

May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2, 22-29
Ps. 67
Revelation 21: 10-4; 22-23
John 14: 23-29

All That Jesus Revealed Unfolds Now

You might wonder if God is done with the Earth. Has the Lord moved on to some other place and time? Are we alone now to do for ourselves? Are we merely left with the Scriptures to interpret by ourselves and hope we interpret everything correctly?

No. God has not left us alone. The Lord is still present in the Church. He is here in the Scriptures, Tradition (Living History), and the Magisterium (Official Teaching Authority).

Yes, God is with us through the Holy Spirit. In today's gospel passage Jesus says, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Further, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." The Lord wishes us fulness and fulfillment of life. He has not abandoned us.

Brothers and sisters, we are not without a rudder to our ship. God guides us as one body in Him, Christ. We are called to and gathered as Church. That is, we are a gathering of believers in Christ and indeed the Trinity of God.

It is true there will be no *new* information or revelation given by God. However, what has been revealed through Jesus Christ and through the Apostles until the death of the last Apostle is unfolding for us now. Such will continue until the end of time. This happens through the Church. Church is the gathering of the people of Faith.

We need organization. Yes, for some "organization" is a bad word. "Institution" is too. Truly such must be carefully run and governed so it is not oppressive and stifling of the Spirit. However, to not be organized and governed is chaos. Look at the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts shows us the elements of the organized Church in development. We see how its missionaries report back to the Apostles on their progress in the missions and they consult with each other. In this Sunday's scriptures Paul and Barnabas look for guidance. The "governing body" sends representatives with Paul and Barnabas back to Antioch.

Judas and Silas who were "leaders among the brothers" were sent to Antioch. They carried a letter with them. The purpose of sending of the two with a letter was to make clear the teaching that came from Jesus Christ. It was the central leadership of the infant Church that gave guidance on a particular issue. It seems their teaching was considered final on a particular detail.

The collaboration and teachings of the Church's leadership helped to spread the Good News throughout the known

world of the time. The Holy Spirit worked through the whole process. It kept order and calm even during persecutions and controversies.

All of this should sound familiar. The popes and bishops of our time send out letters too when they want to teach. Our bishops and the Pope do meet and discuss matters of Faith and Morals. The Local Church, such as our Archdiocese, has many people, clergy and laity, working on all levels to promote the Good News. It is necessary in order to continue the unfolding of what God has revealed to us.

We are the City of God high on a mountain, the Holy City of Jerusalem. With the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit, we move toward fulness and fulfillment. God's glory is the light that guides this city.

We have not been left alone. God continues to move among us. He guides us through this sacred institution.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53
Join in Scripture Sharing
Thursday at 7:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP
Time, Talent, Tithing
It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	234
Tithes Collected:	\$4,652.00
Online Giving:	\$467.00
Total:	\$5,119.00
Per Capita:	\$21.88

Thank You!

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Communications Campaign.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank You!

Every one of our registered members have been working so hard to spread the Good News! There are so many ways that you do. We especially do this through our Sunday celebrations and many other apostolates.

Fr. Bob Tywoniak

New Apostolate Church Watch

Actually, this is *not* a new apostolate. We had people signed up and "ready to go". Then, just as we were about to launch it COVID and the lockdown happened. We could not implement the Church Watch.

Now we will begin again! Thanks be to God.

Purpose: To open the church building for a period of time each weekday to permit and encourage people to visit the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and quiet.

How: volunteers (preferably two at a time) will be present each day for two hours, 11:00am to 1:00pm in the chapel. The availability of the open chapel will be promoted in the surrounding community.

What: They will monitor the premises to be sure no one harms the building and its contents. Further, they will be present to offer printed materials a person may use for prayer. They may also offer prayer with a person if so desired or needed.

Why: This may encourage people to take time from work during a lunch break, etc. to come and be with the Lord in His Real Presence.

Please print your name on the list of interested people. (Soon to be provided.) You may also call the rectory to make known your interest to help.

We will open the chapel on as many days that we have volunteers to cover.

COMMUNITY

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Miami Honoring Faith and Traditions

Cordially invite you to attend the
MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski

Will celebrate the Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 30th, at 10:00am at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery- 1500 S. State Road 7, North Lauderdale, FL 33068 Phone: (954) 972-1234

Auxiliary Bishop Enrique Delgado

Will celebrate the Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 30th, at 10:00am at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery – 11411 NW 25th Street, Miami, FL 33172 Phone: (305) 592-0521

Graduation Recognition

Forms will soon be placed in the foyer concerning Graduation Recognition. Please watch for them. We would like to recognize those who have graduated from High School, College and Graduate School this year.

“Operation Utilities Bag”

Remember, keep filling your Zip Lock Bag with Currency. The little money you save here and there each day truly adds up for the many people the Saint Vincent de Paul Society serves every week.

Please return the bags for Pentecost.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, 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, Joseph Devlin, 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, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson 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 Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 21

4:00 p.m. † Mary & Louis Michel by
Anthony & Rose Michel
† Kathleen Walgenwitt & Wayne
Steven Reglam by Carol
Walgenwitt

Sunday, May 22

9:00 a.m. † William Weber by Fortuna &
Weber
10:45 a.m. † Anita Czar by Ralph Caraglia
† Gloria Cherry by Joe & Lacey
Johnson

Monday, May 23

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, May 24

8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members &
Benefactors of SVDP Society

Wednesday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Steve, Gerri, & Boys Smith by
Selma Cardona

Thursday, May 26

8:00 a.m. † Paul Dangelo by Bill & Chris
Crepage

Friday, May 27

8:00 a.m. Timothy Ryan, esq. by Dan
Murphy & Dil Hatchett

Saturday, May 28

4:00 p.m. † Michael Mezynski by Anthony &
Rose
† Dorothy Arnold by Jack & John
Fitzgerald

Sunday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
Susan & Mason Brommer by
Anita Brommer

† Mary Jo Ortwein by John Galinus