

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026

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“I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.”
— *John 14:16–17*

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Do you recognize the sacrament that is celebrated in today’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles? When Peter and John imposed hands on those who had been baptized, they received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation. The reading from the First Letter of Peter and the passage from John’s Gospel both consider the results of our baptism and confirmation. Peter reminds us it is likely that we will have to suffer for what we believe.

In today’s Gospel Jesus speaks clearly about the Holy Spirit, referring to a “Paraclete,” one who will stand with us to defend us. Poignantly, Jesus promises his disciples, and all of us, “I will not leave you orphans.” He has never left his followers orphaned. We have always had the Holy Spirit to guide us.

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REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

The head nurse had called Mary Beth in desperation. “The patient in 207 can’t talk because of her throat cancer surgery. She is so agitated by her daughters that I’m concerned about her recovery. They fight over everything from what treatment she should receive to where she should go when we release her from the hospital. Help!” Mary Beth had done pastoral care in the hospital long enough to have gotten a reputation with the nursing staff for her healing presence. She was only in the room ten minutes before the patient was calm and smiling, and the sisters had agreed to sit down with a social worker to discuss their options.

In today’s first reading we see the Holy Spirit at work in Philip, Peter, and John. They are living proof that Jesus’ healing presence lives in them. With words, prayer, and touch they communicate the Spirit that unites the crowds, heals the sick, and brings the

Samaritans to life in the Spirit. Looking back at previous Easter readings from the Acts of the Apostles, we can see that now all the believers in the ancient world are united in the Spirit—Jews in Jerusalem, Hellenist Greek-speaking Jews, Gentiles, and now Samaritans. They are cured of their divisions and united in harmony through the healing presence of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

—*Virginia Stillwell*

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the tradition of the Church, not necessarily in your own life’s timeline, confirmation is the midpoint of Christian initiation, standing between font and table. Full initiation is completed when a confirmed person shares in the Eucharist. Centuries ago, this first sharing in the eucharistic assembly was marked by a first sharing in the Prayer of the Faithful. This prayer raises up the needs of the church and human community, the concerns of the faithful assembled, as they prepare to lift up the world to the Father’s love. So a person could not participate in the prayer until they were anointed with the “Oil of Thanksgiving.” Next, the newly baptized presented their gifts at the altar, a sure sign of their investment a new way of life. Until the sixth century, these people normally drank a mixture of milk and honey as a kind of pre-Communion. They were hungry, of course, since they were baptized hungry after long fasting, but this beautiful symbol of the promised land revealed them as God’s chosen, heirs to the promise. Although the “milk shake” disappeared centuries ago, we still see the vigor of this new life whenever adults are initiated at Easter, and increasingly in confirmation ceremonies that are attentive to this meaning.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:8;
Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10;
Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20



“HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!” May God Bless you on your special day and always.

¡FELIZ DIA de LAS MADRES!; Que Dios te bendiga en tu día especial y siempre.

OCIA –Thursdays, 6:00pm at HF Hall, 507 Crane St.

WEDNESDAY – Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:00pm @IHM. Fr. Josh will be in the church after the Mass. If you need to go to confession, please ask him. He will hear confessions until 8:00pm.

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER – Mass will be celebrated Friday, May 15th, at 6:00pm at Immaculate Heart. *PLEASE NOTE the back page of this bulletin for the Novena prayer.

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, May 10th - 6:00pm (*English*)
 Monday, May 11th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)
 Both at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit <http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

EVENING MASS - May 22nd -- Honoring St. Rita

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 16 – Youth Group May 23 – Parish Council

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!*

Saturday, May 9th -

5:00-IHM – For the People of Nolan County

Sunday, May 10th – “Mother’s Day”

8:00AM – IHM – Por nuestras Madres vivas y difuntas

11:00AM – IHM – For our Mothers living and deceased

Tuesday, May 12th st 9:00AM-HF

In thanksgiving for Jason Amador’s birthday

Wednesday, May 13th 6:00PM - IHM

+Ray T. Reyes

Thursday, May 14th 9:00AM-HF

For our seminarians Cameron Moore and Martin Luna

Friday, May 15th

9:00AM – HF – For the well-being of Tanis Moreno’s family

6:00PM – IHM – “*St. Isidore the Farmer*”

Saturday, May 16th -

5:00-IHM – +Belinda Gomez, Tomas & Guadalupe Morales; +Daniel Grimaldo; +Alma & Frances Solano

Sunday, May 17th –

8:00AM – IHM – Por Grupo Misionero; +Celia Castillo; +Christopher Cardoza

9:30AM – HF – For the People of Nolan County

11:00AM – IHM – +Leticia Acopa, Adan y Nellys Montejo; +Miguel Ramirez

May 2/3, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$5,430.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1,594.00
CCD.....	971.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$7,995.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MOTHER

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

“2026 GRADUATES’ MASS”

High School and College Graduates’ Mass is *next* Sunday, May 17th, 11 o’clock Mass, followed by a reception. **“WEAR YOUR CAP & GOWN!”**



Calling all Farmers, Ranchers, and those who Work in Agriculture

Next Friday, May 15th there will be a special Mass in the evening celebrating St. Isidore the Farmer and which will be offered up for all farmers, ranchers, agricultural workers and their crops and livestock.

Please join us in the novena starting that same day and pray the following prayer for nine days in a row.

St. Isidore, you lived a humble life working the land. You attended Holy Mass each morning, which jeopardized the employment that allowed your family to eat. The Lord repaid your love by sending his angels to plow the fields while you were at Church. Dear Isidore, ask Our Lord Jesus to place deep faith in our hearts and water it each day with your prayers that we may progress in holiness as you did. Pray that as our hearts grows in love and humility we may be a living sign of Jesus to those around us. As a farmer who used his hands to bring forth nourishing food, please ask Jesus to bless us with a bountiful harvest and healthy livestock. Pray that our hands and bodies will remain strong that we may farm the land God has given us. Ask Jesus to care for our gardens as he tends our hearts. Pray that weeds will be kept far from our fields and likewise give us an aversion to sin. (mention request here...)

Humbly we ask that you carry the petitions we hold in our heart to our most loving and generous Lord. Amen.

Un llamado a todos los Agricultores, Ganaderos y a quienes Trabajan en la Agricultura.

El proximo viernes 15 de mayo, por la tarde, se celebrará una Misa especial en honor a San Isidro Labrador, la cual será ofrecida por todos los agricultores, ganaderos, trabajadores del campo, así como por sus cultivos y su ganado.

Por favor, acompáñenos en la novena que comenzará ese mismo día y rece la siguiente oración durante nueve días consecutivos.

San Isidro, viviste una vida humilde trabajando la tierra. Asistías a la Santa Misa cada mañana, lo cual ponía en riesgo el empleo que permitía a tu familia alimentarse. El Señor recompensó tu amor enviando a sus ángeles a arar los campos mientras tú estabas en la iglesia. Querido Isidro, pide a Nuestro Señor Jesús que siembre una fe profunda en nuestros corazones y la riegue cada día con tus oraciones, para que podamos progresar en santidad tal como tú lo hiciste. Ruega para que, a medida que nuestros corazones crezcan en amor y humildad, seamos un signo vivo de Jesús para quienes nos rodean. Como labrador que usó sus manos para producir alimentos nutritivos, pide por favor a Jesús que nos bendiga con una cosecha abundante y un ganado sano. Ruega para que nuestras manos y cuerpos se mantengan fuertes, a fin de que podamos cultivar la tierra que Dios nos ha dado. Pide a Jesús que cuide de nuestros huertos tal como cuida de nuestros corazones. Ruega para que las malas hierbas se mantengan lejos de nuestros campos y, del mismo modo, concédenos una aversión al pecado. (mencione aquí su petición...)

Humildemente te pedimos que lleves las peticiones que guardamos en nuestro corazón ante nuestro Señor tan amoroso y generoso. Amén.