

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Ps. 98

1John 4: 7-10

John 15: 9-17

Charity?

Charity. Oh yes. That is when a person of financial means gives money to the poor. Right?

Brothers and sisters charity is love. Love originates with God. It is a gift God gives freely and without prejudice. There is no partiality on God's part. Charity is a gift recognized and a gift given. The call to charity or love is universal. No one is excluded. Furthermore, no one may be excluded. Today's scriptures make this clear.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles Saint Peter comes to recognize this truth. He orders the Gentiles, not only the Jews, to be baptized. In the second reading Saint John realizes God is the force that draws all people together. God is the Prime Mover. Thus, we are compelled to go along with God's initiative. And in the Gospel passage we are directed to follow God's commandments. The greatest of them is loving God with one's whole being and loving one's neighbor as oneself. The Father is the source of Love.

Flowing from these scriptures and others besides them, the Church teaches love is not reserved for important matters only (*Gaudium in Spes*, 38). It must be exercised above all in the ordinary circumstances of life. That is, in all we do with everyone we meet. To all the many different people we are in the world we extend love.

Love creates an inclusive community. There are no favorites. Parents know they love all their children and grandchildren. Each one is loved in a unique way given each one's personality. Loving children in this way takes much effort and energy.

Knowing another person begins with a determination and effort to know him or her. Meeting a person for the first time might not affect an intimate bond quickly. Time and patience are needed to develop a mutual relationship. Even once the relationship is established ongoing work continues as time moves forward.

The work to build and maintain relationships, from the one to one all the way to whole societies, is needed much in this moment of history. For all the "muscle" people display in defense of their own ideological territory and special groups we human beings are actually delicate. We wish to be understood and to be respected. Even more, we want to live secure from hatred and violence. To have these things, though, each of us must invest ourselves in the way of

understanding the other person. We must decide to patiently come to know the other.

Too easily do we react impulsively to cries and calls and even subtle suggestions that someone else puts out as he or she feels threatened, oppressed, left out or simply ignored. Quick interpretations of another person or group's symbolic actions, signs or gestures may be judged to be polarizing. We are quick to condemn. Actually, we lash out because we are vulnerable and frail emotionally.

Let us then recognize how vulnerable we each are. It is easy to feel threatened when confronted with something or someone who is new to us or different in some way. Therefore, when we suddenly feel uneasy and even threatened just at the sight of someone else, especially someone who is crying out in pain, pause. Ask, "why am I feeling this emotion at this sight?" Consider what you are seeing. Identify your emotion and then identify the emotion you see being displayed by the other person. Resist the urge to be judgmental and to rush to a negative verdict of the other. Look past the surface of the behavior you find unsettling and see the depth of the other person's hurt.

Considering the other person's hurt you might come to understand his or her symbolic cry, call or suggestion of pain. Then you may move past your own sense of threat.

Just because someone cries, "Black Lives Matter" it does not mean to say no one else's life matters. It is saying I want to be seen in a dignified and dignifying way. Raising the U.S. flag overhead does not mean it "belongs only to me and my people". Saying, "I accept Jesus Christ as savior" does not mean "only I am saved" while another is struggling to get past the image of a burning cross. Many other signs and symbols used by people may be added to this list.

As Jesus says in today's Gospel passage to his disciples, "As the Father loves me, so I love you. Remain in my love." Then, after Jesus expounds on the gift of his love and friendship he concludes with a mandate, "This I command you: love one another."

Please, people of Blessed Sacrament Parish, take time to understand the other person. Make the effort to wisely observe the cry and gesture of the other. Look past the ugliness of the behavior and feel the person's angst. Recognize the emotion it evokes in you. You might find common ground in the distress each of you are feeling. Understanding the other person leaves the door open to him or her understanding you. This is the greatest act of charity or love you will make.

Stewardship

Attendance last week:	232
Tithes Collected:	\$8,762.50
Online Giving:	\$445.00
Total:	\$9,207.50

Thank you!

Next weeks' second collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

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Weekday Morning Liturgy and Devotionals

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LITURGY FOR MAY 9, 2021
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• **HYMN #1: SING A NEW SONG (D.SCHUTTE)**

1. **Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.**
2. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord and play for God on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound.
3. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy and filled your soul with song.
4. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised, I know my Saviour lives.

• **GLORIA:**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ
Only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God

Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High

Jesus...Christ.

With holy spirit in the

Glory to God the Father, Amen!

- **PSALM 98:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow'r.
- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ALLELUIA)** Whoever loves me will keep my word, say the lord, and my father will love him and we will come to him.

HYMN #2: Christians, Let Us Love One Another/Picardy/Foltz/Nigro)

1. Christians, let us love one another, as we share the true living bread. Jesus is our God and our brother; with his flesh and blood we are fed. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.
2. We who break this bread are one body, we who share this cup are all one. Children of our Father in heaven, we are heir with God's only Son. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.
3. We who eat and drink at this table die and rise again with our Lord. Drawing from our Rock living water giv'n to all who thirst for accord. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

HOLY: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again.

OUR FATHER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil (**pause for Priest**) - For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace

• **HYMN #3: BREAD FOR THE WORLD (B. Farrell)**

1. **Bread for the world: a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples; people who thirst. May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love.**
2. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain. Where we divide your people, you are waiting there on bended kneed to wash our feet with endless care.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps. Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.
4. Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the rich and powerful have become the least. Where we survive on others in our human greed, you walk among us begging for your every need.

• **HYMN #4: I CAN ONLY IMAGINE (B. Millard)**

1. I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side. I can only image what my eyes will see when Your face is before me. I can only imagine.
2. **Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel: Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still? Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all: I can only imagine, I can only imagine.**
3. I can only image when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son. I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship You. I can only image, I can only imagine.

• **HYMN #5: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS (St. Brendan's/P. Scholes)**

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored. **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who make us one. **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the month of April, St. Vincent de Paul of Blessed Sacrament served 521 families representing 1,558 individuals. Each family receives 8-10 bags of groceries which was over 25,000 pounds of food last month. Cash donations may be placed in the poor boxes.

Mother's Day Novena

Today is Mother's Day. As you know you may add your mother's name to the list for remembrance in the Novena of Masses. In fact you may add the name of anyone who is a mother to the list. If possible, leave a donation. The donated money will go to the Respect Life Ministry of the Church. However, you do not have to leave a donation in order to add your mother's name to the list.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, VIRTUAL WEEKEND, June 11-13, 2021

If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you...THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A WEEKEND IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME. This VIRTUAL Weekend gives

couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. The weekend starts **Friday, June 11th** at 7:00 pm and ends **Sunday, June 13th** at about 3:00 pm. You need a good internet connection and computer/laptop/tablet with a camera and microphone. Sign up here: www.wvme.org (Used Fort Lauderdale for the location).

Contact Information: For more information contact- Frank & Fran Kulzer, 954-961-5078 or Steve & Kathy Franzone, 754-204-5996,



Message from the Archdiocese of Miami Development Corporation

1. Put your Faith into action by making a gift of Hope today. www.isupportabcd.org.
2. Legacy gifts comes in all shapes and sizes. You can choose to gift items such as artwork, collectibles, books, equipment, or other tangible items. For more information on what and how to give, contact the Office of Planned Giving at (305) 762-1112.
3. "This is my commandment: 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
Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself — my skills and talents, my time, and resources— will demonstrate my love for God's people?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen

Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 8
4:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 9
9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
10:45 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 10
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, May 11
8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 12
8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 13
8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 14
8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 15
4:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 16
9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
10:45 a.m. † Angelo Farina by Mary, Lauren, Mary Ann



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