

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

**From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:**

I have become obsessed (perhaps too much) with the story of the early church. I say “story” not “history” because we know that Luke is reshaping the facts and events in order to portray Christianity in the best possible light. All

“historians” did this at that time. Still, even without embellishing this first, second and third generation of Christians were remarkable. They not only survived but were able to grow. Take one example: the Coming of the Kingdom of God. They thought Jesus of Nazareth was about to bring the Kingdom of God to earth when He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. When he rose from the dead they were sure he was here to stay and bring the Kingdom. The Ascension had to be a total shock. As they began their ministry, they were sure their own people would accept Jesus as the Messiah. Then Jesus would return in his glory in Jerusalem. 95% of the Jewish people would eventually reject Jesus as their Messiah. Jerusalem would not be the place of the “Second Company” because it was completely destroyed in 675C.E. So how did they survive and grow? They said it was the Holy Spirit. I doubt whether it was only the Holy Spirit. Their leaders adapted (not without controversy) to the changing circumstances. They believed the Holy Spirit was inspiring and leading them. This belief sustained them through all the difficulties they faced. We honor them today by believing that this same Holy Spirit is working in us. When our young people receive Confirmation on Wednesday, we are reminded that we still believe that this same Holy Spirit is leading us.

**Collection :** The collection for last Sunday, May 14, 2017 was \$4,022.00

**First Reading; Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8: page 27:** With great success, Philip went to Samaria to proclaim the Christ and work miracles.

**Responsorial Psalm; Psalm 33: page 27:** “Let all the earth cry out to God with joy ”.

**Second Reading; 1Peter 3:15-18: page 28:** Jesus “suffered for sins once”. He was put to death as far as fleshly existence goes but received life according to spirit.

**Gospel; John 14:15-21: page 28:** Jesus assured the disciples that he would not leave them orphaned but would ask the Father to send “another Advocate” to be with them always. Jesus said that he would still reveal himself to those who loved him.

**Religious Education News:**

Confirmation will be on May 24th Candidates and Sponsors must be in the chapel by 6:00pm –Confirmation Ceremony will start promptly at 7:00pm ; there will be a confirmation practice on May 19th at 7:00pm all must attend.

**Parish Membership:** All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the rectory of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.

**Thursday, May 25, 2017 : the Ascension of the Lord:** Is a Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be held at—8:15, 12:05 in English and 7:30 in Spanish.

**Memorial Day:** there will be a Memorial Day Mass at St. Cemetery on Monday May 29, 2017 at 10:00 am please bring a folding chair since it the Mass will be outdoors.

**Pope Francis :** “ Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds, and to have the patience to carry our own cross. . ”

He died, He was buried, He rose and He appeared. Jesus is alive! This is the heart of the Christian message.

**Mass Schedule for the week of**

**May 21, 2017 to May 28, 2017**

**Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:30pm**

**Below are the Special Intentions for this week**

**Sunday May 21, 2017:**

**7:30 Claudius Harding**

**Claudia & Francisco Dougan**

**9:00 Miguel A Ramirez**

**Carman Ramirez**

**11:00 Mother’s Day Novena**

**Monday May 22, 2017:**

**8:15 Mother’s Day Novena**

**Tuesday May 23, 2017:**

**8:15 Mother’s Day Novena**

**Wednesday May 24, 2017:**

**5:00 Evening Mass of the Ascension of the Lord**

**7:00 Confirmation Ceremonies**

**Thursday May 25, 2017 The Ascension of the Lord:**

**8:15**

**12:05**

**7:30**

**Friday May 26, 2017**

**12:05 Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Lilia Perez**

**Saturday May 27, 2017**

**12:05 Pedro Rosendo Villamar**

**Nancy & Victor Villamar**

**5:00 Marie Hannigan**

**Robert Lynn**

**7:30 Edrys Marina Pichardo**

**Family**

**Sunday May 28, 2017**

**7:30 for the Parishioners**

**9:00 Luiza Garcia**

**Felicia & Roberto Rodriguez**

**11:00 Da Da Oju Harding**

**Claudia & Francisco Dougan**