

April 24, 2016

## Fifth Sunday of Easter



**“As I Have Loved You,  
So You Should Love One Another”**

What is new about the commandment is that we are to model our way of loving on Jesus himself. Jesus loved us by freely laying down his life for us. Our ability to love others in this kind of self-sacrificing way is the sign through which people will recognize us as disciples of Jesus.

As the Father has loved Jesus, and the Father and Jesus have loved us, so we are to love one another.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 30

4:30 p.m. Elizabeth Dierschke

Sunday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Frank Hajek Jr. & Margie Davis

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29**

**Responsorial Psalm: 67**

**Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

**Gospel: John 14:23-29**

*No Bible Study Wednesday, April 27*

*C.C.D. Wednesday, April 27*

### SPECIAL MOTHER’S DAY MASS – MAY 8

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, drop your Mother’s Day envelope in the collection or mail by May 2.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Dorothy & Charlie Migl.

### 2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment .....	\$7,618.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$1,340.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$6,278.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Marcus Jasek*

*Liz & Leo Janak*

*Kathleen & Martin Svatek*

**Consider at making a contribution.**

### Restoring Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent donations:

*Catholic Daughters Court #1588, Columbus, TX - \$100*

We received the follow note from the Columbus Catholic Daughters:

Dear Rev. Gabriel,

Last weekend over 120 ladies (and a few men) visited St. Mary’s Church of Praha as part of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas *Tour of Painted Churches of Fayette County*. All the participants had a wonderful time learning about the churches and seeing the beautiful church structures. For some, it took them back to another time when they visited family and friends who lived in the area.

As a small token of our appreciation, enclosed is a \$100 check to St. Mary’s of Praha from Court Mary Queen of Snows #1588. Please use the funds as you feel appropriate.

The tour, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas’ courts in Weimar and Columbus was very successful. We are already considering another tour in the future! Thank you for maintaining the churches so that others can enjoy their beauty and importance to the area and Texas.

Sincerely,

*Christine M. Moore, Regent*

To make a donation to the project contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674 or send an email to [st\\_joe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st_joe@sbcglobal.net).

### Mass Count

A Mass count will be taken up every weekend during the month of May in all parishes of the diocese. Records indicate that an average of 188 people attended Mass at St. Mary’s on the weekends of May 2015.

## REFLECTION

### Our Love of One Another Takes On A Sacramental Character

In an almost matter-of-fact voice, today's gospel begins with "when Judas had left them." The previous verses had described a dinner between intimate friends: Jesus washed his disciples' feet, indicating that they should do the same for one another. Soon after that, Jesus began talking about his betrayer. The gospel tells us that when Judas went out, it was night. When the powers of darkness seemed most overwhelming, Jesus began to speak of glory and love. His death on the cross would not be a victory for evil. It would be a means of glorifying God and a sacrifice that spelled out with clarity the depth of his love and God's love for sinners.

This is why, before his death, he wanted to gather his disciples for one last supper where he gave them a new commandment to love one another as he loved them.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 24 – Randy Barta  
April 27 – James Kubecka  
April 28 – Andrew Velasquez  
April 30 – Bridgette Cerny  
– Cynthia Koncaba

## VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

### Remember to pray for the following intentions:

*Angie & Scott  
Eugene A. Patalik, Sr.  
In Honor of Stazy Hajek  
Agnes Fajkus Grahmann  
Lorraine & Grant Babcock  
In Memory of Gerry Jochen  
Stazy Hajek in Thanksgiving  
A better job with nice people.*

*Pauline & Allen Vrana, Eugene Patalik, Sr.*

*Please pray for my son to see the light and mature up, to find his path, to find good friends, to stay away from drugs.*

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Home Missions. *Be generous.*

### Second Collection Next Weekend Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese



Priests devote their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, they continue to serve. They are the living roots of our sacramental community. *Please be generous.*

## A NEW COMMANDMENT



Love one another.

No society can survive without tolerance. No society can thrive without mutual respect. Yet none of this is enough for the new community Jesus has formed. It required self-sacrificing love. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? We have seen bumper stickers that read: Perform a random act of kindness. They have not yet made one that reads: Love those who hate you. If we love in this way how will we be able to fight wars? Or rob or cheat or destroy? Or punish with our power or undermine with our influence? How will we be able to ignore pleading eyes just because the face is a different color or the hair is a different texture? It is no wonder the commandment is called *new*. This is something completely different. The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth established in the Church. Standards are entirely different here.

## PICNIC RAFFLE



It's time to start thinking about making donations to the Raffle. Anyone interested in doing so may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Liz Janak (361-596-8206). The deadline is May 31. *Thank you.*

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**John James Kalina, Jr.**  
and for the comfort of his loved ones.  
*May he rest in peace.*



## Area Picnics

Today – St. Michael's Spring Festival, Weimar  
May 1 – Holy Rosary Mayfest, Hostyn  
May 29 – Sacred Heart Spring Picnic, Hallettsville