



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Reading I: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17;

Responsorial Psalm: 65: 1-7, 16, 20;

Reading II: 1 Peter 3: 15-18;

Gospel: John 14: 15-21.

Revised Roman Missal: 444

Gospel Summary

At the Last Supper Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In today's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be alone. The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us. In the meantime, we continue to show our love for Jesus by following his commandments.

Reflection for Families

When children are orphaned, they often hold on to something to remind them of whose they are. Orphan Annie had a half of a locket, Oliver Twist had a letter, and some victims of the holocaust had smuggled photographs. Even without the physical presence of their parents, orphaned children very much felt connected to their parents. This is the image Jesus gives us in the Gospel as well. He explains that it is the Holy Spirit that is with us and helps us know we are God's. It is this Spirit that guides us to live the way God wants us to. The Spirit comes to us in a special way at our baptism and guides us, even to our surprise sometimes, and helps us follow the commandments of God.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Recall that wind is a symbol of the Spirit. Walk outside and feel the wind. Is it a gentle breeze today or is it gusting? Think about why the wind is considered a symbol of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit leads us and guides us like the wind, are we gently moved or sometimes does it take a hurricane wind to get us moving? Think of some things your family has been guided to do by the Holy Spirit. Also consider some things the Spirit might be calling you to presently.

Discussion Starters

1. I know the Holy Spirit was guiding me directly once when . . .
2. I have felt orphaned before, but I know the Spirit was with me because . . .
3. I have seen the Spirit at work in our parish when . . .

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”



Happy mother's Day to all mothers of St. John's Parish.

Have a blessed day!

Attention to fathers and children:

*Flowers are available for sale
after the Mass at the Church entrance.*



◆ **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection is the Tunggulian Cemetery Fund. Thank you for your generosity and support.

◆ **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will take place on Thursday, 18th May. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Please note that it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

◆ **NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

In preparation for Pentecost, we will be praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit from Friday, 19th May to Saturday, 27th May after the 5:30 p.m. Mass except for Sunday, 21st May at 7:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate in the Novena.

◆ **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

There will be only ONE Mass on Sunday, 28th May at 9:00 a.m. After the Mass, everyone is invited to Pentecost Celebrations. Everyone is encouraged to wear red or a shade of red for the Mass and celebrations. There will be lots of food and games for the whole family, children and individuals. If you wish to join the games, please contact the Parish Office.

CONFESSIONS

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass.

DEVOTIONS

HOLY HOUR—Every Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Every FIRST Friday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY—Every Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

****INFANT BAPTISM****

The next infant baptism will be on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May. If you wish to have your child baptised, please go to the Parish Office as soon as possible with the relevant documents.

GUIDELINES FOR MARRIAGE

Please meet the parish Priest 6 MONTHS before the intended date of marriage. For more details and clarifications, contact the Parish Office admin.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 15	6TH WEEK OF EASTER	Acts 16: 11-15; Jn 15: 26—16:4.	5:30 PM
Tuesday 16	6TH WEEK OF EASTER	Acts 16: 22-34; Jn 16: 5-11.	5:30 PM
Wednesday 17	6TH WEEK OF EASTER <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	Acts 17: 15, 22—18: 1; Jn 16: 12-15.	5:30 PM
Thursday 18	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23. Mt 28: 16-20.	5:30 PM
Friday 19	6TH WEEK OF EASTER NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT	Acts 18: 9-18; Jn 16: 20-23.	5:30 PM
Saturday 20	6TH WEEK OF EASTER NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT	Acts 18: 23-28; Jn 16: 23-28.	5:30 PM
Sunday 21	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT	Acts 1: 12-14; 1 Pt 4: 13-16; Jn 17: 1-11.	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM 7:30 PM