

Jesus said,  
"I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you always,  
the Spirit of truth."

JOHN 14:16-17

MAY  
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2020



SIXTH  
SUNDAY OF  
Easter

We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

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### THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

Saint Peter admonishes us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**PASTOR:** Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider  
**PERMANENT DEACON:**  
Rev. Mr. Leonard "Len" Sanchez

#### Celebration of the Sacraments:

**Mass:** Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM  
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 9:00 AM  
Wednesday: 5:00 PM

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday: 45  
minutes before Mass

#### Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six  
(6) months prior to the  
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**Welcome Visitors!**

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:**

Jason McCormick. Wendy Melton. Wanda Duke. John Ott. Kathy Fleming. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emily Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. 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:** 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3RJames Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

**THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE**

"What is the reason for your hope?" Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not "What are you hoping for?" or "What are you hoping to do?" No, this isn't about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it's "Why do you hope?" Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

**POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR MAY**

**For Deacons**

That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**PATRIOTISM:** Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.—Mark Twain

**Mass—Intentions**

- Sat 5/16** Barbara & Joseph Pericak+ (Mary Catalano)
- Sun 5/17** Parishioners
- Tue 5/19** Doris Hoffman (M/M Janick)
- Wed 5/20** Carlos Gallardo+ (Ellis Family)
- Thurs 5/21** Claudia Hardenburg+ (Ellis Family)
- Fri. 5/22** Vicki Hauck (Ellis Family)
- Sat. 5/23** Bill Moroney+ (M/M Roger Moroney)

**PARISH SUPPORT**

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|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Required Weekly Funds</b> | <b>\$ 3,962</b> | <b>Attendance Sat 31</b> |
| <b>Offerings May 10th</b>    | <b>\$ 3,548</b> | <b>Sun 32</b>            |

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

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these bumpy days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

*Rev. Fr. Mike Snider*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

**Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or Jn 17:1-11a.

**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; Mt 28:16-20 (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 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

**LIGHT OF BELIEF:** Every believer in this world must become a spark of light. —Pope Saint John XXIII

Weekend Mass schedule held in parish hall: Saturday, May 16th at 5:00pm, Sunday, May 17th at 9:00am.

Extra Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Please arrive early, so that you do not have to be turned away, limited seating maximum 51 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass.
4. **Chairs** are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS**, they are to remain as they are.
5. **Enter & exist** double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang. Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church

***Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (May 24) The ecclesiastical province of Galveston-Houston, which includes the Diocese of Tyler, has perpetually transferred this solemnity to the following Sunday, May 24th, which is its proper day. Thursday, May 21st, is observed as an Easter Weekday.***

Weekday Mass scheduled held in church: Tuesday—Friday at 8:00am.

Extra Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). We are limited to 10 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church** we ask you to cooperate by **alternating every other pew**. Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

**Dispensation:** The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

**Confessions:** Tues., May 19th; Wed., May 20th; and Thurs., May 21st from 9:00—10:30am. Confessions rain or shine, cold or hot weather. I will be parked in front of the double glass doors that you enter into the Narthex, under the overhang, seated in my front seat of my car. Please drive up and park your vehicle 6 feet from my vehicle and stay in your vehicle. Roll your window down, turn motor off and start your confession. After, your confession, you may drive around to our meditation garden, to say your penance.

**Food donations:** We are in need of boxed pasta, can pasta sauce and can vegetables. Plastic container is located in the parish hall for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

I am taking proper precautions to protect each and everyone of our parishioners and the community. Please call me if you need help or you just need to talk to someone.

I will continue to pray for my parishioners, united in God's love.

Rev. Fr. Michael Snider  
Cell# 903-490-3883



### An Act of 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 into 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.*

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