

Good News!

MAY 9, 2021, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EAST-ER (B)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

The story about Cornelius shows that God’s call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter’s words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God’s love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: “Love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). God’s love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God’s love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God’s love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest’s most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor’s bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn’t that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner’s sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn’t want anyone to know about, things we wouldn’t want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

Scripture readings for the week of May 10—16

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15-22-	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 1:15-17,	Acts 18: 23-28	Acts 1:1-11
Jn 15:26-16:4a	Jn 16:5-11	18:1	Jn 16:16-20	20-26	Jn 16:23b-28	Eph 1:17-23
		Jn 16:12-15		Jn 15:9-17		Mk 16:15-20



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — 9 MAY 2021

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From the Priest's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father” (John 15)

The idea that God would call us friends might seem pretty far-fetched. Honestly, we may be able to say it, but do we believe it? I know that I struggle with allowing God to be my friend. Sometimes my prayer life and my priestly life feel more like an obligation. Do you ever feel that way? During this Easter season, Jesus has been inviting us to go deeper into our faith in the resurrection to eternal life. We ought to move from obligation to friendship. We want to spend time with our friends. I think one of good things we can learn from the pandemic is for many of us there has been a LONGING IN OUR HEARTS to come back to Mass. Even though there is not the obligation, we choose to worship God and unite ourselves to him. These next few months as more and more people are vaccinated and restrictions are lifted, the challenge will be to invite others to join us in prayer and worship of the God who chooses to be our friend.

During this Month of May we traditionally dedicate ourselves once again to devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us join together in asking Mary’s intercession for our families and for our world as we pray the Rosary. Perhaps we can come to Mass a bit earlier and join in praying the Rosary as a community 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. A special intention for this month can be for Fr. John William as he prepares to be welcomed by our parishes on June 8<sup>th</sup> as our new parish priest.

God bless,

Fr. Tyler

If anyone who is homebound and would like to go to Confession, receive the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion please contact the parish office to set up an appointment. Fr. Tyler will be available most afternoons for home visits.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass.  
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
Ronald Frayer  
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael  
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
Helen Rauch  
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
Thomas Maher & Norine Murphy

Monday, May 10, Saint Damien de Veuster  
9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
All mothers  
4:15 pm St. Raphael Sodality Meeting  
7:00 pm Harrisville K of C Meeting Maria Hall  
7:00 pm St. Catherine K of C Meeting

Tuesday, May 11,  
9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
Special Intention for Katherine Ryan  
9:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Anne

Wednesday, May 12, Sts. Nereus & Achilleus and  
St. Pancras  
9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel  
Elbridge Dunckel  
5-6 pm Adoration/Confession St. Catherine  
6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine  
6:30 pm First Communion/Confirmation Prep.  
St. Catherine

Thursday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima  
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
Mike and Diane Morris  
9:30 am Adoration St. Catherine  
7:00 pm St. Gabriel Men’s Club Meeting

Friday, May 14 St. Matthias  
NO MASS

Saturday, May 15, St. Isidore  
3:30 pm Confession St. Raphael

Sunday, May 16, The Ascension of the Lord  
Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass.  
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
Deceased Members of  
St. Raphael Sodality  
6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
Tom Kane  
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael  
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
Ted & Kelly Kruttlin

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).  
Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$94,346.12	\$114,133.80	\$24,424.40	\$32,576.72
Actual year-to-date	\$99,213.15	\$119,657.98	\$22,991.57	\$34,681.26
May 2	\$2,574.00	\$5,692.97	\$456.28	\$903.85
Other Collections:	\$30.00	\$65.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
April Online Giving	\$2,612.44	\$1,524.77	\$96.28	\$262.45

Pray for Our Priests & Religious  
Sunday—Rev. Santiago Hoyumpa  
Monday—Rev. Gerald Hunko  
Tuesday—Rev. Michael Janowski  
Wednesday—Rev. Christopher Jarvis  
Thursday—Rev. Alex Kowalkowski  
Friday—All Deacons  
Saturday— Rev. Richard Kropf

2021 Catholic Services Appeal: This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the diocese and in the universal Church to share our blessings and to show our care for one another. The CSA provides the opportunity to act together as a family and support programs and services no single individual or parish could offer by itself. Your gift is very important. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal, so please be as generous as possible with your pledge. Please drop your envelope with your pledge card in the collection basket, mail to parish office, or go online to give at [www.dioceseofgaylord.org](http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org) Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parish goals:  
St. Catherine—\$25,282.00  
St. Gabriel—\$6,415.00  
St. Anne—\$19,895.00  
St. Raphael—\$9,367.00

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: As more and more visitors and snowbirds return to our area, please be advised of our summer Mass schedule: The 6:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass which has been at St. Catherine Parish will be transferred back to St. Gabriel Parish beginning May 29<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend) through Labor Day Weekend. Beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> the 9 AM daily Mass which had been held at St. Gabriel will be celebrated at St. Catherine.

St. Anne: The parish office will be closed May 12 & 14.

Saint of the Week-Our Lady of Fatima-Feast Day May 13. Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a “bishop in white” shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican last October 13, Pope Francis stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.

A Prayer for our Diocese

50 years of Faithful Generosity

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and faithfulness. As we reflect on this year’s 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Gaylord and the Catholic Services Appeal, please give us the courage to be generous with others, as you are with us. We pray that our gifts continue to bring hope to those in need; spread the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ; and bring joy into the everyday circumstances of those impacted by these gift.

Amen