

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

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## THE ADVOCATE

As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalm** — May the whole world shout to God in jubilation (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** - Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18)

**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a

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

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

Thu: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

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

Sun: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1,4,7-8; 1Pe 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

## EL ABOGADO

Cuando Jesús preparó a los apóstoles para el momento en que ya no estaría con ellos físicamente, y sabiendo que en el futuro tendrían que afrontar dificultades, pruebas y persecuciones, les prometió un Abogado, el Espíritu Santo. Por el bautismo, ese mismo Espíritu habita en nosotros, siempre con nosotros para guiarnos en la verdad del amor de Dios y fortalecernos para que conozcamos a Cristo y vivamos como pueblo de Cristo. Ahora, como en todo tiempo, Dios sabe que no siempre es fácil vivir como cristiano. Con la seguridad de la presencia del Espíritu Santo, encontramos la gracia para amar a Jesús y guardar los mandamientos del Señor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** - Pedro y Juan les impusieron las manos, y recibieron el Espíritu Santo (Hec 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Salmo** - Que el mundo entero grite a Dios en júbilo (Salmo 66).

**Segunda lectura** - Cristo murió en la carne, y luego resucitó por el Espíritu (1 Pedro 3:15-18)

**Evangelio** - Yo rogaré al Padre y les dará otro Protector. No los dejaré huérfanos (Juan 14:15-21)

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lun: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a

Mar: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Mié: Hch 17:15, 22-18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Jue: Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Vie: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sáb: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Dom: Hch 1:12-14; Sal 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pe 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a



## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



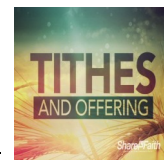
Syl Vasquez, Jr.	George Garnica	Guadalupe Rodriguez
Sarah Contreras	Adam Alonzo, Jr.	Gayle Beaver
Marty Carrera Tobias	Raymond Serna	Rick Peña
Frances Lozano	Mary Martinez	Lori Bañuelos
Irma Urias	Mark Martinez	Jesus Lopez
Mary S. Martinez	Cecilia Rodriguez	Joe Villanueva
Galilea Romero	Albert Rodriguez	Edith Flores
Flora Torres	Albert Casillas	Isaiah Vasquez
Iris Luna Sullivan	Robert Sanchez	Esther Nicholson
Sandy Guerra	Santos Tello	Valerie Vigil
Abraham Guerra	Vanessa Quintero	Rena Heard
Emma O. Velasquez	Mary Alice Vasquez	Marty Wind
Leticia Martinez	Heath Herring	Maldonado Family
Kenny De La Rosa	Joe Cevallos	Margie Zuniga
Raymond Sarabia	Oscar Arcos	Joyce Ochoa
Frank Rodriguez	Juanita Martinez	Ann Marie Eickenroht
Julissa Rodriguez	Maria Rios	Rosemary Flores
Miliana Bullock	Virginia R. Lucio	Jennifer Flores
Lydia Soriano	Teresa Moreno	Anthony Ramirez

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK

### ENDING MAY 7, 2023

5 PM Mass	-\$ 741.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$1,080.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$2,190.00	
Capital Improvements	-\$ 795.00	2nd Coll.
Assumption Seminary	-\$ 311.00	Arch. Coll.
Mail In	-\$ 605.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$ 258.07	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,980.07</b>	



## SECOND COLLECTION

MAY 13-14, 2023

Good Samaritans of SJB

## 2023 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending May 7, 2023	\$ 258.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,794.82</b>

# Announcements



## Saturday, May 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

5:00 p.m. † Elia De Hoyos - Judie Garcia  
† Juana & Gloria Castillo - Family  
† Margarita Moreno - 5pm Hospitality

## Sunday, May 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. † Jacinta Weddel - Daughter  
† Joann Medina - Family  
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
† Maria de Jesus Cantu - Oralia Cantu  
† Guadalupe Ballesteros - Oralia Cantu  
† Elia De Hoyos - Judie Garcia  
† Julia Garcia - Judie Garcia  
† Hope Esquivel - Las Guadalupanas

11:00 a.m. † Isidro Ruiz - Wife  
† Elia De Hoyos - Judie Garcia  
† Suzanne S. Gutierrez - Family  
† Monica Felan - Grandchildren

## Monday, May 15

### Tuesday, May 16

12:00 p.m. † Gloria Marie Gonzales  
**For Health** Socorro Castillo - Family

### Wednesday, May 17

12:00 p.m. † Celia P. Ruiz - Daughter

## Thursday, May 18 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:15 a.m. † Terry Moreno - Sisters in Christ  
**Gift of Life** Giselle Velasquez - Mom  
7:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family

## Friday, May 19

12:00 p.m. † Rene Forey, Sr. - Sr. Blanca Coronado  
**For Health** Angelique Dikete - SJB Family



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Happy Mother's Day! May God bless all the Mothers and women who have been entrusted with the responsibility of caring for their children.

This update is to maintain you informed regarding *Dikete Education Opportunity Foundation*. My annual trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo is the only way to keep me abreast of the situation in my hometown of Kananga where the elementary school Mumianinyi is located and your sponsored children live. It is vital that the *Foundation* stay alive assisting underprivileged students and for this reason a few revisions have arisen.

Upon returning to my hometown of Kananga, the elementary school Mumianinyi that I attended was among the few selected schools destined for a total rebuilding by the government in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The old building has been demolished and a brand new elementary school is emerging. Students will be returning to a new building by the beginning of the academic year 2023-2024 which will commence by September. The government will also provide desks for the new school. That is great news and a very special blessing for the community. Only 35 desks have been fabricated and delivered to the second school the *Foundation* has been supporting. The slow pace is due to a high demand of desks by many other schools throughout the region.

The government has also guaranteed free tuition for all elementary school students; however, middle school and high school students' tuition fall on the responsibility of the parents. We have lost a considerable number of graduates from elementary school as they make their way to middle and high schools. These students are now obligated to sell in the streets and forego an education because these children cannot afford the tuition that ranges between \$40 and \$50 depending on the school they may be attending.

The *Foundation's* new vision consists of supporting underprivileged students, especially girls, who are graduating from elementary school and heading to middle school. We intend to assist them for the next six years until they graduate from high school. The \$50 you generously sponsor will pay the tuition for the entire academic year of a middle school and high school student. Please know that your sponsorship is still vital in a student's education. Your sponsorship may be assisting students on their way to becoming a doctor or other profession. I rely on your generosity and continue believing in our effort to make "A Difference in a Child's Life." Remember your donation is tax free and you will receive a letter for your accountant in December to verify your exemption. I am very proud of the fact that our *Foundation* is able to subsist because it adapts to the needs of the children and does not remain stagnant. This success is completely available because of you, my sponsors. I know your sacrifice in assisting is difficult especially in the country's current economic state. Thank you for your sacrifice. Please consider sponsoring a child for the academic year 2023-2024 that begins this September, 2023. **PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE...**



**This Sunday, May 14th, we celebrate Mother's Day.** We congratulate all the mothers for the wonderful job done in raising and nurturing their children for a brighter future. My appreciation is extended to all the Grandmas, aunts, single mothers, and those who have been entrusted with the responsibility to care for children regardless of, or not being, the biological parent of the child. What makes you special is the love and care you unconditionally give your children.

We also remember those mothers who have gone to be with the Lord. May they rest in peace. We also pray for those mothers in prisons, or battling addictions or on the streets for either mental illness or abandoned by their families. May God extend that healing touch upon them. **God bless you!**

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## PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Please pray for my daughter, Angelique Dikete, as she continues to recover from her major surgery.

Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled for next month from June 12th thru June 21st, 2023. We have a total of 9 participants. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for a trip of a lifetime.

A financial report will be shared with the community next week for our annual fundraising for the school. For the past 2 years I have been running either a half marathon, and 10k to raise money for scholarships and school expenses. I am officially announcing that this year is my last year to run and raise money. We hope to find other means and ways to financially support our school. It takes a village to raise a child.

May God bless you always,  
Fr. Fidèle Dikete, Pastor  
Pastor



**THIS WEEK!**  
Here's What's On The Calendar!

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## Sunday, May 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass - Church  
11:00 a.m. Mass - Church

## Monday, May 15

## Tuesday, May 16

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

## Wednesday, May 17

10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment - Formation House  
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel  
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle  
7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Enrichment - Formation House

## Thursday, May 18 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church  
7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass - Church

## Friday, May 19

10:00 a.m. SJB School Graduation - Church  
12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

## Saturday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Church cleaning  
5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR:

ANGELIQUE DIKETE

It is to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto:osantoyo1104@gmail.com) and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.



## NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

We encourage all newcomers to register and get to know your parish community. Please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION BILINGUAL MASS, THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 - 7:00 PM

It is meaningful for several reasons:

### 1) It signaled the end of His earthly ministry.

God the Father lovingly sent his Son into the world and is now returning to the Father.

### 2) It set the pattern for His return.

He will return just as He left-literally, bodily and visibly in the clouds.

### 3) Most importantly, it allowed Him to prepare a place for us.

Currently, the Lord Jesus is in heaven. The scriptures picture Him at the right of the Father - a position of honor and authority. Christ is the Head of the Church, and the giver of spiritual gifts.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

We invite you to join us on Wednesdays in the Formation House for the Adult Faith Enrichment sessions.

Since the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary, we will present a DVD each week on her Apparition at Fatima and Fr. Callaway discussing the Rosary.

Sessions are from 10am to 11:30 am OR evening session from 7pm to 8:30 pm. Bring a friend. Hope you can join us!

## REST IN PEACE

We offer condolences and sympathy to our parishioners and their families who have experienced the loss of their loved ones: † GLORIA M. GONZALES  
† OFELIA M. ZAPATA  
† RAUL MENA



We welcome anyone to assist us with cleaning our beautiful church every:



Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Ministry Scheduled for  
Saturday, May 20, 2023  
HOSPITALITY

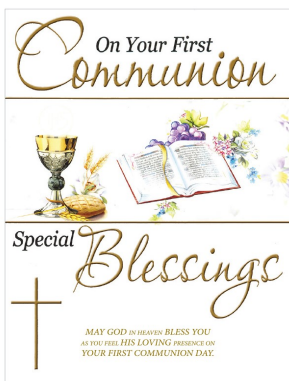
**GREATER THAN JESUS?** Of all the promises Jesus gave to his disciples, I find the one at the end of today's Gospel to be the most amazing of all. Jesus tells his disciples that they would do greater works than he did. What could be greater than walking on water, curing a blind man, raising the dead, or feeding five thousand people with only a few loaves of bread?

We have to ask what Jesus would think is greater. The apostles performed many miracles because of their faith in the Lord. They cured the sick, and Peter even brought a dead woman back to life (Acts 9:40). But even these signs are not greater than what Jesus did.

No, Jesus meant greater in the sense of the true work of a disciple. The disciples started right after Pentecost, when they received the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter went outside and began preaching to the people, resulting in three thousand people being baptized.

I wonder if we have that same kind of trust in Jesus that the apostles had. We can do those same things. We can talk about our faith with our families, we can pray to be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and to see Jesus in other people. And we can look for God to act in our lives so that we can share God's love with those who do not know the Lord.

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**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ON THEIR 1ST COMMUNION:**

**CCD PROGRAM:**

Yarely Avellaneda  
 Noah Beto Hernandez  
 Paul Flores  
 Samantha Garcia  
 Noah Hernandez  
 Peach Martinez  
 Gustavo Rodriguez  
 Khloey Mata  
 Calyx Z. Perez  
 Ethan J. Aguilar  
 Danna Garcia

Aleah B. Mendoza  
 Maria Izarraras  
 Fernando Rendon  
 Cristobal Alex Romo  
 Kayla Chavez  
 Jaylen Hernandez  
 Elena Valdez  
 Sophia Cabrera  
 Erika Rendon  
 Sonrisa Castillo

**SJB SCHOOL**

Alejandro Niño  
 Annabeth Meneses  
 Dariana Gonzales  
 Sophia Gonzales  
 Urban Gutting  
 Nicole Campus  
 Lailaa Flores

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2023**

Jeremiah Aguilera  
 Ethan Bowlin  
 Nicholas Cervantes  
 Elijah Diaz  
 Mason Esparza  
 Jason Garcia  
 Natthen Garcia  
 Ariana Gutting  
 Marco Mermea



May our Lord continue to guide their steps in the days ahead as they begin a new journey. Grant them wisdom to make decisions according to your will. We are proud of you, stay safe and strong with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessings always, Fr. Fidèle, Administration, Faculty and Staff of St. John Berchmans School.**

**LA ESPERANZA QUE ESTÁ EN NOSOTROS**

Dios, Padre nuestro,  
 Deseas que siempre estemos dispuestos a responder  
 a los que nos preguntan la razón  
 de la esperanza que está en nosotros.

Te rogamos:  
 Que pongas en nosotros tu Espíritu Santo,  
 el Espíritu de la verdad y el amor.

—De Come, Lord Jesus por Lucien Deiss, C.S.Sp., copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Publicado

**PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

¿Cómo puedo responder con sencillez y respeto a alguien que me perjudica o que está fuertemente en desacuerdo conmigo? ¿Puedo imaginar que mi respuesta pudiese disolver al desacuerdo?