



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2008

**“I WILL ASK THE FATHER,
AND HE WILL GIVE YOU. . . THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.”**

—John 14: 16-17



OPEN OUR EYES

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

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ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Once again, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be selling roses after all the Masses on May 10/11, (Mother's Day weekend). The proceeds will be used to continue the Society's work of assisting the poor among us. This is a great way to honor MOM and at the same time help the less fortunate.

...REFLECTIONS...

The readings for The Ascension of the Lord are listed below along with two questions to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

1) How will you “go baptize and teach” among your family, friends and strangers as you encounter them today?

2) The readings for this Sunday are all about “the Spirit” as if the presence of God in us is not complete unless we have received God's Spirit. How does the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation bring us into the life of the Spirit of God and how are we to manifest this Spirit to others?

“Certainly we come from our parents and we are their children, but we also come from God who has created us in his image and called us to be his children. Consequently, at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God.”

Pope Benedict XVI

Homily on The Occasion of the Fifth World Meeting of Families, July 9, 2006

CARDINAL MCINTYRE

FUND FOR CHARITY COLLECTION TODAY.

DWELL IN HOPE

Here's Hope since 1951, for those in crisis situations throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults, and families. You are their hope! This fund acts to solve immediate pressing problems. Your gift provides a one-time emergency help for food, utilities, transportation, medical, housing or funeral expense. Your help makes you a sharer in our parishes' work of mercy and in their rewards of grace. Please donate toward this fund by using a contribution envelope located in the pews today or you may return it next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

BIRD OF PARADISE FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR PENTECOST

If you have Bird of Paradise plants growing in your garden, **please bring some flowers and leaves to the parish office between May 5 & 9** so that we may decorate our church in the brilliant flame colors that this beautiful day calls for. We are also asking everyone to wear red in order to unite the congregation in symbolic color. Thank you for your help.

COMUNIDAD MEETING

May 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

LOTERIA! Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Comunidad gay and lesbian ministry. The evening will include a reenactment of the French defeat at the hands of the Mexican army. We will have a pot-luck dinner with your side dishes and desserts and of course Mexican bingo with great prizes! Everyone is welcomed.

OUR NEIGHBOR PARISHES

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, located on the corner of Willow and Palo Verde Avenue invites you to their Fair this weekend. They have rides, games, prizes and lots of food. Drop by and support their elementary school.

ST. CYPRIAN PARISH, located at Clark and Arbor Road invites you to visit their new gift shop. They have many beautiful religious gifts, traditional and contemporary which includes a selection of First Communion and Confirmation gifts. They are open from 8-noon every Sunday.