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Sixth Sunday of Easter : Sunday 5th May 2013

First Reading : Acts 15:1-2; 22-29. The Christian community breaks from the covenant with Abraham

Psalm : 66. O God let all the nations praise you

Second Reading: Revelations 21:10-14;22-23. I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia, alleluia. All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia

Gospel: John 14:23-29. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I will send The Advocate.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in them,


Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Jesus leaves us with his gift of peace, a peace the world cannot give. Let us pray today that God’s Shalom may fill the world and all of us.

Leader: We pray for the Church throughout the world: (Pause)
People: May our service through the gift of the Spirit, bear fruit that will last.
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for those recently baptized or welcome into the Church: (Pause)
People: May they find in us loving and supportive companions in their journey with Christ.
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for this faith community: (Pause)
People: May our participation in the Eucharist lead us to reach out to Christ in the poor and needy.
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for Peace in our world, families, and in our hearts: (Pause)
People: May we be open to the Spirit of peace so to become peace-makers. (Pause)
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for the our children who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist and their families
People: May they find in us people of great faith and love for the Eucharist so that they may be touched and helped in their journey to “recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.”
Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant: Gracious God, we are mindful of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who teaches us and remind us of all your Son has told us. Receive these intercessions that come from our hearts through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Christian message does not inhibit men and women from building up the world, or make them disinterested in the welfare of their fellow human beings: on the contrary it obliges them more fully to do these very things.

Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes,

EASTER IN ACTION:

Christianity cares about human development, about the political and social aspects of life. Redemption would not be complete if it did not consider these aspects of the Christ who chose in fact to be an example of one oppressed under a powerful empire and under a ruling class of his people that savaged his reputation and honor and left him on a cross.

Archbishop Oscar Romero, March 26th, 1978

Please Pray For:

Sick: Joan Whitehurst, Bridie Kuskey, Lorraine Schofield, Gerardo Del Regno, George Dunne, Trevor Feehan, Clare Fern.
LIVING THE GOSPEL: Calling out to God

On the morning of the Resurrection, Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, ‘Do not cling to me for I have not yet ascended to the Father.’ For some weeks after Jesus rose from the grave the disciples have seen him popping in and out of rooms, sneaking up beside them on the road, cooking breakfast on the beach.. and now he talks about leaving again. Further loss now seems at hand. But the words to Mary Magdalene still resonates. Do not cling to me. You cannot cling even to this resurrected Christ. But Jesus will also give them a clue as to what is to come, though they do not comprehend. ‘But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you (vs 26).’ “Advocate” is a legal term of Jesus’ day and still used today. It is the ‘one who calls out to’. Your advocate in the court was the one who could shout out and attract the attention of the judge. So the Advocate sent by Jesus was the one who would call out to God for us. The disciples cannot reach the fulfillment of their own maturity in discipleship unless Jesus is gone and they have some help. Understanding will come in hindsight. Something that will keep them on track is to listen to the word of Jesus. That is how they show their love for him and by extension for one another.

We see in the First Reading, the Psalm and the Second Reading that God is not territorial or parochial. God’s love and justice extend not just to one people or place, but to ‘all the ends of the earth.’ We seem to be pushed beyond all ethnic boundaries to embrace every ‘other,’ (every other not like me). God’s reign, that ‘new heaven and new earth’ that we heard about last week, is global in character and uncontrollable.

The proclamation that God lavishly loves the entire world, each person, and every place, means that no country or individual is privileged as exceptional. A Muslim is no further away from God’s love than a Christian. A Latin American is no closer to God’s love than an atheist philosopher. A priest, pastor or minister is no more exceptional than a person in the parish or not in the parish.

Jesus continues to make the radical and demanding call to love the whole world (John 3:16) and ‘your neighbour as yourself’ (Mark 12:31). The peace which Jesus gives us in the Gospel today is not a warm and fuzzy feeling that leaves us smug and contented. It is a way of living and a perspective we adopt towards everybody and everything we encounter.

PARISH NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

Weekly Collections: 1st Collection: $1003.30
2nd Cash Collection: $1187.55 Direct Debit: $305.00

MAY CALENDAR

Tuesday 7th May. Reconciliation for Pentecost. Second Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions) at 7.00 pm. This will also be First Reconciliation for RCIA candidates. ALL WELCOME.
Wednesday 8th May Feast of St Magdalen of Canossa. The Mass and get-together will be held at the sisters’ place at 6pm. Everybody is welcome! Please bring something to share.

On the same day the interview for parents and children for First Holy Communion will start.

Saturday 11th May. ASCENSION Mass with Bishop Eugene at 6.00 pm commencing the HOURS OF GRACE, concluding on morning of Pentecost 19th May. FILL IN THE ROSTERS ON FRONT TABLE

Sunday 12th Mother’s day celebration.
Sunday 19th Solemnity of Pentecost. End Year of Grace.
Thursday 23rd. Retreat for First Communion Children. 4.00 pm.