



May 17, 2020

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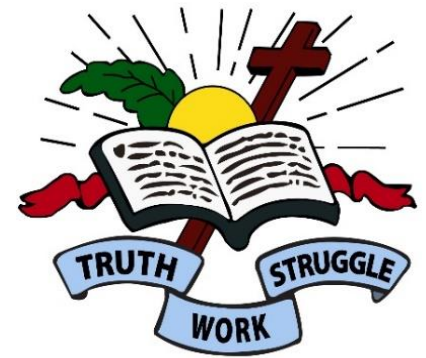
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Sabbath Thought

The proof of love is in the doing. As we continue our Easter celebration, we ponder the implications of that principle. The work of God in our midst must not be invisible. Real love manifests itself in visible effects.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

Baptism and the gift of the Spirit go together. We rise from the death of sin in order to live a new life under the guidance of God's own love.

Responsorial Psalm:

66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1 PETER 3:15-18

From the early church comes this simple advice on how to live the spirit of the Easter season: "Venerate the Lord in your hearts."

JOHN 14:15-21

As we near the end of the Easter season, it is appropriate that Jesus explains the role of the Spirit whose coming we will commemorate on Pentecost.

ENTRANCE RITE: Acts 1:3; Psalm 68:20

V. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

R. Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, Who carries us. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Matthew 5:10

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

CANCELLED!

*Celebrated by the Clergy
for you, the people of God.
Please Pray along at home.*

**TODAY – MAY 17th
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

*Intentions for the repose of the
soul of Laura Kotula.*

THURSDAY – MAY 21st

**Solemnity
Ascension of the Lord**

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – MAY 24th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

The Month of May

During the Month of May we give special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary after the service each Sunday this month as we beseech the Mother of Our Lord to intercede with the Father and her Beloved Son on our behalf. I urge each of you to spend a few moments each day in reflection, asking for her prayers and remembering her sacrifice.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Recited together in place of the reception of the Holy Eucharist)

Most loving Jesus,

I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially John Czechowski, John Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Donna Schalata, Joseph Ross, Stanley Sub, Bea Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Joe Brinsko, Walter Schilling, Bernice Biroscak, Isabella Mularczyk, Laura Kotula and Lt Colonel Fr, Andrew Bilinski, his colleagues and patients. For the repose of the soul of Laura Kotula. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Masses, services and other events are cancelled until further notice. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Thank you and God Bless. Take care and stay well.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love, now and forever more. AMEN.

MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

You should have received a mailing containing a Member Information Update Form. Many of you have completed it and returned it to the church. Thank you for your prompt action. If you have not done so yet, please complete the form or forms and return them as soon as you can. There is a pre-addressed, postage paid envelope in the mailing to make this as easy as possible. We need to update our records in order to continue to serve you in the very best way possible so please help us to help you. If you need more copies of the form, you can find it on the website under "Bulletins". Thank you and God bless you and yours.