

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 5, 2024**

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

-- John 15:16



**Daily Mass**

**Week of May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Vera Belton+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Marina Cabrera Coronel+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Frederick Rossetti+
- Thursday: 8:00 Richard Valarian+
- Friday: 8:00 Benjamin Brott+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
April 7, 2024	\$12,162.00
April 14, 2024	\$10,233.00
April 21, 2024	\$11,172.00

Our Parish would like to extend congratulations & best wishes to:

**Angela Celis Becerra**

&

**Joseph Tyler Vacca**

who were married on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. May their lives be filled with happiness and joy!



**Mother's Day Mass Cards!**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. You can offer a Mass of intentions for your mother. The Mother's Day cards can be found on the credenzas in the Church or on the table outside the Parish Office. Fill out the outer envelopes and return them to the Parish Office or drop them in the collection basket on Sunday.



First Communion

First Communion at Corpus Christi is being celebrated this weekend. We rejoice as they take this important step in their faith journey. May the love of Jesus touch their hearts with unforgettable and lasting joy.

**First Communion Class of 2024:**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>:**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- Noemi Auguste
- Sekai Arthur
- Jacqui Beverage
- Mavis Green
- Camilia Ka'aekuahiwi
- Mahealani Ka'aekuahiwi
- Moana Ka'aekuahiwi
- Saskia Kwiram
- Andreas Kwiram
- Jesse Laubach
- Natalia Raven Limon
- Paz Munshi
- Gabriel Pérez-Gualdrón
- Julian Sweeney
- Azelea Zamora

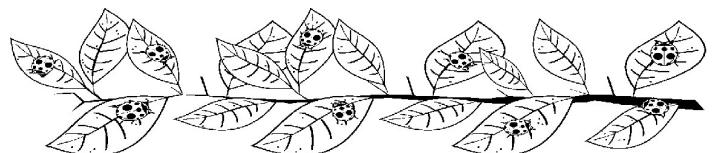
- Kaylee Anzora
- Hutchins Bigonger
- Mathias Broderick-Gross
- Kameron Carasi-Nishimura
- Daniela Dimmler
- Daniel Gonzalez-Navarro
- Michael Gonzalez-Navarro
- Teresa Janina Grace
- Decker Juno
- Isabelle Kimball
- Andrew Richard Lew
- Jacob Lew
- Stella Li McCarthy
- Olivia McDonald
- Liam Manning
- Michael Munoz McLaughlin
- Aram Toste Mirzaian
- Catherine Maria Mortonson
- Alexander Elliot Ng
- Athena Pawlowski
- Bella Krisine Ramirez
- Emil Simmons
- Niall Williams

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- Iris Bayley
- Daniel Vosburg

**Spring -- Ireland Pilgrimage Concert!**

Come and enjoy music that we have prepared for Ireland on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church! Our selections are inspired by African American spirituals, medieval and contemporary composers. Stay after the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a Potluck in the Gibson Center or arrive early before the Concert for refreshments. Hope to see you there!



### *Catholic Charities Annual Appeal!*

Next weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, our second collection will be for Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Appeal. Your gift allows Catholic Charities to provide housing, counseling, job training, English classes, school programs, and assistance to refugees and immigrants in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Consider making a monthly pledge. It will sustain the programs of Catholic Charities so that they can offer hope all year long. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**.

### *The Living Our Faith Ministry!*

All parishioners are invited to attend the next meeting of the Living Our Faith Ministry. It will be held Thursday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Come join us as we nurture our own faith and seek to find ways to express that faith within the wider community. Feel free to contact Nancy Midlin at: [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com) if you wish to learn more.

### *The Presence of the Holy Spirit!*

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used -- "the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44) -- is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And, we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.

Love one another  
as I love you



### *Today's Readings!*

**First Reading** -- The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Psalm** -- The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving

power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** -- Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10).

**Gospel** -- This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17).



### *Readings For The Week*

*May 6<sup>th</sup> -- 11<sup>th</sup>*

- Monday:** First Reading Acts 16:11-15;  
Psalm 149;  
Gospel John 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday:** First Reading Acts 16:22-34;  
Psalm 138;  
Gospel John 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** First Reading Acts 17:15, 22--18:1;  
Psalm 148;  
Gospel John 16:12-15
- Thursday:** First Reading Acts 1:1-11;  
Psalm 47;  
Gospel Mark 16:15-20
- Friday:** First Reading Acts 18:9-18;  
Psalm 47;  
Gospel John 16:20-23
- Saturday:** First Reading Acts 18:23-28;  
Psalm 47;  
Gospel John 16:23b-28

### *Treasures From Our Tradition!*

Just as the origins of Lent have to do with accompanying people in the final stages of preparation for Baptism at Eastertime, so does the structure of the Easter season help the newly received Catholics take root in the community. This is the season of "mystagogy," which means "reflection on the mysteries." This means that new Catholics are remembering the sacraments by which they become one with us and are sorting out the implications for their everyday life. They can understand the excitement of Cornelius and his family in the first reading, filled with the Holy Spirit, and so eager to begin their new life that they overwhelm St. Peter. The second reading and the Gospel today likewise help our new brothers and sisters explore their new life as an experience of God's tender love.

Long ago, our tradition named these newly baptized adults and children the "neophytes," from Greek words meaning "newly planted." Newly planted in the garden of faith, they look to us to provide the fertile soil in which their new life can take root and grow.

