

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection for Repairs and Maintenance

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Young Adult Meeting at 12:00pm

Monday, May 20

Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Tuesday, May 21

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 22

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, May 23

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Friday, May 24

Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Saturday, May 25

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 26

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,921.45
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,564.04
Coffers	\$ 507.22
Holy Day Collection	\$ 248.00
Total	\$ 11,240.71



Sharing Faith

- Why do you think Jesus washed his feet before speaking of this new commandment? How is it an ultimate sign of love?
- The reading from Revelation includes powerful images of comfort. What do the words mean to you?
- Where are you called to act in love so that others will know you are Christ's disciple?

Living the Liturgy

- Make a poster of people's feet either with shoes or barefoot, in mud or clean. When you finished, hang it on the wall and pray over it for a few days. Then, in a group, read the passage from the Gospel about washing feet as a sign of love and service. Talk about all the ways we are called to wash feet (not just literally).
- With a group, begin to make some cards for Pentecost. Use scripture quotes from readings of Easter Sunday. (Today's Revelation reading has some beautiful images.) Send cards to people in your neighborhood or parish, or to your friends who may be going through difficult times and need a message of hope. Be a sign of the presence of God's loving Spirit to them
- Paul and Barnabas encouraged many disciples along their journey. What words do you think they spoke to strengthen their spirits and persevere in spreading the Gospel?

Find out what the pope is thinking.

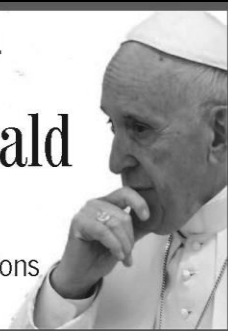
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Young Adult Meeting

Young adults meets today at noon in the Rectory for lunch, fellowship, Scripture, and prayer. Meet at the Cathedral Gallery. Young adults ages 18-39 are invited to sign up for text updates by texting the keyword CBYAM to 84576. Our meetings will now take place on the first AND third Sundays of the month, and will start earlier, 12 noon to 2pm

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Giving

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May 19, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 14:21-27 / Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 / Revelation 21:1-5a / John 13:31-33a, 34-35

In the Gospel, Jesus gives his new commandment to “love one another” (John 13:34). It couldn't be briefer. It couldn't be clearer. And, to the extent that it is taken seriously in daily life, it couldn't be more challenging!

The disciples know the challenge. Just before this, Jesus washed his disciples' feet in a powerful, symbolic action of service and love and told them to do the same. It's one thing to wash your friends' feet or even your beloved Lord's. But disciples must wash the feet of all to follow the command to love one another.

These are powerful and challenging words. Perhaps they make us nod our heads in agreement or shake our heads in disbelief. We want to follow, but we know how difficult it will be. We have seen where it led the Messiah. But if we do follow, if we love as Jesus asks, if we trust God will send the Spirit to guide us, we will see the new Jerusalem promised in the reading from Revelation.

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Sixth Sunday of Easter”

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 / Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 / John 14:23-29

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

As we continue to celebrate the resurrection, today's scriptures lead us to realize that the living and risen presence of Christ brings us to the heart of how we are to proclaim that he lives; with a heart full of his love.

A heart full of his love is willing to undergo many hardships. Superficial love is sometimes sentimental, self-serving, and merely pleasurable. The love that Christ calls us to is deeply felt, selfless, and hurts when it is given. Only this sort of love allows us to enter the kingdom of God since it is only when we love in this way that God's truly reigns in our hearts.

A heart full of his love makes all things new. Sometimes we can be stuck in old patterns of relating to God and others that are not really loving. Sadness can set in as we seem to be repeating the same mistakes which keep us living with past hurts. The love that Christ calls us to is creative and renews us. It challenges us to risk new ways of relating. Only this sort of love can renew our spirits.

A heart full of his love glorifies God. Often, we like to be in the spotlight and receive all the glory. We enjoy being noticed and paid attention to. The love that Christ calls us to glorifies God. It acknowledges that God is love and that we can only hope to love because we have first been loved by God. Only this sort of love gives God and others the credit for the love that we are blessed with and able to share.

May our lives and hearts full of love proclaim that we are his disciples and that he lives and dwells with us. May we be citizens of the new Jerusalem.

In Christ's love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector