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7TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday , Thursday, Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / Mass :

Tuesday- Friday

9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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The Love Commandment

The new commandment in this text — to love one another — is arguably one of the more famous statements in the biblical text (verses 34-35). Even folks who are not active participants in the institutional church know this commandment or ones similar to it. But is it new? Hardly. Loving one another is part of Jewish tradition, is present in the Greco-Roman world around them, and is seen in other religious traditions as well.

Loving those with whom we agree or are partial to is the easy part. Loving the rest of those we come in contact with is much harder. But this is not news. It is a part of the human condition to love and to want to be loved. Reality is … it's easier to love those who are more loving and lovable. It is said that John, in his old age, would remind those around him to love one another. When questioned why he told them this so very often, his reply would be, "Because it is what our Lord commanded. If it is all you do, then it is enough."[1]

Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said that "Peace is not the absence of war but the presence of justice." Our world changes when justice prevails. When we love one another — no matter who they are — justice and peace become part of our reality.

The address to "children" is only used here (verse 33). It is a touching reminder that the end of Jesus' time on earth will soon come, but he does this fully aware of the dismay it will cause. He even acknowledges that the immediate impact of his glorification through death and resurrection will mean his absence from them. And into this reality he leaves them this command and tells them they will only have him for a little while longer (verse 33).He commands the disciples to love one another, but he also reminds them that they will continue to feel his presence despite the fact that he will not be with them. They will exhibit their discipleship by doing what he commands: by loving one another as he loved them. John continues this discourse on love in John 15:1-16:4.

(verse 35). We would do well to listen to this commandment. We also are called to love others as a mark of our own discipleship.

The way Jesus talks about loving each other is a precursor of the spread of Christianity. As he loved and that love spread within his inner circle, so too will love spread after he is gone when love is done in his name.

This act, to love others, is a distinguishing mark of the followers of Christ then and will continue to be (verses 34-35). Some would say that one of the weaknesses of the church today is the way many Christians do not embody this commandment — or the others — commanding his followers to love their neighbor.

Jesus makes plain his call to the disciples. "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples.

"7TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION"

Saturday, **May 20- 5:00 PM: — In loving memory of Mary Jabbour** by Dee & Bob Ellwood

Sunday, **May 21- 10:30 AM: — for the Vo Nguyen family** by Thanh & Han Vo

2nd Collection - REMINDER: for Catholic Communications Campaign

Tuesday	**May 23**	**9:00 am**	**St. Tobit the Righteous, C**	**For the parish needs and intentions** by Fr. Paul Damien
Wednesday	**May 24**	**9:00 am**	**St. Simeon the Stylitek, Disciple of St Maron, C**	**For the intentions of Kim Ngan Nguyen** by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	**May 25**	**9:00 am**	**St. Elutherius and His Mother, M St. Basilla, M**	
Friday	**May 26**	**9:00 am**	**St. Carpus, Disciple of St. Paul, M**	**For the intentions of Thanh & Han Vo** by Thanh & Han Vo

"PENTECOST SUNDAY"

Saturday, **May 27- 5:00 PM: — All souls in Purgatory** by Thanh & Han Vo

Sunday, **May 28- 10:30 AM: — …….AVAILABLE……..**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up today, at the church entrance for a holy hour!

Every Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00pm
Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Kindly Place your donation of (jelly - Peanut butter) donations in the basket next to the Confessional.

Apr: Donations 170 lbs. plus toiletries

READERS

5/20	**MJ Hahn**	**5/21**	**Ace Acevedi**
5/27	**Bert Andres**	**5/28**	**Ed Baez**
6/3	**Volunteer**	**6/4**	**Marie Catalana**
6/10	**Rick Christe**	**6/11**	**Lynn Vaughan**

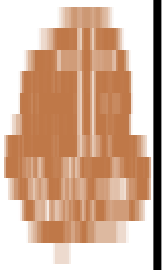
We encourage those who wish to participate in The Divine Liturgy by Reading please contact Kim Phelan

SCRIPTURE

7th Sunday of the resurrection
Eph 1: 15-23/ Jn 13: 31-35

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2: 1-21/ Jn 14: 15-20

Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity
Rom 11: 25-36/ Mt 28: 16-20



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Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a $25 donation.

May GIFT OF THANKSGIVING
In Thanksgiving
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Collections	**$ 1740.00**
Candles	**$ 74 .00**
2nd Collection	**$ 000.00**
THANK YOU	

Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild, established in 2013, celebrating 10 years of service. Committed to "promoting the work of the Church & building a spiritual community of faith within the Parish." add by: MJ

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:

Please make sure to visit the Gift Shop in the church hall. We have new items available for you to enjoy.

VOCATION CHALICE

5/20: Volunteer
5/21: Nicole Andres
5/27: Volunteer
5/28: Connie Reidlinger

If your family would like to volunteer to Pray for Vocations to Religious Life , Please see Kimberly P.

"Hand Made Rosaries"

Handcrafted to order by **Ace Acevedo**

Premade Rosaries, as well as a complete list of all available styles, are in the social hall by the Ladies Guild gift counter!

All proceeds go to the Parish!

(sponsored Add by Ace)

We are asking for your help and support by volunteering and joining the 50th anniversary committee.

1- We finished collecting the family pictures. In case you did not have yours taken please email one to the church to add it to the anniversary book.

2– we need your help with looking for adds for the book. (can be memorials of loved ones—business advertisement and other)

3- we are in the process of ordering special mugs , keychains, gold coins and magnet to commemorate the occasion

4– for the 50th anniversary mass we are welcoming all married couples : 5-10-15-20-25...years to renew their vows in the presence of the Bishop. Also all RCIA candidates will declare their catholic faith during the ceremony.

5– we are looking forward for new ideas to make this event a memorable one. God bless you all

KNIGHTS CORNER

1. **Thank you to those who helped with yard work at the rectory**
2. **Thank you to all parishioners in attendance at the Woodpeckers baseball game on Saturday night. It was a great game, great weather and great company.**

FROM THE LADIES GUILD

What is the Ladies Guild up to now?!

1. **We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Father Jack!!**
2. **"Traveling Mary" rosary prayer time! All women of the parish are invited for prayer and camaraderie! (please see Nicole or MJ for information. We hope to see you next time)**
3. **Ladies Guild meeting Sunday, May 21**

CCD - Religious Education updates

1) CCD has a new email

StMikeCCD@gmail.com

2) Anyone interested in teaching, assisting with VBS, or substitute teaching, please reach out via email at StMikeCCD@gmail.com. We are happy to have the help, and can answer any questions you may have."

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