us therefore purify ourselves, reconcile with God, deepen our love for Jesus and get ready to be refilled with the Holy Spirit on the feast of the Pentecost.

Mother's Day Breakfast
May 14th, after Mass
Everyone is welcome!

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Ministry Spotlight: Seminarian Support

As men are discerning the call to priesthood, our Diocese wants to provide support. This begins with a Vocations Director, who will pray with and answer questions to help them discern what is the call of God in their lives. If they feel called to continue the path towards priesthood, the Diocese will also provide support for graduate level seminarian education to include tuition, books, room, boarding, and even some travel expenses. Additionally, we also have a priest that is specifically assigned to Seminarian Formation who will support them through the process up to an including their ordination, when they will become transitional deacons and then priests of the Diocese. These are important pieces of support, so that as these men are working towards priesthood, they do not have to worry about the financial aspects of the process. As we hope to continue to grow our Seminarian program, we will continue to need support for this fund.

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