



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

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“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection. Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth. Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. May 8	3:30pm	Intentions of Vulcan & Arwen (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	4:15-4:45pm	Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. May 9	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
	12:30pm	Reparations for the offences against Our Lady and St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Mon. May 10	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Tues. May 11	9:30am	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR
Wed. May 12	9:30am	Intentions of Bob House and for The souls of his deceased wives (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Thurs. May 13	9:30am	✠ Helen Lelievre & Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)
Fri. May 14	9:30am	Intentions of Vulcan & Arwen (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sat. May 15	3:30pm	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	4:15-4:45pm	Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Frank Grennan (St. Ann Parish)
Sun. May 16	9:30am	✠ Frank Grennan (Donna & Jean Larocque)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
	12:30pm	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory

Envelopes: \$2, 135.00
Maintenance: \$ 965.00

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Please note the Traditional Latin Mass is on hold for the moment. Please stay tuned for possible upcoming changes to this.

Province Wide Lockdown– Stay at Home Order Extended to May 20th, 2021

Churches are now limited to a maximum capacity of 10 people. This includes all Masses and liturgical celebrations, and weddings and funerals. We will be taking registration for ALL Masses—weekdays and Tuesday Holy Hour, so you are encouraged to phone or email the office of your intention to attend any of these celebrations. Once the 10 person limit capacity has been reached, the doors will be locked. **We are asking that you register (by phone or email) for the weekend and the following weekday Masses no later than the Friday morning before the weekend.** This will give us time to put the attendance sheets in place for the ushers and priest. **Face coverings are mandatory.**