

May 6, 2018

### Sixth Sunday of Easter



#### “I Have Called You Friends”

To do as Jesus asks, is to obediently keep the commandment to love. That is what makes us friends of Jesus. The loving friendship that Jesus extends to us takes its meaning from the death of Jesus, who was willing to lay down his life for us. This friendship is rooted in the incredible event of the sacrifice, in which Jesus takes upon himself the role of servant and innocent victim.

#### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 12  
4:30 p.m. Special Intention – Mothers Specially Remembered Today  
Sunday, May 13  
8:00 a.m. Special Intention – Mothers Specially Remembered Today

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



Next weekend is *The Ascension of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 47  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23  
**Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20

#### SPECIAL MOTHER’S DAY MASS – MAY 13

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother’s Day envelope in the collection or mail May 8.

#### 2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment ..... \$7,761.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$ 1,685.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$ 6,076.00

*We thank the following for their recent ontributions:*

*Leona Herzik  
Helen Schaefer  
Liz & Leo Janak  
Helen Wiedemann*

Do please consider making a donation.

#### ST. MARY’S CEMETERY FUND

*In Memory of Annie & Dr. F. G. Daehne  
Rebecca G. & Larmon Maddox - \$500*

#### PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY TODAY AFTER 8:00 A.M. MASS



Come out and join us for a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Praha Altar Society. The Breakfast will be served from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A free will donation will be appreciated. All are invited.

#### PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED



It’s time to start thinking about making donations to the Raffle. Thomas Petru has started contacting businesses to solicit raffle prize donations. Anyone interested in making a donation may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Liz Janak (361-596-8206). The Raffle Prize donation deadline is May 31. *Thank you.*

**Remember the sick in your prayers  
this week, especially Julia Stryk.**

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Brian Schilhab**  
and for the comfort of his loved ones.  
*May he rest in peace.*



#### AREA PICNICS

Today – Holy Rosary Mayfest, Hostyn  
– Holy Family Festival, Victoria

## REFLECTION



### God's Love For Us

In today's Gospel, the name by which Jesus chooses to call his own is a very intimate one. "I call you friends," says Jesus. "I no longer speak of you as slaves ... instead, I call you friends."

The word "friend" is a term that does not always convey its true meaning in our society, wherein such words are often cheapened by abuse and overuse. It was once very aptly defined: "A faithful friend is a sure shelter; those who find one find a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance their worth."

In applying this special name to his own, Jesus was inviting them to enter into a relationship of intimacy and reciprocity. What does it mean to be a friend of Jesus? First we are assured that those whom Jesus calls "friend" are loved to the extent that Jesus will lay down his life for them. Therefore the friendship that disciples enjoy is rooted in the very sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Second, those befriended by Jesus are chosen by him and with that choosing come the grace to respond to him by keeping his commandments and loving as he loves. Friends of Jesus are also "in the know" because it is to his friends that Jesus makes known all that he has heard from the Father. Like, Jesus, who came to serve, so also would his friends be called to serve all others. Like Jesus, for whom suffering would be the path to life and glory, so the friends of Jesus would learn that suffering would be an inherent aspect of their belonging to him. Yet through all the service and the suffering, Jesus also promised that we, his friends would bear enduring fruit and that we would know the same joy that he himself had known.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 7 – Cynthia Stryk  
May 9 – Daniel MacDonald  
May 11 – Timothy Pospisil  
May 12 – Sadie Noska

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



May 12 – Dolores & David Labay  
– Jane & John Schneider

## MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is one of two months in the year when Catholics traditionally honor the Blessed Virgin. This month is referred to as the month of Mary. The other, October, is the month of the Most Holy Rosary.

## LITURGY SPOTLIGHT

### Called to Mission

The starting point of understanding ministry is not holy orders, but the community of the baptized consecrated to share a common mission to worship God, proclaim the Gospel, and bring about the coming reign of God. The foundation for our common mission rests in the mission of Christ and the charisms of the Holy Spirit.

As church we form a community of disciples in mission and who are in communion with God, with each other, and with the world. Ministry within the church exercised by clergy and ecclesial ministers is secondary to and in service of this ministering community of the baptized with a world to serve.

– *Liturgical Ministry 15*

## 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:**

*Prayers For Nambe  
To End World Hunger  
Mark – Healing Theresa  
For Healing Within The Family  
For Protection Against Evil Doers  
For Peace in Man's Hearts and Souls  
For Family: Ramos – Alejandro – Galisteo  
For Special Intention of A&G Home Health  
For Relief From Pain – E.E., Alice – Healing  
Blessings of Jesus Upon Colin, Nicola & Aria  
For the Eternal Rest of My Mother, Maria G. Moreno  
Praying For Job Security & Good Health For Family  
For Good Health of Children & Families and Siblings & Families  
For Family and Healing of Son (Bone Marrow Transplant)  
For Health of Husband; That Granddaughter Will Be Baptized One Day  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued*