

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021



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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

~ CELEBRATE THE JOY OF EASTER SEASON! ~
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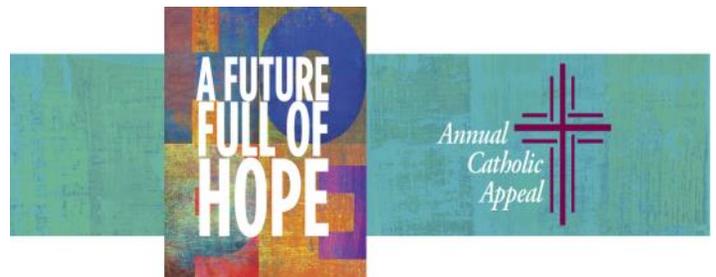
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$4,128.00
Donation Online	\$787.00
Maintenance Fund	\$60.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$4,975.00



THANK YOU!

COLLECTED: \$6,518
(as of 5/02/21)



The Annual Catholic Appeal funds over 60 ministries and services throughout our Western Washington communities, including pastoral care and outreach ministries, faith formation, Catholic schools, youth and young adults, seminarian education, family and cultural ministries and Catholic community services, among many others.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

2021 Appeal Goal:
\$23,246

Received as of 4/30/21: \$2,970

Sunday Readings
6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 10: 25-56; 1 John 4: 7-10
John 15: 9-17



The...believers who accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also. Acts 10:45

Every Christian's Battle Plan

As we come closer to Pentecost and the end of the Easter season, the Church brings us back to the Last Supper with today's Gospel passage.

- The moment is solemn.
- Jesus is at table with his intimate collaborators, his handpicked Twelve Apostles.
- He knows that this is the last time they will be gathered in this way until they meet again in eternity.
- Nothing is carelessly said.
- Everyone on their deathbed has their final words, their legacy: these are the Lord's final words.
- Jesus explains that he has loved us, and that he longs for us to remain in his love, to stay in his friendship, so that we may experience the indescribable joy that flows from true love.
- And then he lays down his New Commandment, the summary of all his teaching and of his entire life: "love one another as I love you."
- The Ten Commandments of the Old Testament were summarized by Jesus during his public life in two commandments of the New Testament: Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.
- But now, at the climax of his earthly mission, Jesus combines those two into a final, New Commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

This is the Christian battle plan.

- At the Last Supper, Jesus was on the verge of his final battle against evil and all the forces of darkness.
- And the Church he is forming through his Apostles will take that same battle to the ends of the earth and to every corner of human history and culture.
- The plan is so simple and straightforward, summed up in this single, final, definitive command: love one another as I have loved you.

We are Christ's soldiers, and that is our mission.

Taking a Nightly Spiritual Time-Out

It's easy to understand this concept, but it's not so easy to live it.

- We are fallen human beings living in a fallen world.
- Our internal hard-drive keeps wanting to go back to the default setting of self-centeredness, which is just the opposite of loving one another as Jesus has loved us. Keeping to our battle plan takes constant attention and realignment.
- In sports, in the heat of the game a team can start deviating from their game-plan. When that happens a good coach calls time-out, brings the players over to the sidelines, and reminds them of the game-plan.

We need to do the same thing in our following of Christ.

One practical way to take this kind of spiritual time-out every day has a long tradition in the Catholic Church.

- It's called the nightly examination of conscience.
- It usually takes about five or ten minutes.
- You do it at night, before you go to bed.

It's very simple really.

- You start by reminding yourself of God's presence.
- Then you ask God to enlighten and guide your thoughts.
- And then, in an atmosphere of calm prayer and reflection, you think back over your behavior during the day's activities, talking about it with the Lord.
- With the Holy Spirit's guidance, you begin to see patterns:
- which situations and relationships brought out your selfishness,
- where you had a chance to be more Christ-like and squandered it, where you didn't. At the end of the examination of conscience, you ask forgiveness for your sins and then identify a concrete way to improve the next day.

Following Christ's battle plan is the path to true wisdom and lasting joy.

This week, why not take a spiritual time-out each night, and see if that helps us follow it a little bit better?

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

GOSPEL:

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Monday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Wednesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]
Our Lady of Fatima
Friday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Saturday: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter
World Communications Day

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln

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From the first hour
to the last,
Jesus' life is enfolded
in the nearness
of his Mother.

-Romano Guardini

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

In the home of the Gentile-believer, Cornelius, Peter revealed one of the most significant insights from the early Church: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Where do you see this message of unity needed today?

SECOND READING

John saw love at the very core of God's divine identity. In fact, for John, "God is love." For this reason, believers are called to love one another. How do you keep this virtue paramount in your life?

GOSPEL READING

During his farewell discourse, Jesus refers to his disciples as his "friends." How often do you think of Jesus as your "friend?"