

May 9th, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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PICK OF THE WEEK



WATCH

FATIMA GEMS

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 8th

4:00 p.m. (Live Stream) Our lady of the Assumption req. Mr & Mrs Rona

Sunday, May 9th

9:00 a.m. **(Live Stream)** † Veronika Hamin req. Antonio & Jasna Tralic

Readings: Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 Jn 4.7-10 / Jn 15.9-17

Tuesday, May 11th

11:30 a.m. (Live Stream) † Veronika Tralic req. Antonio & Jasna Tralic

Readings: Acts 16.22-34 / Jn 16.5-11

Wednesday, May 12th

11:30 a.m. (Live Stream) † Rev. Maurice Marion req. SMS School Staff

Readings: Acts 17.15,22 - 18.1 / Jn 16.12-15

Thursday, May 13th

11:30 a.m. (Live Stream) Int of Anthony req. Mom, Dad, & Alyssa

Readings: Acts 18.1-8 / Jn 16.16-20

Friday, May 14th

11:30 a.m. (**Live Stream**) Int of Violette da Costa req. Dias family

Readings: Acts 1.15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15-9-17

Saturday & Sunday

Adoration after Mass during live stream

Confessions

by appointment only, please call the parish office

Parish News

Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God

(Includes Visitor envelopes and pre-authorized contributions)

Thank you for your stewardship!

May 2nd, 2021

Regular Offertory \$ 5,830.60 Sharing God's Gifts \$ 131.00 Parish Debt \$ 116.20 Social Justice \$ 105.00

Reflecting on the Readings and Gospel

GOOD NEWS

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Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

God's ways are mysterious. Each of us, at one time or another, has wished for an opportunity to address a question to the Lord -- face to face. We would prefer to go right to the top and eliminate all those in the middle. Today's readings tell us that God's mind and attitude are reflected in believers. Believers are God's spokespersons.

In the Cornelius episode, Luke declares that the Christian community is for everyone and that the Gentiles need not first become Jews to enter this community. Cornelius is the first Gentile convert to the faith. Luke has Peter show that God is impartial: "but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:35).

The author of First John is concerned with the bond that unites God with the believer. This bond is love. God is love, hence love must characterize God's family. "Everyone who loves...knows God" (1 John 4:7). The sending of the Son is the ultimate manifestation of God's love. The fact that our sins are redeemed in Jesus means that our lifestyle is part of God's plan for salvation.

The gospel passage develops the imagery of the vine and the branches. Like the second reading, the gospel speaks of the love that unites God and the believer. Jesus' fundamental command is mutual love. Jesus' love of the disciples flows from God's love of Jesus. Far from being a personal acquisition, the love of God looks to others. "I appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

Christianity demands that the believer not only grasp intellectually the main tenets of the faith but also act on them in daily life. Within the context of community the believer is linked to Jesus who is linked to the Father. If God is love and Jesus' self-giving is the supreme expression of that love, then we must communicate the depth of that love by the way we live in the world. We are spokespersons for God.

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