



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Whoever has My
commandments and keeps
them loves Me. And he who
loves Me will be loved by
My Father, and I will love
him and show Myself to
him.

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St. Francis' Mission is:

To live by Faith, be known by Love, and be a voice of Hope in order to give ourselves in service and better the lives of others.

HYMNS

Gathering 404 "In Christ Alone"

Offertory 522 "Prayer Of St. Francis"

Communion 455 "You Are Mine"

Communion-2 196 "Immaculate Mary"

Sending 499 "Go Make A Difference"

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Reading 1 = Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm = Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Reading 2 = 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel = John 14:15-21

St. Ignatius of Loyola

(Prayer after Communion)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me. Amen

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

| DATE | GREETERS | ACOLYTE | 1 ST READING | 2 ND READING/ INTERCESSION | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER |
|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| May 21 | Jon L Florence | Jim V | Cheryl V | Deb F | Ivy V |
| May 28 | Cindy M Marian G | George | Fr. Martin | Bill S | Anthony |
| June 2 | | Barb F | Mary Lee | Mary Lee | |
| June 4 | John Leo | Terry W | Deb F | Lynn K | George |
| June 11 | Don Nile | Mike M | Cheryl V | Fr. Martin | Ivy V |

A “BZ” (Bravo Zulu) from the Church Guy

It has been brought to my attention that we should recognize two members of our congregation for their Dedication and Big Heart! These two individuals sent out all the Cards, Letters, Thank-You, Get Well, etc. On behalf of St. Francis ECC, I would like to take the privilege of “Heartfully Thanking”

D.A. Marx and Dee Spano

for all that you do. We truly appreciate you both. Keep up the Good Work!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday’s Gospel continues the farewell discourse of Jesus. Whereas last Sunday’s passage centered on believing in Jesus, this week’s Gospel centers on loving him. Those who love Jesus keep his commandments. In other words, covenant fidelity is an outpouring of love. To those who love him, Jesus also promises his abiding presence by means of “another paraclete” whom he will send. The term “paraclete,” unique in the New Testament to the writings of the evangelist John, has both the juridical meaning of “advocate,” and a more general meaning of teacher or guide. Christian tradition has identified this paraclete as the Holy Spirit. Jesus himself has been the first paraclete to his followers during his time on earth; the paraclete whom Jesus will send (“another paraclete”) will continue to be an advocate and guiding presence just as Jesus himself has been. The paraclete, moreover, will dwell in the believer. In typical Johannine fashion, the passage warns of a contrast to be expected between “the world” of hard-hearted unbelief, which will not see and recognize the paraclete, and the minds and hearts of faithful followers, who will know and accept this one whom Jesus sends.



*From The Desk, of
The Pastor*

*We are reminded today that we are called to love Jesus; that is part of the Christian calling. Those who keep Christ's commandments will, he promises, receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, our Advocate will gently indicate the way to us that we should go, the paths that need to be repaired, the relationships in need of further inspection or care. For this Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, is a gift from God. And being from God, it can never do harm, never do wrong, never lead us into danger. We may of course be led in ways that we did not expect or anticipate, but if we are truly open to God and all his gifts then we must also be open to go where he would will for us to go. So let us ask ourselves once again: Do we earnestly and genuinely wish for the Spirit of truth to enter into our hearts and stay with us always? If we are at all uncertain about any of our answers to these questions, then let us pray - pray that we might truly be open to the scriptures, open to God, open to Jesus and what he asks of us in love. And pray that as Pentecost approaches we too might become filled with **"The Divine presence of the Holy Spirit"** and completely open to the love and freedom in Christ that is promised to us as a result.*

Fr. Victor



"Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
(Isaiah 41:10)



Let Us Pray for

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- ✚ David Baughman, Parishioner. Prayers for Better Health.
- ✚ Jacquelyn Cosentino, friend of Tony and David. Prayers for Healing from Brain Cancer
- ✚ Bill Hartwig, Parishioner. Prayers for Healing and Better Health.
- ✚ Myles Rogalla, cousin of John and Leo in preparation for surgery. Prayers for Surgeon Guidance and Healing.
- ✚ Dawn Rubio, friend of James Hoffmann recovering from a stroke. Prayers for Healing and Thanks to her Caregivers.
- ✚ Joe Ursiti, Parishioner, battling illness. Prayers for Healing and Speedy Recovery...
- ✚ Mark Talboom, Parishioner, suffering with additional major health issues. Prayers needed for Healing and a Return to Better Health.
- ✚ D A and Dee, Parishioners, dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Birgit Wilhelm, Parishioners, dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Ivy Villafana, Parishioner, recuperating. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Those dealing with unseen issues affecting the heart, mind and body such as grief, depression and anxiety.
- ✚ For the lonely, the dying, those who have entered God's Eternal Kingdom and those who are grieving them.

Church Guy Inquiry: Please let me know who we need to pray for! The power of prayer works, but I need to know who we can all pray for.....



What Makes My Belly Laugh!

Influenced by Wayne Rettke

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!

(Acts 2:38 (ESV) says "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins.")

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar. '**She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!**'

Thanks Jim Villafana

**Any more funny pictures, jokes, comics, funny faces, recipe, etc.
Please email media.stfrancis.ecc@gmail.com**



Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:

Gerry Goldsborough Birthday 5/25
Donald McLean Birthday 5/27
George Resler Birthday 5/27
Aryn Zahnow Birthday 5/28
Al O'Donnell Birthday 5/30



LOOKING AHEAD

Check out the Calendar page for more details.

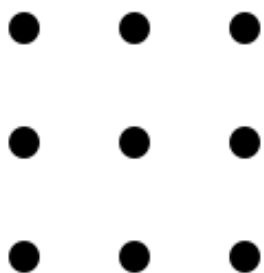
- Every Sunday in May we will have a Rosary at 9:30am
- Tuesday from 2-4pm Reiki or Spiritual Healing from Florence Jean-Pierre. Contact her for appointment
- May 21 – Sunday – Memorial Mass for Jimmy Treston by Barb Fichter
- May 28 – Sunday – Memorial Mass for Richard Baugh by John O'Grady
- June 2 – Friday – First Friday Mass at 7pm
- June 4 Sunday – Pentecost Sunday
- June 5 – Monday – Whit Monday
- June 9 – Friday – Bingo at 7pm
- June 11 – Sunday – 3rd Anniversary Luncheon at Finley's Irish Pub
- June 11 – Sunday – Trinity Sunday

CHOIR PRACTICE IS NOW ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6PM

Thinking outside the box entails a thinking process, which comprehends the implementation of an unusual approach to the logical thinking structure. It's a procedure which aims to escape relational reasoning and thinking.

Thinking outside the box (also **thinking out of the box** or **thinking beyond the box** and, especially in Australia, **thinking outside the square**) is a metaphor that means to think differently, unconventionally, or from a new perspective. This phrase often refers to novel or creative thinking. The term is thought to derive from management consultants in the 1970s and 1980s challenging their clients to solve the "nine dots" puzzle, whose solution requires some lateral thinking. This phrase can also be found commonly in dance, as encouragement to move creatively, beyond simple, geometric box steps and their basic variations, to literally step outside the box into more complex patterns of expression.

The catchphrase, or cliché, has become widely used in business environments, especially by management consultants and executive coaches, and has been referenced in a number of advertising slogans. To think outside the box is to look further and to try not thinking of the obvious things, but to try thinking of the things beyond them.



The "nine dots" puzzle. The goal of the puzzle is to link all 9 dots using four straight lines or fewer, without lifting the pen and without tracing the same line more than once.

Father Victor Ray

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MASS Each Sunday at 10:30am

Followed by Coffee and Fellowship