

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026



BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. (Acts 8:7-8)

Psalm:

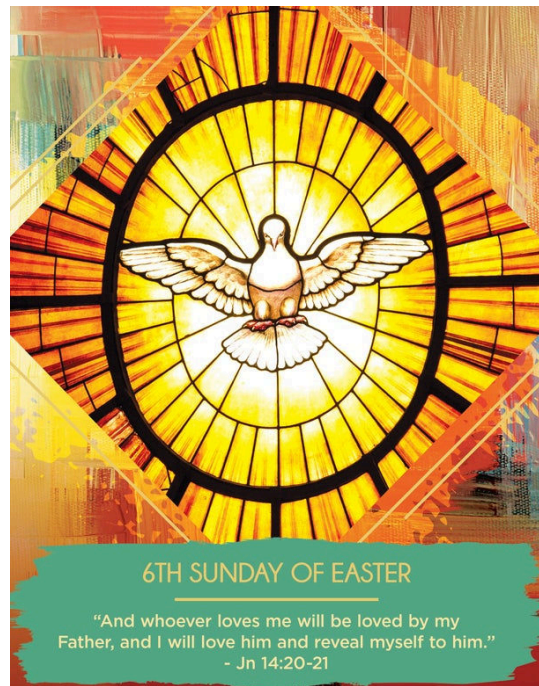
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (Jn 14:21)



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- Jn 14:20-21

My Dear Parishioners:

As we continue through the Season of Easter, we have been blessed to see God's work among us. Over and over again, the Church has shown us the way to love. That love is best expressed and experienced through Jesus himself. Every one of us has a desire and need for love. To be loved and to express love, to receive love and to offer it. The world, however, has warped our minds and understandings of what TRUE love really is. So we so often seek to fill this desire in ways that do not really satisfy or last.

It is interesting that so many young people think of love as something inexpressible and unknowable in itself, as if it is the unutterable mystery that a person can only experience, but never define. There is certainly mystery in human existence, mystery that will always evade the grasp of human reason and thus resist our attempts to contain it in a simple definition. I think I'd have to argue, though, that love is not this mystery.

God, rather, is the unutterable mystery. And it is true that "God is love" (1 Jn 4, 8). But our love is not God. God's love is God. But human love, married love, erotic love, friendship, self-love and affection are all open to being clearly and distinctly understood. This does not mean that our relationships will lack that superabundance or that inexhaustible quality that characterizes mystery. Rather, being clear about the difference between genuine love and those other loves that are less stable can go a long way in maximizing a person's chances of having a successful marriage.

The very word 'confusion' means 'fused with', or indistinct. If we misunderstand the nature of love and fail to understand how a genuinely human love differs from other kinds of relationships that we in the English world designate by that same word 'love', then we remain confused about love. Mystery is overwhelming, not confusing. And there is no doubt that the Western World is confused about love. We have been singing about it and celebrating it for decades now, yet consider the ever increasing divorce rate.

To understand love, let us begin with what the West typically regards as love. I am referring to the experience of 'falling in love'. I think one of the best things we can do for people is to remind them that it is only when a couple fall out of love that the real work of love can be initiated. This is from Psychiatrist Scott Peck's best selling book, *The Road Less Traveled* (p. 88). He writes:

Of all the misconceptions about love the most powerful and pervasive is the belief that "falling in love" is love or at least one of the manifestations of love...the experience of falling in love is specifically a sex-linked erotic experience. We do not fall in love with our children even though we may love them very deeply... We fall in love only when we are consciously or unconsciously sexually motivated...the experience of falling in love is invariably temporary.

No matter whom we fall in love with, we sooner or later fall out of love if the relationship continues long enough. This is not to say that we invariably cease loving the person with whom we fell in love. But it is to say that the feeling of ecstatic lovingness that characterizes the experience of falling in love always passes. The honeymoon always ends. The bloom of romance always fades (p. 84-85).



May Birthdays

8—Mary Ann Terry
12—Cindy Clark
 Brent Hatchett
14—Steve Coble
16—Brennah Brashear
22—Charles Brown, Sr.
26—Diane Hatchett
30—Karen Leachman,
31—Barbara Hammond,
 Layson Brooks

Mass Intentions

May 10 - Larry Allen

May 17 - Jean Murphy

May 24 - April Brown

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Barb Bisel, Mike Dunn, Phaedra Fuchs, Renee Perkins, Rita Moorman, Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebbert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died.

Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

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GOD WANTS ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE TO COME TO CHURCH — EVEN THOSE WHO AREN'T LIKE US!



YES, BUT DO THEY HAVE TO COME TO OUR CHURCH?



Coming Events



May 10-Mother's Day

May 10- No Religious Ed →
Summer Break



May 17-Graduate Blessing
at Mass



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*May each give according to
what the Lord has blessed
us with.*

*Thanks to everyone who practices
stewardship on a regular basis. An
active parishioner attends Mass
regularly and practices stewardship
(time, talent, treasure).*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28



Observances for the Week

Tuesday: Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Friday: St. Isidore

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Ending at Saint Stephen Cathedral

SUNDAY | JUNE 7 | 3:00 PM

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DOUBT, DO NOT
HESITATE, NEVER
DESPAIR OF THE
MERCY OF GOD.

”

- ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

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THE CHURCH



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Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way.

- For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.
- For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow.
- For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.
- For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.
- For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.

Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.

Amen.

Ministry Schedule

| | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Collection & Gifts |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| May 10 | Misty Sanford Katie Goins | Holly Hollis Cindy Clark Janet Clark | Dee & Brennah Brashear |
| May 17 | Greg Gough Sister Monica Seaton | Greg & Denise Richardson Misty Sanford | Barbara Hammond Wonet Taylor |

Pastor's Corner Continued...

People are generally shocked to hear this for the first time, especially young people, and it is inevitably received as bad news. But bad news it is not. In fact, it is very good news. For the end of this kind of love that is 'falling in love' can mark the beginning of greater things. When a couple find themselves at this point, that is, at the point of falling out of love, the relationship is at a crossroads. They can go one way, towards something richer, towards a discovery of what married love is really meant to be, or they can allow their relationship to disintegrate.

Often we hear others speak of how much they love this or that, for example pizza or Krispy Kreme donuts. What do people really mean by this? They mean that they love what these things do for them. It does not mean that one actually loves the donut. In our culture, we speak so freely and casually of love, yet really have so little true understanding of its truest expression.

Jesus, as always gives us the example.

Easter Blessings! Fr. John



Thank You!



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