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SEVENTH
SUNDAY OF
Easter

ΙΑΓΙΑΤΟΛΙΣΙΕΡΟΥΣΑΛΗΜ

One thing I ask of the Lord;
this I seek:
to dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

PSALM 27:4

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The Gospel reading is from a beautiful prayer/message of Jesus to God the Father. Today's passage has two distinct portions. In the first section, Jesus is summoning courage and strength as he knows "the hour has come." He has done everything that he can to glorify God on earth and is saying that he is ready to return to God, to the glory he had "before the world began." If one remembers, the Gospel of John starts with "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Try to imagine what mixed emotions Jesus must have had at this time. He came, he was human, he did God's will, he laughed, he cried, he got angry, he suffered, he had successes and he had setbacks. He had taken the plan as far as he could. Now it was time to let go. To let someone else take over. On the one hand there must be sorrow and sadness in letting go, but he is also ready to "come home." Think of what it is like when you have not seen a parent or family for a long time. There is much anticipation and excitement, as well as a bit of anxiety. It is hard to fathom where Jesus may be going, and what that reality would even look like. Perhaps it may sound strange, but this author is envisioning a second-generation CEO who is giving a farewell speech. He is acknowledging what went before

him when the company was founded, what he accomplished during his time there, and now recognizes that it is time for new energy and vision to take the company to the next level.

I REVEALED YOUR NAME

Transitions are not easy, and take a great deal of preparation. In the second half of today's Gospel passage, Jesus earnestly prays for his followers, for all those who were mentioned in the reading from Acts. "They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word." This bumbling band of misfits who originally said yes to Jesus' call were ready. They started out as spiritual infants, as apprentices with entry level positions, but now they were grown. They were the management. Jesus had taught them all he could. They were ready to take over, and to take his message to all the world. Jesus, the CEO, Jesus the Cosmic Christ, was ready to pass the baton. It was time for this next phase of ministry to "Go live." "They are in the world, while I am coming to you."

Today's Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

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Celebration of the Sacraments:

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

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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!

The Ascension of the Lord

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

Jason McCormick. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George 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. Emly Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. 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-3R James Morgan (Son in Law 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).

"PUSHED" OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original Dr. Dolittle Tales called the "Pushmi-Pullyu." It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the "push me" and the other is the "pull you." Today's feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or "pushes" the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew's Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that "pulls" us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.

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.

Mass—Intentions

- Sat 5/23** Bill Moroney+ (M/M Roger Moroney)
- Sun 5/24** Marie Mailliard+ (Bob Mailliard)
- Tue 5/26** Theresa Eakes (Eakes Family)
- Wed 5/27** Roger & Shirley Moroney
- Thurs 5/28** Parishioners
- Fri. 5/29** Essential Workers
- Sat. 5/30** Parishioners

PARISH SUPPORT

		<u>Attendance</u>
Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962	Sat 45
Offerings May 17th	\$ 2,724	Sun 28

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 — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalms — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

HEAVEN

The world is only peopled to people heaven.
—St. Francis de Sales

Weekend Mass schedule held in parish hall: Saturday, May 23rd at 5:00pm, Sunday, May 24th at 9:00am.

Extra Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Please arrive early, so that you do not have 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

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 26th; Wed., May 27th; and Thurs., May 28th 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 would like to thank **Anna Parker** for the last four years writing articles of interest about Holy Spirit in the Big Sandy Journal's weekly section called "Church News." Starting with the June 3rd publication, Randy Munoz has agreed to take on this responsibility and we are appreciative that he has stepped forward to help. If you have any information which you would like him to include in the article email him a randymunoz80@hotmail.com. Please provide the information to him at least one week prior to the paper's Wednesday arrival date on the stands.

Remember back when the COVID-19 began and we were forced us to suspend public masses? Right away we needed to reach out to our parishioners keep updated. We've used our website, started a mass email and for those that did not have internet we mailed the weekly bulletin to 34 parishioners. I wanted to thank the ones that notified me of their email address, and now were down to 27 weekly mail outs.

Last weekend **Roger & Shirley Moroney** had a three day moving/garage sale and donated 100% of their proceeds to Holy Spirit \$ 3,641.81. We would like to thank them for their generosity and wish them well with their move to Colorado. By the way were all invited to visit them!

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
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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.*

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council 15174 invites all parishioners to join their members in a Novena for Life to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The novena is a period of reciting the prayer "Celebrate the Gospel of Life" daily over a period of nine days. Members of our parish community are encouraged to pray, along with the Knights, in their homes on each of the nine days of the novena, **Tuesday, May 26, through Wednesday, June 3**. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. A Novena for Life is meant to bring Knights of Columbus and parish families together in a spiritual battle to lead our communities, through both public and private acts of prayer, to ensure a culture of life in our nations. All members of the community are welcome to join us!

The Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, was organized in 1882, and today, has approximately two million members. The Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally through financial contributions and hands-on service.

Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.

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