

# PARISH CALENDAR

Sixth Sunday  
of Easter

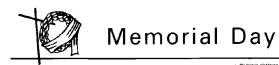
May 26, 2019

The Lord has freed His people,  
alleluia!

Saturday, May 25	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 26	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY  
HOLIDAY**

Tuesday, May 28	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass



Wednesday, May 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open

Thursday, May 30	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p. m.	<b>Feeding Menu - Beef Stew</b>

Friday, May 31	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open

Saturday, June 1	.... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:**

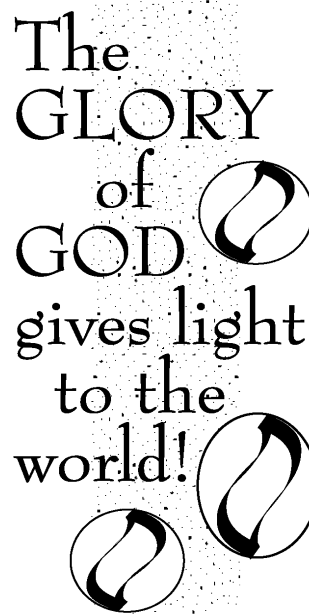
***Acts:1:1-11: Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach his kingdom and continue work***

***Eph:1:17-23: Believers are called to profess belief in the triune god whose greatness over all is manifested in Jesus Christ.***

***John:16:15-20: The disciples were sent into the world to preach, heal and bring all people to belief in Christ.***

**Reflection**

As a result of this decision at Jerusalem, the Church that is rooted in Judaism is open to everyone on the face of the earth. The decision at Jerusalem, which Catholics sometimes call the Council of Jerusalem, opened the door to the whole world. That decision for a universal Church reaches fruition in the vision recorded in the second reading. The small, lively Church of the first century is seen in the fullness of time as a city flooded with light. The twelve open gates, which seem to make the walls of the city porous, honor the twelve tribes of Israel. Twelve courses of stone that form the foundation represent the Twelve Apostles. The city is flooded with the light that is the glory of God. It all started, we are reminded, with the gift of God's peace and the promise of the indwelling Holy Spirit. And it all ends—or continues—with a Church flooded with the life and light of God for all eternity. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019:**

We congratulate the following youths from our parish who have graduated from high school:

**Jarius Correia      Lahela Kaeo**

**Alexandria Plata**

Congratulations to all those who have graduated from College.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEEDING OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:** This Thursday, we are feeding our brothers and sisters in need. The menu is Beef Stew. We need help with cooking a beef stew or come and help serve dinner. We begin at **5:30 p. m.**

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:** The school supply drive will start from **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> thru Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will distribute the school supplies at our June Feeding, (June 26<sup>th</sup>). There will be a box at the back of church to place your donation. Please see flyers inserted in today's bulletin.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN:** Next week, our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio and print media. Fully 50% of funds to collected remain here in the Diocese of Honolulu to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**RESPECT FOR LIFE:** Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!  
**Saint Pope John Paul II**

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Mary, patroness of America, renew in us a love for the beauty and sanctity of the human person from conception to natural death; and as your Son gave His life for us, help us to live our lives serving others. Mother of the Church, Mother of our Savior, open our hearts to the Gospel of life, protect our nation, and make us witnesses to the truth."  
*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "living the Gospel of Life"*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**May 26 Sun: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts:15:1-2, 22-29; Ps:67; Rev:21:10-14, 22-23; Jn:14:23-29

**May 27 Mon: Easter Weekday**

Acts:16:11-15; Ps:149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn:15:26-16:4a

**May 28 Tue: Easter Weekday**

Acts:16:22-34; Ps:138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn:16:5-11

**May 29 Wed: Easter Weekday**

Acts:17:15, 22-18:1; Ps:148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn:16:12-15

**May 30 Thur: The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts:18:1-18; Ps:98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn:16:16-20

**May 31 Fri: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Zep:3:14-18a; Is:12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk:1:39-56

**Jun 1 Sat: Saint Justin, Martyr**

Acts:18:23-28; Ps:47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn:16:23b-28

## Peace

The peace that Jesus gives suffuses the Church both when it is in visible harmony and when the difficult decisions must be made. The deep peace that members of the Church participate in does not preclude disagreement. Rather, the fundamental agreement about the Church's mission and place in the world calls forth the diversity of insights. This makes for lively conversation in which the peace is not disturbed.

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## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel we witness the last evening Jesus spends with his disciples before his death. He has already made it clear that his followers will show their love for him by serving others. To live that kind of love, they will need the active presence of God in their midst. Jesus tells his disciples that he and his Father will come and make their home with them. He also tells them that the Holy Spirit will be among them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had taught. Good stewards recognize that God is in their midst and that the Holy Spirit is guiding them. How often do we acknowledge God's presence in our lives? How often do we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council**)

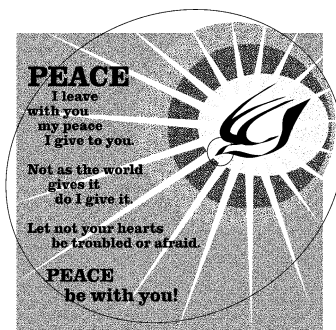
In the Gospel today, Jesus gives his apostles the gift of peace. The peace Jesus gives is more than a lack of dissension, more even than a situation of tranquility. Jesus uses the Hebrew word *shalom*, which is the fullness of the messianic blessing—salvation itself. This peace, this *shalom*, is a gift of God. It is also the gift the apostles need on the night before Jesus dies. The first reading invites our reflection on the relationship between peace and the inevitable disagreements that arise among people of good will. We learn that harmony is not to be mistaken for uniformity. The issue of who can belong to the Church comes to a head. We could see this problem rolling forward like a thundercloud on the horizon. It finally explodes over the heads of the early Church.

Today we see that the time for making a decision is at hand. We could see it coming in the earlier readings of this Easter season, as Paul gradually heeds the pleas of the non-Jewish people, who are about to break down the door. There is surely room for these people, but under what conditions? How does one determine who is eligible?

In the first reading we learn that a unified and forceful contingent from Judea is teaching that Gentiles who wish to become Christian must first pass through the rigors of the Mosaic law, not the least of which is circumcision. Paul and Barnabas and a few others who constantly dealt with prospective Gentile converts set out to Jerusalem to argue against this.

One is struck by the clean, uncomplicated clarity of the decision the Church reached. The disciples clearly took the instruction of the Holy Spirit, who reminded them of all that Jesus said and did. The letter that Judas and Silas brought back to the Gentiles was a masterful statement. The courteous greeting is based on an awareness that God is present among them. The problem is simply stated and the solution clearly set out. But the message is not just dropped at the doorstep. Rather, it is brought by messengers who will speak the words the Gentiles long to hear. The decision for the Gentiles was made after prayerful attention to the Holy Spirit. The Church sought to avoid imposing unnecessary burdens on its newest converts.

Interestingly, and almost "by the way," they advised the Gentiles to be sensitive to the requirements of Mosaic laws pertaining to blood. This last gentle suggestion calls for an awareness of and respect for deeply felt and long-held traditions among the Jewish people. Though the Gentile converts need not observe these laws, they are enjoined to respect and honor the traditions of others.



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