



6th Sunday of Easter

May 5/6, 2018

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Last Sunday's Collection
 \$ 4,235.00
 Together We Serve: \$80.00
 Children's: \$76.00 Thank You!

Parish Administrator: Rev. Raja SDB
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PRAYER CORNER
 Elizabeth Dziegielewski,
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Saturday, | May 5 | 5:00 pm | For Noel & Erna Salaysay (50th Wedding Anniversary) |
| Sunday, | May 6 | 9:30 am 11:30 am | For + Eugene Iwaschuk by the K.C's First Communion Celebration For All St. John Bosco Parishioners |
| Tuesday, | May 8 | 9:00 am | For + Therese Plumbtree by the CWL |
| Wednesday, | May 9 | 9:00 am | For + Karen Lang by the CWL |
| Thursday,. | May 10 | 9:00 am | For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo by Mike and Estrel Pereira |
| Friday, | May 11 | 7:00 pm | Community Intentions |

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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| Saturday, | May 12 | 5:00 pm | First Communion Celebration For All St. John Bosco parishioners |
| Sunday, | May 13 | 9:30 am 11:30 am | For + Mary & + Francis Fernandes by Ron and Cecilia For Gesuele Trepodi by his wife Olga |



Our Condolences and the assurance of our prayers are offered to Frank and Debbie Durante after the death of their son Christopher last week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

What's Happening This Week:

Thursday May 10 7:00 pm **First Eucharist Rehearsal**
 for all children celebrating on May 12

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 24 7:00 pm **Seniors Care Ministry Meeting**

BIBLE STUDY: We are happy to announce that starting November 8 @ 7 pm Father Raja together with Hubert Luken will be hosting a Bible Study We hope that you will join them. Everyone is welcome to attend.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel we experience Jesus telling us to remain in His love. By remaining in His love we will learn to love one another. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Love causes us to be like what we love. We are given a natural inclination to love God. Moreover, we are commanded to love God and the things of God above all other things. Alas, we are like the eagles that have greater power of sight than flight. While we see how worthy of love God's goodness is, we have less strength of will for loving it.

Yet, this human heart of ours is capable of producing certain beginnings of love for God. But to advance to the true maturity of love, that is, to love God and all the things of God, we need divine love. Through God's goodness our spirits are raised up and united with God's love. Overflowing with divine love, we come back to share this pure love with others.

To love God without loving the neighbor is impossible. God has chosen us as children and thus we must show that we are truly God's children by our loving one another dearly in all goodness of heart. Our Savior, in coming into the world, raised our nature higher than all the angels and has made us so like Himself, that we can say that we resemble God perfectly. In becoming human, Our Lord has taken on our likeness and has given us His.

Oh, how earnestly we ought to summon up our courage to live according to what we are! Imitate as perfectly as possible Him, who came into this world to teach us what we need to do: to preserve in ourselves this divine resemblance.

It is this divine resemblance only that we are called to love and honor in our neighbor. Is this not a powerful motive to have for loving each other? All nations, which have a union of hearts that reflect the image of God, will surely be filled with joy.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY: God gives miracles to those who believe, courage to those with faith, hope to those who dream, love to those who accept, and forgiveness to those who ask...



HEARING, REFLECTING ON, AND LIVING THE WORD

HEARING THE WORD: Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.”

REFLECTING ON THE WORD: Remaining in love sounds like a wonderful thing. Why would anyone want to live any differently? So often people choose to see the bad things of this world instead of remaining steadfast in the infinite love of God. It seems like a difficult task with everything going on around us, but instead of calling us to a big change or something totally other, God simply asks us to stay. **Stay in the love you were created out of, stay in the infinite vastness of the good within you.** Simply remain.

What anchors you to God’s love? Where have you experienced God’s love today?

LIVING THE WORD.

One of the main ways we experience love is through the power of appropriate touch. A hug from a friend, a hand on the shoulder for support, or snuggling on a cold day. As a family, create a circle of love and each take a turn being in the middle while everyone else has a hand on you. Feel the support of remaining in the love of God through your family. As you surround each person, pray a special prayer for the individual, either aloud or in your heart.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD. MAY 13, 2018

This Thursday, the Catholic Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord.

In some places, the Feast is transferred to the following Sunday. Sadly, the Feast seems to have lost its depth and meaning in the experience of too many Catholics and other Christians. Does the Ascension affect our lives in the here and now? Is it a commemoration of an event which occurred 2000 years ago? Or, could it be the key that helps unlock the very meaning of our lives and the plan of God for the entire created order?

Bishop Augustine proclaimed these words on the Feast: "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies."

When we went down into the Font of Baptism we were incorporated into Jesus Christ, made members of His Body, the Church. Therefore, as Augustine also wrote, "Where the Head is, there is the Body, where I am, there is my Church, we too are one; the Church is in me and I in her and we two are your Beloved and your Lover." In other words, we have ascended with the Lord! He is the Head and we are members of His Body. We cannot be separated. Augustine, reflecting the clear teaching of the early Church Fathers reminds us that the Head and the Body are the "One Christ." So, this is our Feast as well!



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Bread of Life*