



May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.
- * You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.



[Jesus said,]
"Love one another
as I love you.
No one has greater
love than this,
to lay down
one's life for
one's friends."

JOHN 15:12-13

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.

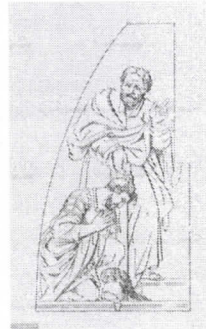
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

MAY 9, 2021— SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins. In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16–18). We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5–11).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7–9; Ephesians 2:12). This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel. As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.



5/2: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,267.00

5/2: Building Fund: \$388.00

Thank you for Your Generosity!

Bulletin Information: **MARAK:** Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - Email—pagaines2002@yahoo.com

CYCLONE: Nancy Posvar (254-913-2696)

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY !!!

Ministries for May 16, 2021

Rosary: Volunteers

Offertory: KJZT JRS.

Ushers: KJZT JRS.

Eucharistic Minister: Misty Green

Lector: Jet Vaculin, Lily Brunson, Bryce Givens

Altar Servers: Brady, Claire, Kate

Sanctuary Light: May 10th-16th: Marcella Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik

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 to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Colt Charanza, Baby Townes Bush, Paulette Hubnik Foster, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful!

To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES —May 9-16, 2021

| Date | Time | Mass Intentions |
|-------------|---------|---|
| Today – 5/9 | 10:15am | + Gene Vaculin by Dolly & Bernard Hyzak + Henry Hubnik Sr. by Family + Daniel Hromcik by Victor & Mary Jane Balcar |
| 5/16—Sunday | 10:15am | + Louis & Delia Vansa by Richard & Barbara Vansa Family + Frank & Helen Hubnik by Richard & Barbara Vansa Family + In Honor of Paul & Albina Krenek's 100th Anniversary |

CYCLONE MASSES —May 9-16, 2021

| Date | Time | Mass Intentions |
|---------------------|--------|---|
| Today – 5/9 | 8:15am | + Royella Roessler by Nelda & Larry Fritz & Louise Thompson |
| 5/11—Tuesday | 7:00am | Communion Service |
| 5/13—Thursday | 7:00am | Communion Service |
| 5/14—Friday | 7:00am | NO Communion Service |
| 5/15—Saturday Vigil | 5:30pm | + Albina Vrazel by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Trojacek |
| 5/16—Sunday | 8:15am | + Barbara Eixman by Joan Moeller |

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **MAY 17TH:** EIM Class will be held at the Parish Hall 6pm-8pm. All those who are out of compliance, please contact Patsy Gaines to get registered for the Class. Also, if you have any questions, contact Patsy Gaines.
- **MAY 18TH:** KC meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall—Cyclone—7:30pm
- **MAY 19th:** KJZT meeting at 6pm at Marak Church.
- **MAY 19th:** Killeen/Temple Diocesan Council of Catholic Women meeting at St. Joseph's Church—Cyclone at 10am.
- **MAY 23rd:** Graduates Mass— There is a sign in sheet for all 8th Grade Graduates, High School and College Graduates—please sign if you will be attending.
- **MAY 30th:** First Holy Communion will be performed for the following children: Hampton Barton, Stone Graham, Teslyn Hunt and Aspen Teague. May God place blessings on your special day and continue to bless you.
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Baby bottles are in the church entry. The Place of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Rockdale is holding its annual baby bottle campaign. Please take a bottle and return back to the church on Father's Day. If you have any questions, please contact Patsy Gaines—Treasurer and Board Member of Place of Hope. God Bless All!

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
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Calendar

Monday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Saturday

MAY 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 16

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

or Eph 4:1–13

or 4:1–7, 11–13

Mk 16:15–20



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019



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