



Interpreting Christ's Teachings Today

This passage of Acts shows us something about the early Church that we often overlook. Paul, Silas, and the other apostles felt a responsibility to preserve the true doctrine passed on to them. When they understood that certain Christians were teaching demands that didn't come from the Holy Spirit, they corrected that doctrine by sending a letter and endorsing the true interpretation.

Even in the earliest Church, there was an evolving hierarchy that interpreted what was God's will for the Christian community. This charism of the proper interpretation of Christ's teaching continues in today's Catholic Church through the pope and the bishops.

Jesus declared to the apostles at the Last Supper that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all he told them. Jesus gave this gift to the Church, and it's something we should value. How often do we do an internet search about a subject and then trust what a few articles say? Yet, are we as quick to look up what the Holy Father and the bishops say on different subjects in order to be guided by that light?



Piece: *The Pentecost*, 1576-1578
Artist: Girolamo Muziano
Location: Vatican Museums

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For Reflection

Do I make an effort to know what the pope or my bishop is teaching?

When faced with moral decisions, do I research what the Church has to say?

We are not sheep without a shepherd. We have bishops and priests who preach the word of God and lead us toward the truth. When the bishops, in communion with the Holy Father, exercise their ordinary teaching office (magisterium), they help us to better understand God's revelation in faith and morals. This is the way the early Church developed and the way the Church still lives today.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

[Jesus said,] "The holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you."

John 14:26

Memorial Day—Remembering those who died for our Country!

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

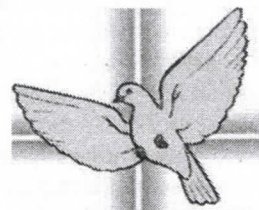
Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

MAY 26, 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord." John 14:23

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it. Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews. The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation. Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church. The Church is one, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]." The Church is holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel. The Church is catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm. And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is apostolic—founded on the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb. All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council. Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us." And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son. This should fill us with confidence, free us to worship with exultation, inspire us to rededicate our lives to His Name—to love Jesus in our keeping of His Word, to rejoice that He and the Father in the Spirit have made their dwelling with us.



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John 14:26

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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for June 2

Rosary: Lynne Hornung

Offertory: Robert & Vickie Plachy

Ushers: Tommy Vaculin & Brad Vaculin

Altar Servers: Sam Richter, Will Richter, Brady Barton

Sanctuary Light: May 27th—June 2—Vigil Green by Dennis & Misty Green & Family

Eucharistic Minister: Bernice Vrazel

Lector: Greg Hoelscher



Prayer Chain... Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and the following: Steve Simecek, Gerald Beach, Andrea Enga(Cousin of Ethel Marak), Seth Litzman (nephew of Lynne Hornung), Albina Vrazel, JoLeen Cayhill, and Ethel Marak. Prayers are powerful!

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—May 26– June 2, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 5/26	10:15am	+ John David Thompson by Robert & Debbie Vansa
5/29- Wednesday	5:30pm	Communion Service
6/2—Sunday	10:15am	+ Daniel Hromcik by Anna & Kevin Givens + Dorothy Vaculin by Mary Stanislaw & Laddie & Edith Vaculin

CYCLONE MASSES— May 26– June 2, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 5/26	8:15am	+ Randolph Green by Family
5/28– Tuesday	7:00am	+ Clarence Bartek by Cheryl Arldt
5/30— Thursday	7:00am	Communion Service
5/31—Friday	7:00am	+ Dolores Motl by Skip & Ann Cockrell
6/1– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Royelia Roessler by Clyde & Judy Gottschalk
6/2— Sunday	8:15am	Green, Geistman, Kessler Families by Evelyn Green

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **CONGRATULATIONS:** Shawn & Stacie Higgins on their 20th Wedding Anniversary! May God bless you!
- **TODAY:** Special collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.
- **May 28-30:** The Priests of the Diocese of Austin will gather for their annual Priest Convocation. Please keep them in prayer as they gather for fraternity, rest and renewal.
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Please pick up a baby bottle from the church entry to help support our pregnancy center in Milam County. Every penny helps! Don't worry, there are more baby bottles if needed.
- **JUNE 1:** Community Wide Garage Sale—Westphalia Parish Hall—7am-Noon—see flyer on bulletin board.
- **JUNE 2:** Confirmation at St. Joseph's—Cyclone—5:00PM—Meal following—Knights of Columbus Presentation. There are 4 confirmation candidates from Cyclone and 5 from Marak. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the church entry.
- **JUNE 2:** Picnic meeting after Mass. Everyone please attend for ideas and input.
- **JUNE 2:** Holy Trinity Catholic Church—Corn Hill—Mass with traditional Czech hymns—10:30am—Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11am-1pm. Afternoon dance—1-5pm—Music by Jodie Mikula Orchestra.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Registration forms are at the entrance of the church for Bible School on Saturday, June 29th in Cyclone from 8am till 6:30pm. Return them to Patsy Gaines by June 9th.
- **IDEAS OR INPUT:** The cemetery board is in the planning phase of erecting a graveside directory at the cemetery. If anyone has any ideas or input on this project or would like to contribute in anyway, please let us know. Contact any board member or attend the June 9th meeting after mass.

Calendar

Monday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

MAY 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-8

Jn 16:16-20

Friday

MAY 31

Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or

Rom 12:9-16

Lk 1:39-56

Saturday

JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28

Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

JUNE 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter,
Ascension of the Lord

Seventh Sunday

Acts 7:55-60

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 17:20-26

Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23 or

Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Lk 24:46-53

Dear Padre,

Why is celibacy mandatory for Catholic priests?

Some propose making celibacy optional. For some priests it's too heavy a burden. They contend that, if made optional, it could attract more men to the priesthood, especially during a time of priest shortages. After all, celibacy isn't essential to the ordained ministry. During the first millennium, many priests, and even bishops, were married.

Jesus himself is the basis for priestly celibacy. His celibacy was a radical expression of his commitment to work for the kingdom. Instead of marrying and raising a family, he dedicated his life to raising up a community that would become God's family—interrelated not by blood, but by one faith, baptism, and Spirit.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN, blesses the largest ordination class for the diocese in forty-three years.

Celibacy isn't an end unto itself but a gift for attaining an end—service to God's kingdom. Instead of raising biological families, priests form a larger family—the spiritual family of the Church at the parish level.

Instead of fathering a few children, they become spiritual fathers to the flock that Christ entrusts to them. Hence, priests are addressed as "Father."

"Celibacy is a sign of this new life to the service of which the Church's minister is consecrated; accepted with a joyous heart celibacy proclaims the reign of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1579).

Priests must always remember their vows: to dedicate their whole lives to God and the kingdom, to forego marriage and family so they can build up the spiritual family of God that is the Church.

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A Word from Pope Francis

Our ideal is not to live without love! A good pastor renounces the love of a family precisely in order to focus all his energies, and the grace of his particular vocation, on the evangelical blessing of the love of men and women who carry forward

God's plan of creation.

—Meeting with bishops, September 27, 2015



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