

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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

6th Sunday of Easter: **The Love of God Jn 15:9-17**

Jesus loves us unconditionally and greatly: should we not be convicted by His love? Often, our love for Him is shallow, wavering, and conditional. Yet, He loves us no matter what, and He even calls us His friends, "You are my friends, and I no longer call you slaves." In truth, we all have a long, long way to go on the road of love. I pray that we all pray the Jesus' prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.* Let no one of us be self-righteous and proud.

The Gospel is part of Jesus' long farewell address to His disciples. He says: *This I command you: Love one another.* Often, a person's farewell address contains and summarizes what is most important for that person. He commands that we love one another. Jesus says that when we love one another, we share His joy that completes us. That is why it is more for our good if we remain in His love. His friends are those who follow the commandment of love. He promises His joy, a joy that completes us. When we do not have happiness in our lives, often, it is because our love is not enough or we do not truly love. What may seem like loving and sacrificing may be for a selfish agenda or purely for self-satisfaction.

Jesus considers His disciples and those close to Him friends. Many of them belong to His close circle and those who follow Him like the women who served their needs. He gives them the commandment of love. Then He says: *Those who follow this commandment of love are My friends. The disciples* are not the most intelligent and sophisticated people. But still, Jesus holds them dear to His heart. He invites us to be His friend by following His commandment, to be intimate with Him, just like the disciples. Jesus shows His unconditional and great love for all His friends by laying down His life for them.

What is love? Scriptures do not define love; instead, the Father reveals the mystery of His love to us in His Word. *And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.* (*Jn. 1:14*) The complete revelation of divine love is the Word that became flesh, Jesus himself, the Son of the Father. And Jesus makes love/charity the new commandment.

By loving His own to the end, He makes manifest the Father's love which He receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus they receive. Whence Jesus says: As the Father has loved me, so have loved you; abide in my love. And again: this is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (CCC 1823)

Please do not forget that we are loved and chosen, and we are appointed to go and bear fruit that will remain. Because Jesus loved us, His love should lead us to the mission. Our gifts, our blessings, are meant to be shared. A priest said that because Jesus loved us, we must be conscious

of our way of loving. True love is not conditional. True love is not calculated (I love you three times a day). True love is not manipulative (I love you, but?). True love is not with an agenda (I love you so that?). Finally, true love is not threatening (Love me, or else?). Yes, we still have so much to learn about love.





Sunday May 5, 2024

St. Rose Spring Carnival 12 pm to 8 pm

- 9:00 am RE Grades 1,2,3,4
- 11:00 am RCIA
- 11:00 am May Crowning at Mass

Monday, May 6, 2024

- 7:00 pm Troop 432
- 7:00 pm Bible Study at GSM

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

- 8:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

- 8:30 am Spirituality Meeting
- 3:00 pm Chaplet & Perpetual Help Novena
- 4:00 pm RE Grades 1,2,3,5

Thursday, May 9, 2024

- 11:00 am WOSR Luncheon
- 5:00 pm La Pieta Prayer Group

Friday, May 10, 2024

• 5:30 am Men's Ministry

Saturday, May 11, 2024

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday7:30 amMonday, Tues., Thurs., Fri.12:15 pmWednesday Evening6:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

 Monday - Friday
 7:00 am - 7:25 am

 Wednesday
 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

 Saturday
 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Saturday 7:00 am **Sunday** 6:30 am, 8:30 am, **1**0:30 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

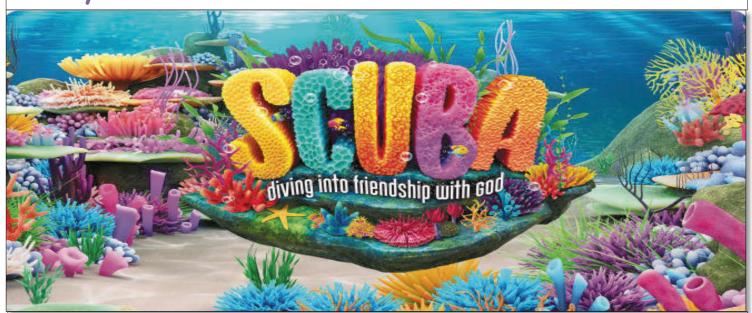
RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday 8:30 am

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June 10th-14th from 9am-1pm
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OLIFE TEEN

Year-end Gathering for Teens and Parents! An excellent chance to end the year and a wonderful opportunity for both teenagers and parents to grow together! Join us and depart with a strengthened faith and renewed enthusiasm!

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Pentecost Novena

Novena Starts Friday May 10th

The Novena will be prayed after the 7:30 am Rosary
Monday through Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 am

Novena starts May 10th to the 18th

Pentecost Sunday

We encourage you to wear red on Pentecost Sunday!!

Please Come Join Us!



Alliance of Two Hearts All-Night Vigil Every First Friday



Spend one hour a month with Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist Sign Up at https://stroseanthem.weadorehim.com/

Prayer & Spirituality: Charismatic Prayer Group

Charismatic
Prayer Group meets on
Tuesdays at 7pm
All Are Invited



Simon of Cyrene Care Giver Support Ministry

Do you find yourself constantly thinking of and doing tasks for someone who cannot take care of himself? Do you get tired of these duties but can seldom find help nor consolation and rest?

If so, bring your bibles and join us 2ND Friday of the month at 2:00 pm in the office building.

NOTE:

May meeting was moved to May 31, 2024



Sunday, May 5th

7:00 am All Parishioners 9:00 am † Thomas Wilson

9:00 am G [†] Leonard and Hildegard Steckler 11:00 am [†] Kenneth Rausch

4:00 pm Jaime & Maria Gonzalez

(Thanksgiving)

Monday, May 6th

7:30 am Danny C Woods Jr (Healing) 12:15 pm † Kathryn Coback Waldron

Tuesday, May 7th

7:30 am For non-practicing Catholics

(Special Intention)

12:15 pm + Mike Coback

Wednesday, May 8th

7:30 am Mark & Samuel Hudson

(Thanksgiving)

6:00 pm † Reny Cruz Tanner

Thursday, May 9th

7:30 am April Romero (Thanksgiving)

12:15 pm † Remedios Tanner

Friday, May 10th

7:30 am Evelia G Manzano (Thanksgiving)

12:15 pm Cheyanne Bosn (Healing)

Saturday, May 11th

7:30 am Kristen Smith (Healing)

4:00 pm SVDP For those we Serve

(Special Intention)

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), and you?



As many of you are aware, RMDs are minimum amounts you must withdraw from your retirement accounts each year. Generally, you must begin taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA, SEP IRA, SIMPLE IRA, and retirement plan accounts when you reach age 72 (73 if you reach age 72 after December 31, 2022).¹

If charitable giving is part of your financial plan, a QCD may be a great way to satisfy your RMD requirements and optimize the tax benefits of your charitable contributions.

There are specific rules covering this kind of donation, such as funds must be donated directly from your retirement account to a qualified charity, such as St. Rose or St. Vincent de Paul.

If interested, contact your retirement plan custodian or other financial professional and make it happen. All qualified charities will certainly appreciate it!

¹ IRS website - Retirement plan and IRA Required Minimum Distributions FAQs. (https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/retirementplan-and-ira-required-minimum-distributions-faqs#:~:text=What%20are% 20Required%20Minimum%20Distributions, Dec.%2031%2C%202022).





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