

From the Desk of the Pastor

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the Spirit. This promise becomes an integral part of the lengthy Last Supper discourse. The placing of these words of Jesus in this context heightens their importance and invites us to pay close attention.

The discourse of Jesus becomes clearer after his death and resurrection. The Apostles needed time to absorb all that they had heard and seen.

St. John's Gospel goes out of its way to remind us (of this at the end of his Gospel where he muses) that if he were to write everything Jesus did, there would not be enough books in the world to contain what could be written. (Jn 21:25).

The dreaded specter of the apostles' losing Jesus was enough to sink them. The ominous signs of his demise were too fearful to think about.

In the dark night that precedes the darker Good Friday, Jesus utters words of comfort.

He promises to give his followers a Paraclete – a helper, advocate or mediator. Jesus continues to assure the apostles that where the Paraclete is, there Jesus will be also. They will see this on the day he returns – the day of his resurrection, but also on that final day at the end of time.

Jesus' words here must be accepted by the apostles. It would take time for them to realize what Jesus means and how they are to respond. Jesus calls them to obedience. To obey means to listen deeply and to heed all he has commanded. Obedience is not slavish or uninformed. It is deeply felt and acted on.

The promised Paraclete is as strong among us as on the first day. The Church is as surely guided. It is incumbent upon us to deepen our awareness of the abiding Spirit, to cultivate a deepening sense of that presence and then to act from that profound source.



SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús promete el Espíritu. Esta promesa se convierte en una parte integral del largo discurso de la Última Cena. La colocación de estas palabras de Jesús en este contexto aumenta su importancia y nos invita a prestar mucha atención.

El discurso de Jesús se vuelve más claro después de su muerte y resurrección. Los Apóstoles necesitaban tiempo para absorber todo lo que habían oído y visto.

El Evangelio de San Juan se extiende y va más allá para recordarnos (de esto al final de su Evangelio donde él medita) que si tuviera que escribir todo lo que Jesús hizo, no habría suficientes libros en el mundo para contener lo que se podría escribir. (Jn 21:25).

El temido espectro de los apóstoles de perder a Jesús era suficiente para hundirlos. Los signos ominosos de su muerte eran demasiado espantosos para pensar.

En la noche oscura que precede el Viernes Santo más oscuro, Jesús de nuevo se extiende consuelo.

Promete darle a sus seguidores un Paraclete – un ayudante, defensor o mediador. Jesús continúa asegurándole a los apóstoles que dónde esté el Paraclete, allí Jesús estará también. Verán esto el día que el regrese – el día de su resurrección, pero también en ese día final al final de todos los tiempos.

Aquí las palabras de Jesús deben ser aceptadas por los apóstoles. Les tomaría tiempo entender lo que Jesús quería decir y cómo deben responder. Jesús los llama a la obediencia. Obedecer significa escuchar profundamente y prestar atención a todo lo que ha mandado. La obediencia no es servil o desinformada. Es profundamente sentida y ejercida.

El Paraclete prometido está tan fuerte entre nosotros como en el primer día. La Iglesia está tan seguramente guiada. Nos incumbe profundizar nuestra conciencia del Espíritu perdurable, de cultivar un sentido cada vez más profundo de esa presencia y luego actuar de esa fuente profunda.



A Spiritual Bouquet for All Mothers

*Please bring your loved ones and join us
for the Mother's Day Mass on*

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Rosary - 9:30am

Mass - 10:00am

*Let us give thanks
for the gift of Motherhood!*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

May 02 – 03, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 223.40
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,311.02
Reserve Fund.....\$1,415.63

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

May 10: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

May 17: Catholic Communications

May 24: Catholic Charities CYO Appeal

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$ 5,402.65
Balance we owe:	\$26,892.35
Pledges Balance	\$ 2,095.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9 TO MAY 16

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
May 9, 2026	May 10, 2026	May 11, 2026	May 12, 2026	May 13, 2026
<p>9:00am All Mothers 🌸 Living & Deceased ✠ Nathaniel Mendoza ✠ Julie Piwowarski</p> <p>4:30pm ✠ Alfredo Cortez & Evarose Baron</p>	<p><i>Mother's Day</i></p> <p>8:00m All Mothers 🌸 Living & Deceased ✠ Nathaniel Mendoza ✠ Maria Robles - Velasco 🏰</p> <p>10:00am ✠ Cresencia Rabara ✠ Senonica Quintero Valera ✠ Severa Pareda Galang ✠ Maria Hierro Gilda Genoves Robin Piwowarski</p> <p>12:00pm Parish of St. John</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Eva Marnien</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Henry & Teresa Thran ✠ Mary Redublado</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Ricardo Samson, Jr. ✠ Karla Rodriguez</p>
		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		May 14, 2026	May 15, 2026	May 16, 2026
		<p>9:00am ✠ Consuelo Genovea & Leonardo San Miguel</p>	<p>9:00am Young Men's Institute</p>	<p>9:00am Parish of St. John</p> <p>4:30pm ✠ Jess Manalo</p>

