

**MAY 17, 2015 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD/SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GOSPEL SUMMARY: JOHN 17:11b-19**



Have you ever been present when a grandparent or other relative knew that he or she was in the process of dying? At such times, people often pray for those they are leaving behind and express their love for them. That's what Jesus did at the Last Supper. He knew that his friends would be full of fear and grief at his death. He also knew that they would be threatened by many evil forces in the world. Jesus prayed to the Father to guard his friends and keep them in his name. He prayed that the Christian community would be one, just as he and the Father are one.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GOSPEL:** Jesus says that his friends "do not belong to the world." What do you think he means by that? What are some of the forms of evil in the world that threaten Jesus' followers today? How are we called to respond to evil? Jesus' prayer for the unity of all Christians has yet to be fully answered. In what ways does your family or your parish reach out to Christians of other churches? What ideas do you have about how your parish might form stronger bonds with other local churches?

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** How do you determine what is true?

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:** Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.

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Stewardship Of Treasure May 3, 2015	
Envelope Collection	\$2,158.00
Plate Collection	\$1,464.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,622.64</b>



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*~May our efforts be blessed and may we grow as a unified and vibrant community of faith. ~*



**THERE'S STILL TIME!!!!**

*Thank You*



Dear Parishioners,

*Thank You, for the super fiesta weekend we recently had. Thank you too, to the Committee, Sponsors and many Volunteers who put the needs of our parish before themselves. Working together, blessed with the fine weather that Our Lord provided us, and grateful for the leadership under the direction of the Cinco de Mayo Committee, we held a very successful event that will help us in the running of our parish. I wish I could individually thank all the workers who made this parish fiesta happen.*

*May God bless everyone who pitched in to set up, prepared the food, worked a booth, cleaned up and took down the equipment! What a blessing you are to St. Pius X Parish!*

In Christ

Father Higinio Garcia

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- (Articles should be submitted no later than 12:00PM Tuesday of the same week.)

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**READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sat May 9 Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sun May 10 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23
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- Mon May 11 Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tue May 12 Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wed May 13 Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thur May 14 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Fri May 15 Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

- 5:00PM (SI) Joseph Michael Stevens
- 8:30AM (SI) Laura Shiwanov
- 11:00AM In Honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague
- 12:30PM For the Parishioners/Mothers in the Spiritual Bouquet
- NO MASS
- 7:30AM (SI) De la Torre Family
- 7:30AM For the Parishioners
- 7:30AM +Heverto E Pizano
- 7:30AM For the Parishioners

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- BIBLE STUDIES:** Bible Studies with Dcn. John will not be meeting from **May 20 through July 22**. They will resume on **July 29**.
- HEALING MASS:** God wants to heal you through the powerful sacrament of the Eucharist. It is God's gift to the Church. Join us for our monthly Healing Mass **May 19**, at 7:00PM in English and **May 22** at 7:00PM in Spanish.
- G.O.L.F.:** Last GOLF meeting will be held Sun **May 24** at 9:30AM in Keenan Hall.
- SAVE THE DATE:** The Hispanic community will be hosting breakfast/lunch on **May 24** after all masses come and enjoy the delicious food.
- Installation Mass:** A Bilingual Mass to celebrate the Installation of our Pastor, Rev. Higinio Garcia will be presided by Bishop McElroy on **May 31**, at 11:00AM. The 12:30PM Mass will not be held that day.
- PARISH PICNIC:** Parishioners are invited to the Annual Parish Picnic immediately following the Installation Mass. The Mascarenas' have graciously offered their Seven Angels Ranch for the event. Info: [www.stpiusxjamul.com](http://www.stpiusxjamul.com)
- YOUTH GROUP:** The Youth Group would like to thank the parish for it's generous support for the Families in Nepal. With the support of the parish we have raised nearly \$700 and have given all the monies to Catholic Relief Charities to help the children in Nepal. God Bless you for all of your support.

*Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet!!*  
*We give thanks to the Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mother of the all-powerful to whom all mothers pray. May the mothers listed below and all mothers receive these abundant blessings always.*

- +Anne Kulezyx
- +Susan Navarrrski
- +Bernice Ziegler
- +Rebeca Murillo
- +Generosa Villegas
- +Irene Vido
- + Susan Mirkovich
- +Helen McKeenaman
- +Mary Fonseca
- +Rosa Chaco Suyao
- +Frances Tusch
- +Bernie Gabaldon
- +Maria Carreño
- + Nilia Martinez
- +Grace +Rosenda
- +Concepcion
- +Margie
- +Violette Norton
- + Polly
- (SI) Bette
- (SI) Sohiela Andro Bazzi
- (SI) Lee Davenport
- (SI) Cecile Sawyer
- (SI) Melissa González
- (SI) Lourdes Félix
- (SI) Marty
- (SI) Ana Knudsen
- (SI) Judy Norton

Congratulations to all Cinco de Mayo Raffle Winners  
 Marlene Thunberg, Grand Prize Winner!!  
 Linda Doan, Geraldine Lyons, Victor Trujillo, and Susan Corrao

**Christ Loves You!**  
*May His Sacred Body and Blood strengthen you on your journey through life. Blessings on this special day as you receive the Eucharist on your First Holy Communion. May the memory of this day remain in your heart forever.*

Sun, May 17, 2015

- Diego Valdez
- Ezra Ramirez
- Serena Ingram
- Mayryn Rodriguez
- Jose Luis Hernandez
- Victor Arias
- Luis Andres Noriega

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**K1 Speed Indoor Go Carts**  
**May 30, 2015, 6:00-9:00 PM**

*"I had to break the law for this 'A' — I prayed for the answers."*