

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.**

**May 6 - 12, 2024**

**Monday, 5/6 † Easter Weekday**

7:30am: Communion Service

**Tuesday, 5/7 † Easter Weekday**

7:30am: Communion Service

9am: A.S. No Mass

**Wednesday, 5/8 † Easter Weekday**

7:30am: Communion Service

9am: A.S. No Mass

**Thursday, 5/9 † Easter Weekday**

8:00am: Ella (Birthday)

9am: A.S. Joan Sickler (Birthday) by Jan Duttlinger

**Friday, 5/10 † Easter Weekday, Saint John of  
Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;  
Saint Damien De Veuster, Priest**

8:00am: Liz

9am: A.S. Jan Duttlinger (Birthday) by Joan Sickler

**Saturday, 5/11 † Easter Weekday**

8:30am: Ronnie Richie (Birthday) by Don

**Saturday, 5/11 † Vigil, The Ascension of the  
Lord**

4:30pm: Scott

**Sunday, 5/12 † The Ascension of the Lord**

7:30am: Regina Howard by Frank & Evelyn Skronski

9am: A. S. Linda Potempa by The Scamerhorn Family

11am: Parishioners

†† R. I. P. ††  
*Gerald "Jerry" Thomas Cushing*

**Welcome back Father Terry!!  
Father Terry will return this Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Thurs., May 9 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., May 9 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs., May 9 – 7pm – Men's Group, All Saints

Sun., May 12 – 7am – 12N – K of C Pancake  
Breakfast. (Mothers Eat Free)

Sun., May 12 – 11am Mass – First Communion &  
May Crowning

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us where the bar is for great love: "to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Jesus' authority as God is more than sufficient to command people how they should live.

Nevertheless, Jesus prefers the influence of humility: Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather...He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

As God's presence in this neighborhood, our parish has been entrusted with authority in our neighbors' lives: the authority of His Kingdom on Earth. We do not seek to wield authority heavy-handedly. We humbly ask you to support our *Catholic Services Appeal* so that we, together, can spread His Kingdom humbly, by the sweet influence of Love. Doing so will lead us to lay down our lives for our friends. May God bless you abundantly for your aid!

Don't forget the Knights of Columbus Pancake, sausage & egg breakfast this coming Sunday, May 12.

The breakfast will begin at 7am to 12 Noon.

Please come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and visit with fellow parishioners and visitors.

And don't forget Mothers, Grandmothers Godmothers, etc. eat free!!

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

## Dear Padre

May 5, 2024

**Please clarify for me what the Church considers as "gossip." Is it that bad?**

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are "detraction" and "calumny." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is "without objectively valid reason, disclosing another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them." Calumny occurs when a person, "by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). ●

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# Good News!

May 5, 2024

*Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)*

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 John 4:7-10 / John 15:9-17

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**A while back I decided to plant two saplings** that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

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In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."

**By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.**