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Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 5, 2024

I'm Here With You



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God is love and has loved us eternally.

Even in humanity's sinfulness, God's eternal love sent his Son Jesus among us as expiation for our sins. **God's love does not change; God does not love us because we love Him.**

Jesus reminds us of this wonderful news:

"You are slaves no longer. I call you **friends** because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father." Through our baptism, *you and I share in the life and love of God*. Jesus has made it possible for us to love one another as he has loved us. Through the grace of faith, **you and I are begotten of God** and know God and the ability to love and to use that love for the good of one another.

We are to love all as Jesus has loved all...there can be no strangers or aliens. We must be open to the many ways that God's love will manifest itself among us. Sometimes the working of God's love will surprise us, as it did Peter. Since God's love is always present among us, **we may experience it through the least likely people and situations.** Oblates.org (edited)

Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Art

The weekend of **May 18th to 19th Bethlehem Artworks** will be selling Olive Wood Carvings and other Religious Items from the Holy Land outside after Mass. Please stop by and see the many inspiring works of art and consider supporting our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.



Readings for the week of May 5, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/Ps 98:1-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6,9/Jn 15:26—16:4
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3,7-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2,11-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3,8-10/Jn 16:23-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20/
1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11-19



Holy Mass: Monday—Saturday: 8 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. (Sunday Obligation) **Sunday:** 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Mon.-Sat. 7:15 a.m.-7:55 a.m.

Saturday 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Baptisms: 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30 am

Baptism Prep.: By appointment

Funerals: Fridays at 11 a.m.

Marriages: 6 months in advance

Communion for the Sick: Please call the office.

Adoration & Benediction: every Thursday from 1 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday: 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Pastor's Desk

Peace and all God's blessings.

Masters can love their servants, as can servants love their masters. Jesus could well relate to us as a master to servant – but the Gospel of John has Jesus saying that that is not the case: *I do not call you servants.*

Obviously, John's community believed that Jesus offered something different, so much more. Jesus offers us a love that expresses itself in friendship, and not just merely being friendly, but the deepest intimacy, the mature love of equals: *I have called you friends.*

Yet, there seems to be some inconsistency. As the gospel would have it, Jesus goes on to say: You are my friends if you do what I command you. To be able to "command" is to presuppose an inequality, a superiority – precisely the master/servant alignment that Jesus denies.

If Jesus is on about friendship and mature love, and, therefore, freedom, we need to look more deeply at what the gospel means when it talks of his "command". What is it getting at? In this instance Jesus is quite specific: This is my commandment, that you love one another. He is not talking in generalities.

Could it be that outgoing love for people is so expressive of Jesus' deepest understanding of himself, that not to see it or appreciate it, and not to have a go at it, would be to miss out entirely on how he sees himself – so much so that it would not be him we are relating to but our own mistaken, self-made image of him, that is completely off the mark?

"In our popular language, the word 'love' is so often used and misused, that it has almost become devoid of meaning," said Abbot Christian Leisy, *"Love is a word so frequently exploited in the media of songs and television, movies, novels, and small talk, that it has been reduced to almost, or next to, nothing. Such 'love,' only in words, without any backing, is worth nothing."*

True love gives life, for genuine love is something generative, found, for example, in the sacrifice of spouses for each other, or parents for their children, or children for their parents. We firmly believe that God is love. He loved the world so much that he sent his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself in love, even to the extent of death on the cross, for the salvation of the human race.

The example of sacrificial self-giving of our Lord is the fullest expression of love we can imagine, which transforms lives and brings eternal life and is being offered to us in Christ's one, holy, Catholic, and

apostolic Church.

Allow me to remind all of us, that a perfect role model of love for God is the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is our perfect catechist who believed in Christ and expressed her love for her beloved Son, Jesus Christ. I would like to invite you to take time to meditate on the image of Our Lady Perpetual Help to see how our Blessed Virgin Mary expressed her love to Christ during May. It is the month of Mary in the Catholic Church and is dedicated to honoring Mary, the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church. It is also a month to recognize motherhood, including mothers, grandmothers, stepmoms, mothers-to-be, and all women who embody the qualities of motherhood.

We shall give thanks to God for having good mothers who love us and sacrifice their lives to raise us up. They always care for us, strengthen us, give us hope when we are tired, and do everything for our wellbeing.

SHALL WE PRAY TO OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO TEACH US HOW TO LOVE GOD AND LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS?

In Christ,

Fr. James Phan, OFM Conv.

UPCOMING RETREAT

WHAT: WEEKEND RETREAT

WHEN: MAY 17-18-19, 2024

WHERE: OLD MISSION SAN ANTONIO - Jolon, CA.

THEME: "BLESSED ARE ALL WHO WAIT FOR HIM!"

RETREAT MASTER: Fr. Jeffrey "Skip" Thompson, MSA

Refresh your spirit overnighting in the OLD MISSION SAN ANTONIO in Jolon, CA. and accept Jesus' invitation to "Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest." (Mark 6:31)

You are cordially invited to attend this MAY 17-18-19 retreat weekend where retreat master Fr. Jeffrey "Skip" Thompon, MSA will unpack the very timely theme: "BLESSED ARE ALL WHO WAIT FOR HIM!"

RETREAT DONATION: \$298.00

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

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(use subject line: FR. SKIP RETREAT)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 4th

8:00 am † Mabel Avila by Dorothy Avila
5:30 pm † Manuel Dias by Knights of Columbus



Sunday, May 5th

6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am † Joe Bettencourt by Manuel and Diane Ribeiro
10:30 am For blessings on the Anderson grandchildren by Dan & Sylvia Anderson
5:30 pm Pro Populi

Monday, May 6th

8:00 am † Arlindo Avila by Dorothy Avila

Tuesday, May 7th

8:00 am For blessings on the Anderson great grandchildren by Dan & Sylvia Anderson

Wednesday, May 8th

8:00 am † Tricia Kearns by aunt, Carol Coon

Thursday, May 9th

8:00 am † Ricardo Banez - anniversary of death (May 8) by wife, Epi Banez

Friday, May 10th

St. John of Avila
8:00 am Int of the members of the Altar & Rosary Society by ARS

Saturday, May 11th

8:00 am In Honor and Thanksgiving to our Lady Virgin of Fatima by Rebecca A. Untalan
5:30 pm Pro Populi

Sunday, May 12th

The Ascension/Mother's Day

8:00 am † For Our Priests by Dan & Sylvia Anderson
10:30 am † Edward Henderson Allen by The Schroeder Family
5:30 pm † Wedding Anniversary for Jaime F. Farao and Maria das Neves (Wedding Anniversary) by Farao Family

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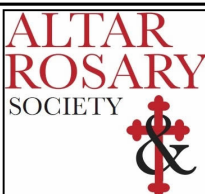
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KNIGHTLY NEWS

MAY 12: Let us all honor the vocation of motherhood as did our Blessed Mother and her child, Jesus. Join us for a complimentary breakfast for all Mothers (a small charge for others) in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses.



The **Altar & Rosary Society** is called to assist in the needs of the House of God and the pastor, for the liturgical necessities of the parish Church, such as altar breads, vestments, altar cloths, etc., and to foster continued devotion to the Mother of God.

Please join us for:

-**Recitation of the Rosary Daily** at 7:20 am
-**Monthly Meeting on the Third Tuesday**, Rosary 10:30, Mass 11:00 and self catered lunch and Meeting 12:00 in the Hall. *No meeting June, July or August.

-Interested Women & Men Welcome. Membership forms available at the rear of the church.

Upcoming Events

-Next Meeting is May 21, Rosary 10:30, Mass 11 and potluck salad lunch at noon then meeting. Last meeting before our summer break.

-Roses in celebration of Our Blessed Mother at all masses the weekend of May 4 & 5.

-Donuts and Coffee served on Pentecost Sunday, May 19



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UPCOMING:

May 4: Presentation with Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv., in the Parish Hall:
9 a.m.—12 p.m.



~PRAY THE ROSARY~





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