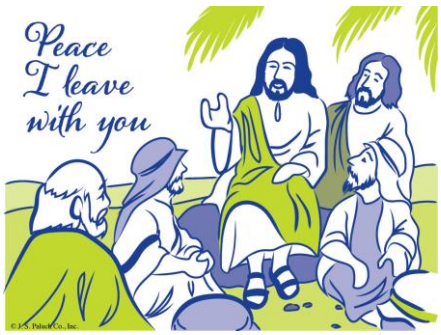
## Sixth Sunday of Easter




### THE GIFT OF PEACE

"There arose no little dissension and debate." Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little "give and take" now and then. So where was it that "there arose no little dissension and debate"? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today's Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today's Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that "reconciled diversity," often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today's Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus' promised Gospel gift: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

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### REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Forming a community is never easy. This is true whether the community is made up of family members, citizens, or believers. Diversity can both enrich and divide. Jewish Christians were soon joined by Gentile believers. The church in Jerusalem was joined by the church in Antioch. While the Gentile Christians questioned whether they had to accept all the Jewish traditions and customs, Jewish Christians feared they would lose what had given them their identity.

Today's reading from Acts witnesses to the role of the Holy Spirit in helping to navigate a way through these sensitive issues. The leaders of the church in Jerusalem send a letter to the church in Antioch, proclaiming that the decision they reached came not just from human wisdom, but from working with the Holy Spirit.

Such testimony to the role of the Holy Spirit is also found in the Gospel of John. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit will come from the Father and "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). Because of this promise, we can have confidence that God will not abandon us. Indeed, the Trinity comes to dwell with those faithful to Jesus' word.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we call on the Holy Spirit both to open our minds to Jesus' word and to transform bread and wine so that we become more fully the body of Christ and the living temple of the Holy Spirit in the world.

—James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

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***Living God's Word*** - We pray that God will continue to send the Holy Spirit so that we might retain what is life-giving from the past and be open to any new initiatives that our loving God may offer in days ahead. We pray that our community may see in diversity a gift that can enrich.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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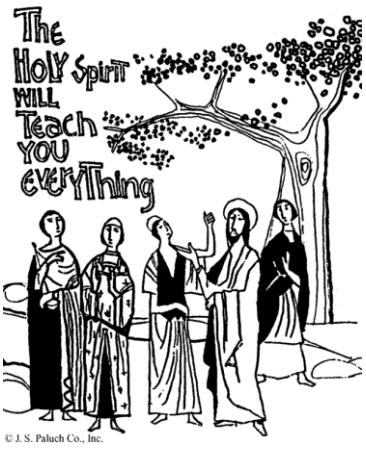
| Monday: | Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a |
| Tuesday: | Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15 |
| Thursday: | Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20 |
| Friday: | Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23 |
| Saturday: | Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56 |
| Sunday: | Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 |

**"JAMAICA 2025" -- September 28th**
**Get your Jamaica Raffle tickets after any of the weekend Masses & START SELLING!**




**Saturday, May 24th** -
**5:00PM-IHM** – +Maria Morales & Carlos C. Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez; In Thanksgiving for Ricky & Martha Heredia's Anniversary

**Sunday, May 25th - IHM**
**8:30AM –** +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Rodrigo DeLoera; En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Leila Rubio
**11:00AM** – For the People of Nolan County

**Tuesday, May 27th 9:00AM - HF**
For the health and well-being of Danny & Connie Olguin

**Wednesday, May 28th 6:00PM–IHM**
+Elias Soto

**Thursday, May 29th 9:00AM - HF**
For the well-being of Tanis Moreno's family

**Friday, May 30th 9:00AM - HF**
+Aurelia Garza

**Saturday, May 31st** -
**5:00PM-IHM** – +Belinda Gomez, Tomas y Guadalupe Morales; In Thanksgiving for Pugh Ashley's birthday

**Sunday, June 1st - IHM**
**8:30AM –** Por la gente de Nolan County
**11:00AM** –+Manuel & Petra Aguilar
In thanksgiving for Gilda Lizeth Solis' birthday

**FOOD DRIVE**

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of May. Let us share what we have with those in need.

*God Bless you – Thank you!*

**COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS**

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de mayo. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga - Gracias!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .**

**EUCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS** -- @6:00pm
***From:*** **Holy Family** ***To:*** **Immaculate Heart:**
**June 8th – Pentecost**
**June 22nd – Corpus Christi**

**WHY AM I CATHOLIC?-**Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. **All are invited!**

**WEDNESDAY** – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm @IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

**PARISH MOVIE GROUP** – meets at Holy Family Hall, this Sunday, May 25th, from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

**¡ATENCIÓN!** ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzará a finales de abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. La primera clase será miercoles 30 de abril, 2025, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista será Victor Rubio Jr. Note mas informacion en la entrada de la iglesia.

**BAPTISM** – To schedule, please call the office

**ULTREYA–** meets Monday, May 26th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend.

**NOTE: MASS CHANGES –**

- Beginning Sunday, June 22, 2025, the 8:30AM Spanish Mass will be moved up to 8:00AM
- Mass will be celebrated @ Holy Family at 9:30AM beginning June 22nd and every 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter.
- No Sunday morning confessions on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Same schedule for the other weekend Masses.

**May 17/18, 2025 COLLECTION DATA**

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3819.00
LOOSE PLATE……1025.58
BUILDING FUND.....863.00
TOTAL COLLECTION……$5707.58

**HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE**

May 31, 2025 – Cursillo June 7, 2025 – Finance Comm

Thank you for your sacrifices. The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day.

**May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you**
***— Psalm 67:6***

NATIONAL
# Eucharistic Pilgrimage

**Registration now open for events in Abilene, San Angelo, Fort Stockton June 7–10**

The three-year National Eucharistic Revival in the United States draws to a close this summer. Building off of last year's four simultaneous Eucharistic pilgrimages from the four edges of our country and culminating in Indianapolis, this year's National Eucharistic Revival events will also feature a prominent, multi-state pilgrimage. This time, the Diocese of San Angelo will be on the pilgrims' route. Dubbed the "St. Katherine Drexel Route," the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin in Indianapolis, the site of last year's National Eucharistic Congress, and conclude in Los Angeles, passing through 10 states. The pilgrimage will feature "perpetual pilgrims" walking most of the route, with the opportunity for people to join the perpetual route.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will traverse the Diocese of San Angelo from June 7 to June 10, 2025. Registration for all events is available at https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/.
The schedule of local events begins Saturday, June 7 with a Mass for the Pentecost Vigil at 4:00p.m. at the Abilene Convention Center followed by Eucharistic procession through down town Abilene.

Sunday, June 8 will see the perpetual pilgrims in San Angelo. The first event the public can register to join will be Stations of the Cross at Christ the King Retreat Center at 11:00a.m., followed by a meet and greet luncheon. At 3:30p.m., the pilgrims will complete a Eucharistic procession from the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts to the Cathedral Chruch of the Sacred Heart. The cathedral will host a 6:00p.m. Mass for Pentecost, followed by a meet and greet sandwich dinner.

On Tuesday, June 10, the perpetual pilgrims will be at historic St. Joseph Church in Fort Stockton for a Votive Mass for the Most Holy Eucharist at 11:a.m., followed by a Holy Hour. Registration is available at https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/. All events are free, but registration for each event is required to help with planning. For more information, contact Father Ryan Rojo at 325-651-7500