

St Cecilia's Parish Ministries

- CCD Classes -----Sunday 11:00 a.m.
- Ladies Auxiliary -----3rd Sunday 3:00 p.m.
- Home Sick Committee (Legion of Mary)---Thursday 6:00 p.m.
- RCIA -----Monday 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Group -----2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.
- Parish Council -----3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
- Senior Choir -----Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society-----4th Sunday 4:00 p.m.
- Hospitality Ministry (Ushers)-----4th Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
- Youth Groups -----Friday 7:30 p.m.
- Scouts -----Saturday 2:00 p.m.
- Junior Choir----- Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers
Finance Committee
Liturgical Committee

St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church

Sunday May 29th, 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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- **Confession:** Before or after Mass or by Appointment.
- **Weddings:** Persons planning to get married must inform the Parish Office Six (6) months prior to the Wedding.
- **Baptism:** On the Last Sunday in the month- Baptism immediately after Mass
Parents & Godparents must attend Baptism Instructions, which will be announced.

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Principal: Ms. Tiffany Glass

**FR. SIMEON ROBERTS
PASTOR**

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning.....9:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Prayer & Mass ----- Daily at 6:45 a.m..
Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 7:30 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m.

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9:00 a.m. Mass Plate offering: \$ 3,522.00

Second Collection: \$ 181.97

Total: \$3,703.97

REFLECTION

In the gospel, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to those who love him. Jesus tells his followers that those who love him will keep his commandments. Jesus loves his disciples and he promises never to leave them alone. Another advocate will be sent as a helper. This gospel assures us that God's Spirit will dwell within the minds and hearts of believers, providing inner strength and guidance.

ASCENSION

The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated in the Universal Church on the 2nd June, 2011. In our diocese, this feast is moved to the Sunday after The Ascension which is the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Lectors and Choir please are asked to take note that the readings and prayers are found on pages 86 to 89 in the Missalette.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Neophyte Mass – Thursday June 9th, 2011 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on the Feast of Pentecost, June 12th, 2011 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at 5:00 p.m.

First Communion – June 26, 2011 The Feast of the most Holy Body & Blood of Christ at the 9:00 a.m. Mass here at St. Cecilia's.

STEAK OUT

Men's Group Steak Out – Saturday June 25th, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available after Mass.

SUMMER CAMP – There will be no Summer Camp this year. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Number of persons in attendance at Mass last Sunday; **250**

Hurricane Season - Wednesday 1st June, is the beginning of the Hurricane Season. As a basic minimum, we should maintain in our homes enough **non-perishable foodstuffs** to supply our household for at least a week. Starting now, we should have on hand enough **drinking water** to last a week. Those who need **prescription medicine** should ensure that they keep at least one week's supply on hand. We should have **flashlights** and a **transistor radio** and a supply of fresh batteries ready. We should also keep a **manual can opener** ready, as well. Now is the time to begin to ensure that all of our **hurricane shutters** and the **tools** necessary for putting them in place are ready and available.

2011 Catholic Archdiocesan Annual Appeal – THREE MORE MONTHS for the 2011 Catholic Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We are once again asking all members of the parish to make a pledge and to give as generous as your means allow.

St. Anselm's Church – A Choir and Mini Organ Concert – Sunday June 5th, at 6:30 p.m. A collection will be taken up for the Parish's Music Ministry. All are invited to attend.

Annual Men's Mass – Tuesday June 14th, 2011 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady's Church. All Men of the Archdiocese are asked to make a special effort to attend. A special invitation is extended to our Men's Group, Altar Servers, Youth Groups and others interested in attending this service.

St. Joseph's Adult Day Care Centre Family Fun Night and Bingo - Friday June 20th, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Pray this week for our Sick & Shut-Ins

Omenia Adderley, Grace Jenoure, Suzette Knowles, Maria Richardson, Charles Sweeting, Inez Miller, Paulette Green, Renee' Carroll, Archiles King, Wenzel Lightbourne, George Capron, Roselda Sawyer, Keishler Johnson, Barbara Rolle, Eugie Raymond, Philip Sturup, Inez Dorestant, Stephen Burrows and Eddie Burrows.

Sunday Chuckle - An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "**Stop! Acts 2:38!**" (.turn from your sin...) The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. Then the woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "**Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture at you.**" "**Scripture?**" replied the burglar, "**She said she had an AX and two 38s!**"

Dear Padre

Is there a special archdiocese for the military?

Q A friend whose daughter is in the army said that there is a special diocese for Catholics in the military. Does that mean her daughter is no longer in the diocese she lives in when she's back in the U.S.?

Janis

Dear Janis,

In 1985, Pope John Paul II created the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). It is unlike any other diocese in the United States in that it has no geographic territory, no cathedral, and no assigned priests. The priests who serve the military archdiocese continue to be members of their home dioceses or religious orders.

Run by Archbishop Timothy Broglio and several auxiliary bishops, the AMS's jurisdiction is all United States military installations in the world as well as embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic missions of the U.S. The AMS certifies all Roman Catholic chaplains to the United States government and Veterans Administration hospitals.

Your friend's daughter is a part of the AMS when she is on base, but when she is off the base she is part of whichever diocese she is in. For example, she could receive marriage preparation from a chaplain and be married on base, or she could go home and be married at her parent's parish.

The AMS receives no government funding. For more information on the AMS, visit milarch.org.

Patrick Keyes, CSSr



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Monday	Thursday	Saturday
☐ May 30 Easter Weekday Acts 16:11–15 Jn 15:26–16:4a	☐ June 2 Easter Weekday Acts 18:1–8 Jn 15:16–20 or Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23 Mt 28:16–20	☐ June 4 Easter Weekday Acts 18:23–28 Jn 16:23b–28
☐ Tuesday May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 Lk 1:39–56	☐ Friday June 3 Saint Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23	☐ Sunday June 5 Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23 Mt 28:16–20 or Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12–14 1 Pt 4:13–16 Jn 17:1–11a
☐ Wednesday June 1 Saint Justin, martyr Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Jn 16:12–15		

Easter

The saying “You’re your own worst enemy” rings true regularly for me. As a perfectionist, I wrangle with details on a project until it’s “absolutely right,” search endlessly for the “perfect” gift for a friend’s birthday, or dust remote shelves no one else would notice. Later, I can see that no one expected the perfect project or gift—it was my own doing. I *am* my own worst enemy.

Today in 1 Peter we hear an admonition to early Christians persecuted for their faith—“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.” I wonder, in our challenging world, if we need to remind ourselves, more than anyone else, of the reason we hope in Christ.

Are we our own worst enemy when it comes to maintaining our faith? As we face struggles like unemployment, prolonged sickness, financial troubles, or strained relationships, perhaps we need a clear reminder of the reason for our faith and the source of our hope.

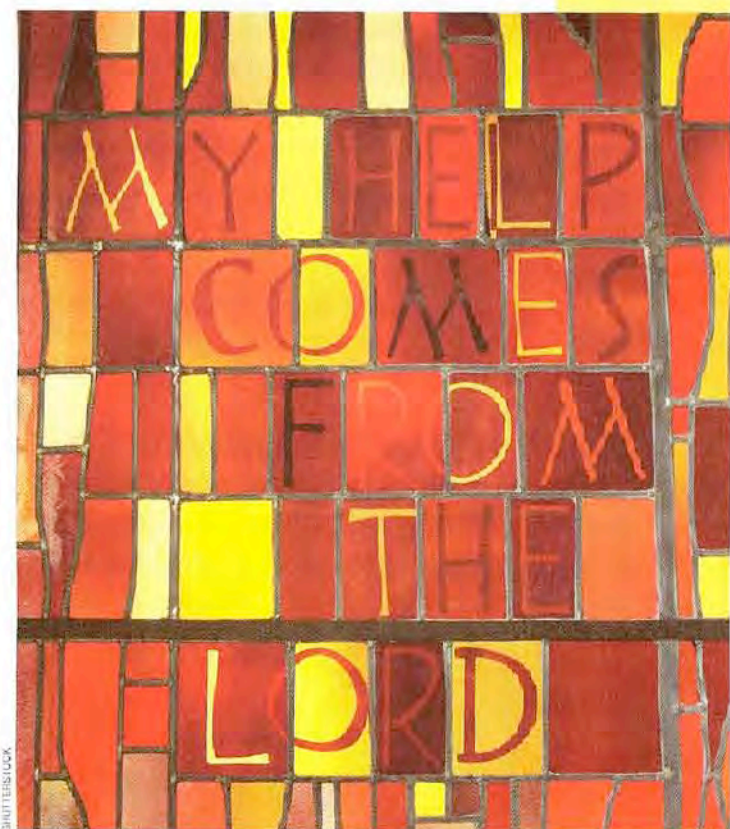
I believe we hear that reason in John’s Gospel. Jesus tells his disciples he will soon leave the physical world but, he claims, “I live and you will live.” We persist in hope because Jesus lives. Jesus is not distant—he lives among and within us. And he promises that we will live—not just that we’ll survive or barely make it. We will live, in fullness and abundance, through his love for us.

We will live here on Earth, but also we will live with God for eternity. This especially offers us hope on Memorial Day weekend as we remember those who have gone home to God.

Fullness of life now and for eternity—this truly is our hope.

Today's Readings

Acts 8:5–8,
14–17
1 Pt 3:15–18
Jn 14:15–21



DAVID HESTER/ISTOCK

Sunday Gospel Reflections

Sixth Sunday of Easter–Year A

May 29, 2011

Read Sunday's gospel, John 14:15-21

Gospel Summary

At the Last Supper Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In today's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be alone. The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us. In the meantime, we continue to show our love for Jesus by following his commandments.

Reflection For Families

When children are orphaned, they often hold on to something to remind them of whose they are. Orphan Annie had a half of a locket, Oliver Twist had a letter, and some victims of the holocaust had smuggled photographs. Even without the physical presence of their parents, orphaned children very much felt connected to their parents. This is the image Jesus gives us in the Gospel as well. He explains that it is the Holy Spirit that is with us and helps us know we are God's. It is this Spirit that guides us to live the way God wants us to. The Spirit comes to us in a special way at our baptism and guides us, even to our surprise sometimes, and helps us follow the commandments of God.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Recall that wind is a symbol of the Spirit. Walk outside and feel the wind. Is it a gentle breeze today or is it gusting? Think about why the wind is considered a symbol of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit leads us and guides us like the wind, are we gently moved or sometimes does it take a hurricane wind to get us moving? Think of some things your family has been guided to do by the Holy Spirit. Also consider some things the Spirit might be calling you to presently.

Discussion Starters

1. I know the Holy Spirit was guiding me directly once when . . .
2. I have felt orphaned before, but I know the Spirit was with me because . . .
3. I have seen the Spirit at work in our parish when . . .