

**May 8, 2016**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter (year C)**

**From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:**

The title of my book on the history of our parish 1848-2016 includes the words “reflections by the pastor”. I added these words so as not to pretend that I could write a strict scholarly history. There is simply not enough primary sources on which to base a history. This changed when the minutes of Parish Council meetings began to be preserved in our archives. Although these minutes don't tell the whole story (what was said was sometimes deliberately not recorded), they do reveal a significant part of the story and can be considered primary sources.

I thought of this as we read the Acts of the Apostles. They are not historical documents in the modern sense of the term. Whatever exactly happened has been refashioned to suit the purposes of the author, Luke. This was quite acceptable in those days. I would love to read the minutes of the meetings of the early church because these first and second generation Christians accomplished a most remarkable thing: they not only survived but laid the foundations for the future success of what would become the Catholic Church. They attributed this success to the Holy Spirit. There is a lot more to the story than the miraculous working of the Spirit but let us leave it at that, and celebrate today and next week that Spirit.



**COLLECTION:** the collection for last Sunday May 1, 2016 was \$4,260.00

The second collection this Sunday May 8, 2016 will for the Organ Renovation Collection.

**Food Collection:** as always thank you for your generosity in our monthly food collection we were able to fill 21 bags of groceries for the needy in our community.



**Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Today marks the seventh and final week of the Easter season. Throughout these weeks we have contemplated different facets of the new life of the Resurrection. Today Jesus prays that we may all be one. As we continue with our celebration today, let us make that prayer our own, so that all Catholics, and indeed all Christians will be one in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**First Reading:** *Acts 5:55-60*(page33) – enemies silence the voice of a servant of God: but the message of the gospel continues to spread to all nations.

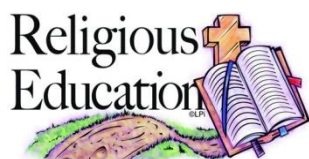
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 97* (page 33) - ***“The Lord is King, the most high over all the earth!”***

**Second Reading:** *Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17*(page 34) – John reminds us that Jesus is Lord of history: indeed, he is coming again.

**Gospel:** *John 17:20-26* (page 34) – Jesus prays that all his disciples will experience the same unity that exists between Jesus and the Father.



**Praying with the Word:** Father, fill me with the same Spirit that you and Jesus share so that it is clear to all that he is the model and center of my life.



**Religious Education News:**

**Confirmation:**

- ❖ Confirmation Practice May 13, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Church  
both **Candidates and Sponsors must attend**
- ❖ Confirmation Ceremony May 18, 2016 at 7:00pm
- \* Candidates and Sponsors should meet in the Hall at 6:00pm

**First Holy Communion:**

- ❖ First Holy Communion Practice Group 2-May 28, 2016
- ❖ First Holy Communion Ceremony Group 1 May 21, 2016 at
- ❖ First Holy Communion Ceremony Group 2 June 4, 2016 at

