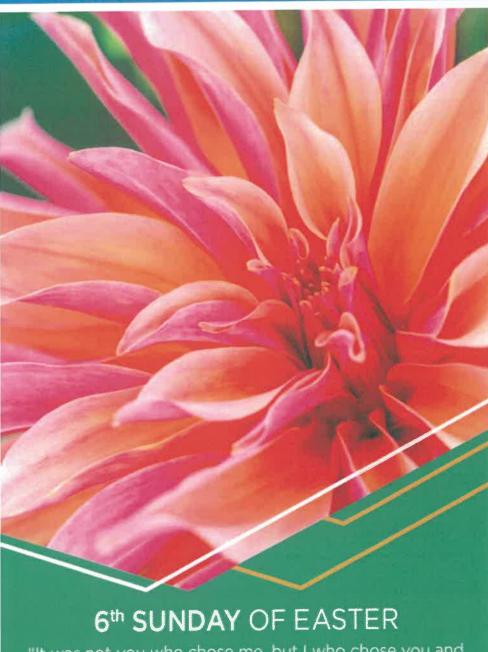
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May 5, 2024 | Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am. 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday following the 8:15 am Mass in the church.

Anointing of the Sick Please call or visit the parish office to make an appointment.

Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

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"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I'm really grateful to have the opportunity to share a message with you every other week in our bulletin. As you might guess, when I write I must look ahead in the calendar to anticipate whatever might be going on when my words appear in print. One of the things I check is the Scripture readings we will use at Sunday (and Saturday evening) Mass. So I typed https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings into my web browser and checked out May 5 (Cinco de Mayo!) and you know what caught my eye? The word "love." I saw the word "love" 18 times. Granted, the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm didn't include that particular word, but the Second Reading and the Gospel more than made up for it.

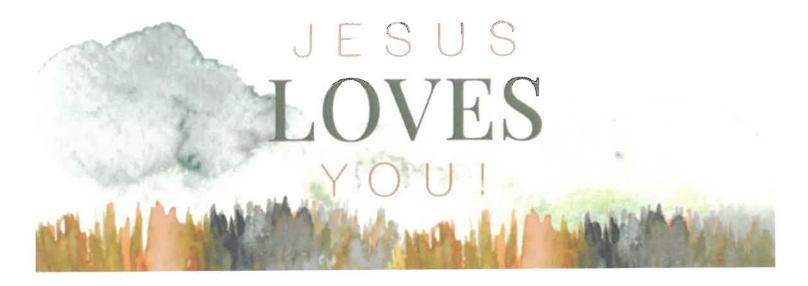
The Beatles had a song entitled "All You Need is Love." (Should I ask Andre to include that song in our Masses this weekend? Probably not.) But seeing the Scriptures' emphasis on love brings to mind a conversation I had with a friend after a weekday Mass recently, about the way "law" and "love" are related in the Scriptures. Jesus had said in the Gospel that day, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me." (Jn. 14:21) These words, and other words in Scripture, indicate that the law is not intended to be an authoritarian mandate wielded over us. Rather, it is a statement of the expectations of our Divine Beloved. We express our love for the Lord by following his commandments.

This means that sometimes love is not easy. As a child I learned an axiom, or proverb: "The measure of love is sacrifice." I'm not sure who first said these words, but they are true. They tie in with the words of Jesus in the Gospel of this Sunday: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn. 15:13)

So here we are, on the beautiful, sacrificial, Godlike path of love. Remembering how blessed we are, and how much we are loved by God, let's show our love for the Lord and for one another. By this all will know that we are disciples of Christ. (John 13:35)

Blessings,

Fr. Philip





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and Monday:

9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Tuesday:

Jn 16:5-11

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Wednesday:

Jn 16:12-15

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-Thursday:

20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-

9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or

4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Friday:

Jn 16:20-23

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/ Saturday:

Jn 16:23b-28

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Sunday:

(6)/Eph 4:1-13/Mk 16:15-20

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (Acts 1:9)

Second Reading: But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph 4:7)

Gospel: So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mk 16:19)

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SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, May 6

8:15 am Mass | Karen McManus | Carolyn Carter | † Lydia Cantor Ruiz

Tuesday, May 7

• 8:15 am Mass | John Fraher

9:45 am Moms Group Bible Study (FR)

Wednesday, May 8

6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)

• 8:15 am Mass | † Joseph Lynch

3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer

4:00 pm Centering Prayer (FR)

7:00 pm Men's Club General Meeting (CH)

Thursday, May 9

8:15 am Mass | Elizabeth Murphy

9:00 am Sunday Readings Study (FR)

7:00 pm Synodal Conversations (FR)

Friday, May 10 - Sts. John of Avila and Damien de Veuster

8:15 am Mass | † Michael Knott

Saturday, May 11

• 8:15 am Mass | † Marie Bamford | † Costa Stanidis | † Frank Renn

9:00 am Confessions

· 4:00 pm Mass | † Michael Knott

5:00 pm Mothers Day Dinner & Dance (CH)

Sunday, May 12 - The Ascension of the Lord

• 8:00 am Mass | Carol Funke

• 9:30 am Mass | † Dolores Martin

• 11:15 am Mass | Jack Cahill

• 5:00 pm Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community



Catholic Teachings on End of Life

Saturday, May 11 Santiago de Composteia 21682 Lake Forest Drive, Lake Forest

Coffee & Registration 9:30 am | Program 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Catholic teachings gives patients and their families principles for making decisions about initiating or continuing medical treatments. Join us for this important discussion about the teachings of the Catholic Church on end of life, care choices during serious illness, and how the Caring for the Whole Person Initiative relates to parish life. Speakers include Fr. Jack Sewell, a priest of the Diocese of Orange and currently serves as a chaplain in the Spiritual Care Department of Providence-Laguna Hospital and Dr. Vincent Nguyen, currently serving as the Palliative Care Program Medical Director at Hoag Hospital.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY





CENTERING PRAYER



A CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER PRACTICE

All are Welcome to Join our Prayer Community

2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Church

Tuesdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm via Zoom

Wednesdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm In the Franciscan Rooms

No experience is necessary.

"In the inner stillness where meditation leads, the Spirit secretly anoints the soul and heals our deepest wounds."

St. John of the Cross



Stewart Campbell
Frank Adame
Andrea Hildebrant
Sam Zappia
Irene Vinch
Lynn Bien
Tammy Dawson
Mike Frasier
Brian Graves
Virginia Bonanoa

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Poland was the trip of a lifetime for me. From beginning to end, God was at work in our entire team. We served the homeless, spent time with Ukrainian refugees, served the children of our host community, and made meaningful connections through round table discussions with our Christian brothers and sisters from other denominations, bridging the perceived gap that had been between us.

I felt God working in all of the people we encountered, from our trip facilitators, to the sisters who ran the soup kitchen, and our host church, our homebase, the Ostoja (which means refuge) in Polish. When we weren't serving we were seeking holy places to take your prayers and offer them to God, a very powerful and moving experience for many of us. Before we left, we had a special moment, our entire mission team laid our hands in prayer on the new building that the Ostoja plans to make into a Christian school. God will provide!

I return home with certainty that God wants us all to care for each other, all his children all over the world. He loves us all equally and wants us to have peace.



Prime June Fellowship Ministry A Community for the Golden Years We are gathering insights to better serve our active "Golden" community over 60. We invite you to be part of shaping this new ministry by sharing your interests and passions. What activities interest you? Let us know by filling out our quick survey. Let's create something amazing together!

Stay Active - Stay Connected - Share Life



Conversations in the Spirit

"...an exercise of mutual listening, conducted at all levels of the Church and involving the entire People of God." - Pope Francis

"Conversations in the Spirit" is an opportunity to actively participate in shaping our Church through spirit guided discussions of thoughts and feelings about the direction of the Church. We will reflect, share, and seek discernment around key questions from the USCCB and the Vatican, which have asked parishes to consider.

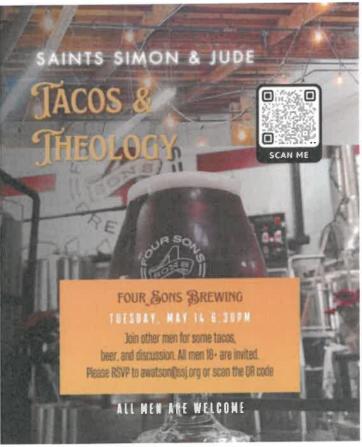
From April 18 to May 16, we will meet each Thursday evening, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Franciscan Rooms. Over the five sessions participants will learn and put into practice becoming a synodal church.

For more background and information, please contact Jo Ann Conte or Chris Sumpter at ssj@ssj.org of visit our table in Mondor Plaza after Masses on April 6/7 and April 13/14.

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Men's Club News

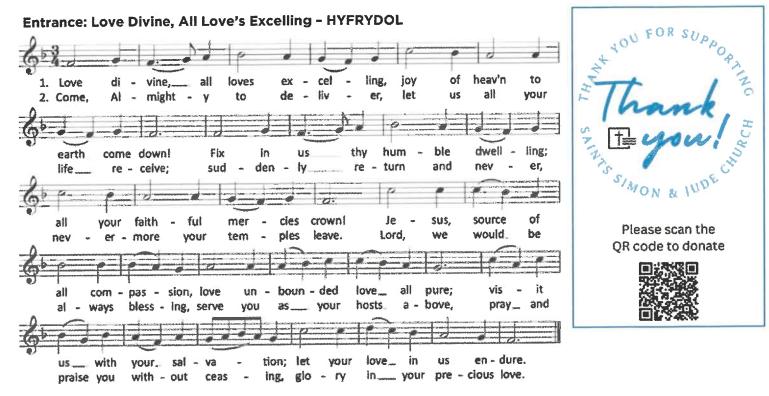
General Meeting Wednesday, May 8th 7:00 pm | Colman Hall

Men, would you like to feel more connected to your parish and your fellow parishioners? Come to this month's SSJ Men's Club get together to enjoy fellowship and food with men from your church community.

We will be discussing our upcoming Golf Tournament and other spring events.

All men in the parish are automatically members and are welcome, so please join us and bring a friend.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP



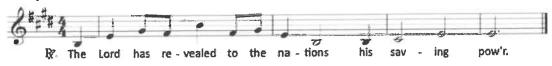
Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98 - Owen Alstott



Reading II: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia - Alleluia - Mode VI



V: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. 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. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Preparation of the Gifts: Love, Burn Bright - Chris de Silva



From the shadows of the night, to your holiness and light; May your love burn bright within our heart. From the hatred born of fear, to your love that holds us near: May your love burn bright within our heart.

In our words that tear apart, place a reconciling heart: May your love burn bright within our heart. In our wounds of war and strife, place your promise of new life: May your love burn bright within our heart.

Where there's doubt, uncertainty, let us witness faithfully: May your love burn bright within our heart. Where there's sadness, poverty, let us reach out willingly: May your love burn bright within our heart.

11:15 Mass: I Give You a New Commandment - Peter Aston

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Joy and Peace - Tony Alonso

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father: through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is adored and alorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Communion: Ubi Caritas - Bob Hurd



The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him, and in our love and care for all now love God in return.

In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.

May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ.

For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life.

May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face, rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise.

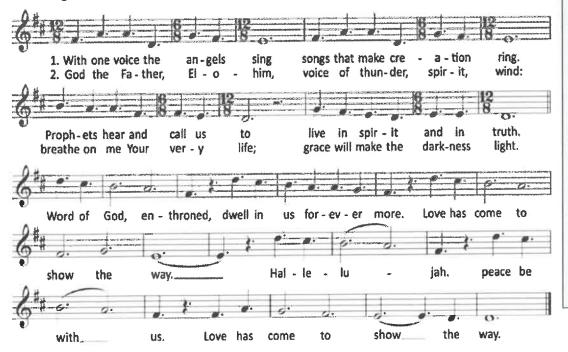
Meditation: Regina Caeli - Chant Mode VI

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

11:15 Mass: Regina Caeli - Gregor Aichenger (1565-1628)

Sending Forth: Love Has Come - Matt Maher





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