

# 6th Sunday of Easter

MAY 9, 2021



## Reading I: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter protests Cornelius' overdone respect, and then he proceeds to allow some Gentiles present to be baptized after the Holy Spirit had allowed them to speak in tongues.

## Reading II: I John 4: 7-10

Christ has shown us God's love, so we ought to do the same to others. Love must be seen as God's initiative.

## The Gospel: John 15: 9-17

The mutual love John here describes is grounded in the fact that both Jesus and the disciples keep the commandments and abide in the love of the Father. We, as Jesus' chosen friends, must obey His one command to love one another.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Zoe and Michael Faso upon the death of her brother, Stephen Sanabria. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: All Mothers, Living and Deceased

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## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday, May 1: **40** in the church/choir;  
**4** in the hall. Total: **44**

10 a.m. Sunday, May 2: **57** in the church/choir;  
**35** in the hall. Total: **92**.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 25-May 2: **Totalled \$ 5,655.69**

Envelopes: \$ 3,086.00 – Online: \$ 2,569.69

Holy Week & Easter to date: **\$6,119.69**

**THANK YOU!**

## THE POWER OF LOVE

Let's face facts: The Internet has given editorial cartoons a reprieve from extinction, able to withstand the decline of newspapers as a major source of information for most people these days. Depending on the viewpoint the cartoons espouse, many of them are clever enough to draw either a chuckle or a curse. Over the course of history, our beloved Church has been the subject of cartoons, most of them caustic, because Christianity itself is often the opposition to popular opinion. So the Church may appear as a purveyor of guilt or a stickler for rules. Outside observers cannot be blamed for their conclusions if that is all they know. Only contact with an authentic believer can erase their misconceptions.

This weekend's readings present a truly positive picture. The Gospel displays this truth as we read how Jesus Himself, our "Founder," pours out His heart. For good reason, it is a Sacred Heart, and through the author's presentation, you and I get to overhear Him. As Jesus speaks, He not only details His love, but also how future followers like us can best respond to it.

Most of us know from lived experience how much suffering is involved when the loved one does not respond in kind, but



instead offers nothing more than a cold response. It stings. It stabs our hearts more roughly than a spear.

Jesus knew from His entry to our nature that this happens, because it happened to Him. Yet He was able to muster from His depths the piercing cry from His cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." In this section of Scripture, note how Jesus says to His disciples, and to us, that He has chosen us. No other qualifications are given for the choice, the least of which would be our worthiness.

There is a way to quietly counterbalance the chaos and craziness around us, which anybody can do. It's our good example. Consider this:

In 1871, Sir Henry Stanley journeyed to Africa, where he encountered the missionary Dr. David Livingstone (d.1873) and subsequently spent a few months in his company. Livingstone never spoke to Stanley about spiritual things, but throughout those months, Stanley observed the old man.

Livingstone's habits were beyond Stanley's comprehension. He could not understand Livingstone's love for the African people. For the sake of Christ and His Gospel, the missionary-doctor was patient, untiring and eager. Stanley wrote: "When I saw the unwearied patience, the unflagging zeal, those enlightened sons of Africa, I became a Christian at his side, though he never spoke to me about it."

**God love you and give you His peace,**  
- **Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

# HAPPY Mother's DAY

*"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon Our Lady.*

*Just say this simple prayer:*

*'Mary, mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.'*

*I must admit, this prayer has never failed me."*

*- St. Teresa of Calcutta  
(Mother Teresa)*

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension Thursday is next week, May 13. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. There will also be a Vigil Mass celebrated at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12.

The Masses will also be live-streamed.

## A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

We are continuing to share resources for insight into the current issues of social justice from a Biblical/Church perspective. The following article was published last week in the National Catholic Reporter: "I am a Filipina American and racism makes me afraid for me, for my family." Visit:

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/im-filipina-american-and-racism-makes-me-afraid-me-my-family>

Or for one-click access to this and all the other reflections, go to [www.stpaulsbullville.org](http://www.stpaulsbullville.org); then click "Read More" under the Social Justice heading on the home page.

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

In the spirit of St. Peter Faber, one of the founders of the Jesuit order in the mid-1500s who understood the importance of commerce, our bulletin publisher has created the FindingFABER app. As an extension of the print ad, advertisers get a free account from which to offer information and promotions. Consumers download the free app so they can readily support local bulletin sponsors when they need goods or services.

## CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDI!

It's really no surprise that Confirmation 2021, held on April 30, took place on a windy evening. After all, uncertainty and changes swirled throughout a year marked by COVID-19.



Once again, presiding was the Most Rev. Dominick J. Lagonegro, D.D., whose personality and personal interest in the 34 Confirmandi made for a memorable ceremony.

There were momentary gusts of frustration at the guest limit - even in the larger Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Thank you, Fr. Paul Denault, for its use - and for passing on at the last minute the slight relaxation in numbers that prompted sighs of relief.

Thanks as well to the catechists and families for their commitment to the religious education of our youth, culminating with them receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God.

**Kira Anderson.....Gemma**  
**Joseph Britto.....Michael**  
**Ronan Caci-Kukelka.....Pier**  
**Dylan Csanko.....Thomas**  
**Natalie Cunningham.....Clare**  
**Liliana Deckaj.....Angelina**  
**Baylie Dow.....Seraphina**  
**Gregory Florin.....Andrew**  
**Kailey Fobert.....Mary**  
**Sienna Forbes.....Catherine**  
**Kayla Gorman.....Lelia**  
**Andrew Gula.....Christopher**  
**Caitlyn Loennecker.....Marie**  
**Sophia Lombardi.....Gemma**  
**Emily Magnetico.....Grace**  
**John Maragliano.....Sebastian**  
**Theodore Martin.....Maximillian**  
**Brianna McPhillips.....Abigail**  
**Jenna Miksa.....Victoria**  
**Kyle O'Flaherty.....Michael**  
**Tyler Ramsey.....Joseph**  
**Lorena Rivera.....Teresa**  
**Ethel Rohr.....Mary**  
**Preston Roosa.....Christopher**  
**Jackson Rose.....Anthony**  
**Peter Rough, Jr.....John**  
**Maureen Russell.....Clare**  
**Isabella Sansalone.....Adelaide**  
**Chloe Santangelo.....Anastasia**  
**Luke Satriano.....Christopher**  
**Benjamin Suchy.....Sebastian**  
**Emma Sullivan.....Colette**  
**Sullivan Toback.....Lawrence**  
**Justice Worthington.....John**

