

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**“... I will ask my Father and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth ...”
John 14:15-21**

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we find one of the seven newly ordained deacons, Philip, preaching the Gospel in Samaria. Jews hated the Samaritans but this incident showed the early Church leaders that the gospel of Jesus must be preached to all peoples. The ones responsible for preaching this Good News did not fall specifically on the apostles but on all Christians.

While people such as Philip took an active role in preaching this Good News, the early Church continued to grow as a result of those Christians who LIVED their faith. The word MARTYR comes from the Greek word martyrios which means witness. Early Christians lived their faith with lives of piety, devotion and charity. When called to do so they literally put their lives on the line for their beliefs. Their heroic actions attracted pagans looking for meaning in life. After all, anyone willing to die for something must have found something worth dying for.

In the first reading we find that after Philip baptizes the Samaritans he calls on the apostles to come and anoint them with the Holy Spirit. This earliest Confirmation shows the reliance on the apostles as the true teachers of the Faith. As the Church grew these apostles selected successors in each town to carry on their work. We call these men today bishops. As part of the magisterium these bishops continue to guide our 2000 year old Church in the ways of faith.

How do we know that we remain true to the teachings of Christ? In the gospel Jesus tells the apostles that He will send another Paraclete, a helper, to aid them in their mission of carrying on the Good News. Despite 2000 years of at times less than exemplary history, we believe that the Holy Spirit continues to guide our Church along the ways of faith. After all how many organizations have lasted 2000 years and have remained true to the core teachings of its founder.

As we gather here today to worship we do so not in a vacuum. Throughout the world Catholics gather to celebrate Mass and pray as a faith community. As we do so we recall Jesus' words to us in Scripture as well as Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at this Mass. Then we go out and proclaim that Good News by the example of our lives. We carry on a tradition that goes back to the time of the apostles. We become modern day martyrs

witnessing our faith to the world. We may not find ourselves facing death in the Coliseum but we do give of ourselves in our time and talent.

Our history as a Church is deep and strong. Guided by the Holy Spirit we hope that our children and children's children will look at us with the same admiration we see in those before us who gave so much of themselves to proclaim Christ to the world.

Fr. Walter Austin

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**Is Jesus still waiting
for you to come?
Become an Adorer.**



**Summer subs are needed!
PLEASE CALL 652-2615**

Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favors:

- Thank you, Lord, for your grace and mercy.
- Thank you, Jesus, for healing me.
- Thank You, Dear Lord, for continued employment so that I can take care of myself.

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 25th

7:00pm Mass

Outdoor Candlelight Rosary
following Mass

Light refreshments in Piovan Hall following the rosary



Holy Spirit Novena

May 26 – June 3

We will have pamphlets available in Church for you to pray this 9-day novena devoted to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**PATRIOTIC
ROSARY
MONDAY, MAY 29TH
AFTER 8:30AM MASS**



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

SUMMER CAMP 2017

JUNE 5TH – JUNE 30TH

**VISIT WWW.AOLCRUSADERS.ORG
TO REGISTER**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday, May 22 <i>St. Rita of Cascia</i>	
8:30 am	Philip & Deacon Paul Dupuy
Tuesday, May 23	
8:30 am	Jeffrey & Patrick Cupit
Wednesday, May 24	
4:30pm	Felix Simoneaux
6:00 pm	Marie Morgan Vicknair
Thursday, May 25 <i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>	
8:30 am	Norman & Verna Millet, Jessica Fournet, Deborah Acosta, Betty & Conrad Hymel
7:00pm	Living & Deceased AOL Parishioners
Friday, May 26 <i>St. Philip Neri</i>	
8:30 am	Philip Dupuy
Saturday, May 27 <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	
4:00 pm	Cody Lucia, Betty Hymel, Conrad Hymel, Stuart Torres, John Paul Loupe, Martin Naquin, Jerry Sander, Dale Garbin, Mr. & Mrs. George Garbin, Ellen Uter, Rita Zeringue, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Lawrence & Rodney Acosta, Marie Loupe, Gloria Maurin, Melanie Dion, Myrtle & Felix Simoneaux, Steven & Margaret Schott, Mary Ann Mauer, Curt Eysink, Evan Simoneaux, Jay Melito
Sunday, May 28 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	
8:30 am	Gwen Booth, Barbara Mondello, Favorite Family, Pierre Family, Duronslet Family, Lester Savoie, Joycelyn Klamon, Rev. Benjamin Piovan, Tina Milioto Vicknair, Evan Simoneaux, Rose Anne Wade, Special Intention
10:30 am	Lionel Fisher, Jr.
5:00 pm	(en espanol) Our Parishioners
7:00 pm	Jo Gendron

VIGIL LIGHT for May

- In memory of Philip Dupuy and Shanon Graver

CHAPEL CANDLES THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

- Prayers for those suffering with addictions



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NEW ORLEANS

Retreat Center

Upcoming Retreats

<p>June 2-4 Are You Kidding? On Becoming Like a Little Child Again <i>Rev. Philip Chircop, SJ</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, June 13 Day of Prayer Praying Outside the Box <i>Jan Tate</i></p>
<p>June 9-11 Finding God's Compassion and Mercy in Our Daily Life <i>Rev. Anthony Rigoli, OMI</i></p>	<p>June 23-25 Family Patterns: Blessings, Burdens and Bedlam <i>Rev. Joe Krafft, Jan Tate</i></p>

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006
(504) 887-1420 * retreats.arch-no.org

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, May 22	
6:00-7:30pm	PSR
Tuesday, May 23	
Parish Office Closed – Staff software training at ANO	
Wednesday, May 24	
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8:30am	Pre-K Celebration – DBH
10:00am	Kindergarten Celebration – Church
12:15pm	School Dismissal
12:15-3:00pm	Altar Server Training – Church
7:00pm	RCIA – Parish Office
Thursday, May 25	
8:30am	School Mass – Feast of the Ascension
12:15pm	School Dismissal
12:30pm	Hearty Meal – DBH
7:00pm	Feast of the Ascension Mass and Candlelight Rosary – Church
Friday, May 26	
Awards Day/Last Day of School	
8:30am	School Mass
10:00am	School Dismissal
Saturday, May 27 Team 4	
6:00pm	Koehler/Wolfe Wedding
Sunday, May 28 Team 4	

YOUTH NEWS

VBS

July 17-21 12:00-3:30pm

Junior CYO Discipleship Days

July 17-21 5:00-7:30pm

Watch for more information coming soon!

Black Catholic Ministries

The first meeting of the AOL Black Catholic Ministries will be held on **Sunday, May 21st** at 3:00pm in Piovan Parish Hall. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited, and light refreshments will follow the meeting. All adults are welcome!

New Altar Servers Training

Wednesday, May 24th

12:15-3:00pm

Any students entering the 4th grade and up who may be interested in becoming an altar server for next school year please contact Mr. Ray Riviere at 504-512-5918. Training will be held in the Church.



The Parish Office will be closed on **May 23rd** and **May 24th** for staff training and again on **May 29th** for Memorial Day. Beginning on **May 26th** and continuing through the months of June and July, the Parish Office will close at noon on Fridays.

The Dynamic Catholic Prayer Group will NOT meet on **May 23rd** and **May 30th**. The group will resume meeting in June.