

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the follow-**

**ing:** Billy Edwards. Elayne Hayes. Vicki Robinson. Tony Olzawski. Sierra Duke. Nancy Pyle. Jerry Key. Tom Rottinghaus. Eileen Swanson. Elise Sugg. Kathy Carmona. Vicki Robinson. Jacob Stephens. Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Andrea Easter. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Judy Fazzio, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month.

**Please pray for the men and women active military service**

**from our parish community:** Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma.

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

	<p><b>Please remember Holy Spirit Parish in your Will.</b></p>	
<p>For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation @ 903-534-1077 X 200 or visit</p>		

**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Sat 5/05 5:00pm Mass—JC Catalano+ (Mary Catalano)**

**Sun 5/06 9:30am Mass—Holy Spirit Parishioners**

**Tue 5/08 9:00am Communion Service/Adoration**

**Wed 5/09 NO MASS—Fr. Mike out of town**

**Thurs 5/10 NO MASS—Fr. Mike out of town**

**Fri 5/11 NO MASS—Fr. Mike out of town**

**Sat 5/12 5:00pm Mass—Edel Quinn Envoy of the LOM**

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

**PARISH SUPPORT**

	<u>4/28&amp;4/29</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	
<b>Required Weekly Funds</b>	<b>\$ 3,961</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 2,511</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>101</b>

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Reading** — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Psalms** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) *or* 1 John 4:11-16.

**Gospel** — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) *or* John 17:11b-19.

**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 *or* Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise 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 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; *or, for* Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 9; Eph 1:17-23 *or* Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

**Pope's Universal Intention for May:**

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity:

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

## EVENTS AND NEWS

**May Second Collections: 5th & 6th "Building & Maintenance Fund". 12th & 13th "Catholic Communications Campaign".**

**Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm**

"Indeed, Earth is joined to Heaven each time we are united with the Saints and Angels in extolling God, Who, in worship we see, if not with the sight of eyes, then with the eyes of faith. We are called abide in the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord, like the Saints and Angels do in Heaven, as they beheld the glory of God and sing His praise!

Dear Parishioners,

Tasks are completed when many hands help to make the job go much easier. In helping each other work toward a certain goal, we all benefit from the united effort. As we serve in our various parish ministries, in our community and our families too, working well with each other makes things better for all. A good example of this team work can be seen in our parish cleaning crews. Each member has their designated area of responsibility and joyfully go about their work. If someone is absent, they all pinch in to complete the task. There are currently openings on both crews which rotate their turns every other month.

I am happy to report that some men in our parish are responding to the call to be educated and serve in the role of Acolyte for our church. Their role will be helpful to priests and deacons and also as a support for our younger altar servers, making our Masses and other religious functions run more smoothly. I appreciate the willingness of these men to accept this new role for the good of our parish.

Until next time,

*Fr. Mike*

**Rev Ron Demski will be saying weekend Masses on May 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th. Let's give Fr. Ron a warm welcome!**

**Leave a Lasting Legacy With A Gift from Your Retirement Plan:** All IRAs, 401ks and other retirement plans have beneficiary pages. Because leaving these plans to children can result in a large percentage going to taxes, you may want to consider naming the parish endowment fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. It will be a charitable gift so no taxes are due on the gift. You can even leave just a percentage of the retirement plan to the parish endowment fund. For information about changing your beneficiaries on retirement plans or other legacy planning ideas contact Mark Henry at 903-534-1077 X200, email him at [mhenry@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:mhenry@dioceseoftyler.org) or go to [www.etcfgacy.org](http://www.etcfgacy.org).

**Diocesan Youth Retreat: YOUTH2000 is set for July 13, 14, 15 2018, at Bishop Gorman Catholic High School in Tyler.** All youth ages 8th to 12th grades (and chaperones) are invited to attend this fun, faith and joy filled weekend Retreat celebrating our Catholic Faith. There will be great music, fellowship, talks, Mass, Adoration and more at this dynamic Eucharist-centered Retreat. Talks will be given by both local speakers and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Participants must be with a parish group. Registration cost is \$70 per participant. <https://www.stphilipinstitute.org/events/youth>  
Sponsored by the St. Philip Institute and the Diocese of Tyler.

### MAY EVENTS

**Sun., 6th:** May Crowning. K of C Breakfast. Family Faith Formation is directly after the breakfast to accommodate for Mother's Day on the 2nd Sunday. Please mark your calendars.

**Mon. 3rd—Fri. 11th:** NO WEEKDAY MASS. Fr. Mike is on vacation.

**Tues. 8th:** Communion Service @ 9:00am followed by Adoration.

**Thurs. 10th:** K of C Meeting

**Sat. 12th:** Group pictures taken after Mass

**Sun. 13th:** Happy Mother's Day! NO coffee & donuts. Group pictures taken after Mass.

**Tues. 15th:** Communion Service @ 9:00am followed by Adoration.

**Wed. 16th:** Parish Campaign Reception 6:00pm Parish Hall.

**Sun. 20th:** Parish Picnic

**Tues. 22nd:** Prayer Garden Meeting @ 6:00pm. Anyone interested in the maintenance of the prayer garden please attend meeting.

**Mon. 28th:** Diocese of Tyler & Church Office Closed

**Wed. 30th:** Confirmation 6:00pm with the Bishop

**With our 2018 Parish Directory in the workings. We ask the head of all organizations listed below to contact Bob Parker @ 512-468-3270 to set up an appointment ASAP. Bob will be available Sat. 5/5. Sat. 5/12 & Sun. 5/13 after Mass to take group pictures. All pictures are needed by 5/15/18 to church office. Choir, altar servers, finance committee, pastoral council, Legion of Mary, rosary group, Knights of Columbus, welcoming committee, fundraiser, cleaning crews, coffee and donut committee, ushers, adoration, food bank assistance, angel tree, homebound & hospitalized, prayer blanket, life chain, linen group, faith formation, EM's and Lectors.**

**On Wed., May 16th, 6:00pm** you are invited to join the parish for refreshments and to learn more about the capital campaign in support of seminarian formation and our parish.

**Do you have a child or grandchild that is graduating from High School or College?** We would like to share their exciting information in our bulletin. Please e-mail or leave a message at church their name, where they are graduating from and where are they going from their. Info needed by May 15. Thank You, Bridget.