

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

I can't remember the last time that I looked at a good old-fashioned map. You know the kind . . . the ones that unfold accordion style into a huge indecipherable sheet with squiggly lines reminiscent of veins and arteries. When I was growing up, that was the go-to method for getting places. Whenever we went on vacation, we had to spread out this sheet across our laps in order to locate where we were and where we were going. At best, determining our location was more or less an approximation. At worst, we had no inkling where we were until we finally found a junction or a highway sign that enabled us to pinpoint our location on the map. It was truly an exercise in alertness, speculation, and sometimes frustration. Indeed, it did require a little guesswork, along with a little calculation based upon our mileage reading, and eyeballing measurements.

I know some people nowadays who can't even read a map. If you were to hand one to them, they wouldn't have any clue how to interpret it. In fact, some of the same individuals even have difficulty reading the maps on smartphones. Although, I must admit that I have had the same difficulty from time to time.

My brother was exceptionally good at interpreting maps. He was, you might say, our faithful navigator on most of our family excursions. He seemed to have a natural facility for such things. Getting to our destination required some trust in his abilities and listening to his direction. He was usually spot on.

In some ways, I lament the demise of those maps. I still have a few for whatever reason. I guess they make good keepsakes of my travels. With technology the way it is nowadays, much of the work is done for us. Granted, it is still important to pay attention to the instructions given by the digital navigator, but the mind is not engaged in the same way as days gone by.

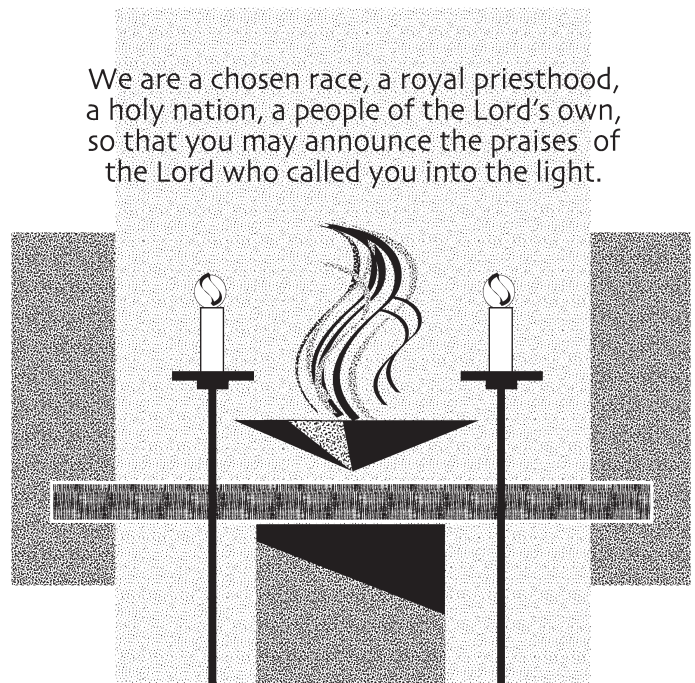
Initially, maps serve in helping us to get to our destinations. With experience and familiarity with the path, though, the map becomes less and less necessary. We begin to recognize landmarks along the way. We get a feel for how to get to the place we were heading. Routine ingrains the path in our memory and any initial confusion gives way to surety.

Jesus says that he is "the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Our life's destination is the Eternal Kingdom. Jesus is the way. He is the definitive guide to Eternity with God. He invites us to trust in his guidance. It isn't always easy and many times we want to forge our own path, but if we do, we end up veering off the right path and into unkempt roads that are more precarious. Jesus rescues us from these alternate paths and re-directs us to the proper route. He does this through the Church and the Sacraments. The Church introduces Christ to us and keeps us in communion with him. In that way, she sets us on the road to eternity.

Ultimately, the map we are following is not a thing but a person. Jesus tells us to follow him and not to let our hearts be troubled. He will always direct us properly. We just need to trust in him and trust in the Church through which he works.

When we look at our mothers, we can't help but see them as a reflection of Jesus. Their role as mothers would not let them intentionally direct us in the wrong direction. Their love and their life experience facilitates our following the right path. They worry over us, sacrifice for us, love us, and guide us constantly. Ultimately, their utmost desire is to lead us to Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of the Lord's own, so that you may announce the praises of the Lord who called you into the light.



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We wish all of our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. We appreciate you for your wonderful example and faith. We also thank Jesus who illuminates the way through you by your persevering love. You deserve more than just one day of recognition. May we always be grateful to God for you.

God bless!

### † *May She Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beatriz Salinas of our parish whose funeral service was held at Seaside this past week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

### *Mother's Day Prayer*



Loving God, we thank you for all the mothers in the world. Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern for their bodily and spiritual health. Grant that we, their children, may honor them always with a spirit of profound love, respect and thanksgiving. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Mass Contributions*

If you are able, we encourage you to continue to support your church during this

time. You can easily contribute online by going to [spxcc.org](http://spxcc.org) and clicking on the "Online Giving" tab. If you prefer, you may mail your donation to 5620 Gollihar Rd, Corpus Christi, TX 78412, or you may drop it by the black locked mailbox outside the parish office.

### *Golf Tournament & Raffle Postponed*

Due to the Coronavirus "Stay-at-home" order, the Golf Tournament & Raffle associated with it has been postponed to June 12, 2020. We will update you about the details as they come. Thank you for your support and your understanding. We are still accepting sponsorships and donations of silent auction items. Please contact the school to help.

### *Parish Office Re-Opening*

The parish office will re-open Monday, May 11th. For the time-being, the office hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

### *Scholarship Donations*

We are currently accepting contributions for our two scholarships; the Christopher Janosek and Emil & Marie Habeeb Scholarships. Graduating seniors in our parish will have the opportunity to apply for this scholarship money. If you would like to donate to either of these scholarships, you can drop your donation in the collection basket or make an online contribution. The scholarships will be awarded at the Graduation Mass.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

### **Schedule of Services**

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

*First Saturday: 8:15AM*

*Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.*

*Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM*

*Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM*

*(Babysitting at 10AM and 12 noon Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)*

*Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,*

*Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM*

*Holy Days: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)*

*Confessions: Thursdays 7-8PM, Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM*

*Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register on website or through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays*

## ***Christopher Janosek/Emil & Marie Habeeb Scholarships***

All graduating high school seniors are invited to apply for the Christopher Janosek/Emil & Marie Habeeb scholarships. More information to come on regarding obtaining an application and the deadline to return.

## ***Resuming Public Masses and Other Sacraments***

We will slowly resume public Masses this weekend with a reduced schedule of Masses. Our Mass times will be: Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 pm, and Sunday Masses at 8:00 am & 10:00 am. Please remember that everyone is dispensed from the obligation to attend public Mass through the end of the month of June. If you feel uncomfortable being in a public place or you are in an "at risk" group, you are welcome to stay home. Our 10:00 am Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook & YouTube. Go to [www.Facebook.com/stpiusxcc](http://www.Facebook.com/stpiusxcc) or YouTube and search for "St. Pius X Corpus Christi" to view the livestream or you can view the recorded Mass on our website at [www.spxcc.org](http://www.spxcc.org).

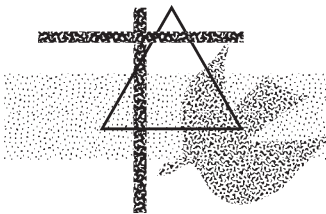
## ***Confessions***

We are now scheduling confessions again. In order to adequately prepare and sanitize the church for the Saturday evening Mass, we will be having confessions from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm in the church. We ask that you enter through the side door of the church close to the parish office and be seated in the side section where the stained glass window of St. Pius X is. This will prevent us from having to disinfect the entire church prior to Mass. Once you have been to confession, please return to the side section to pray if you wish before departing.

## ***Weddings & Baptisms***

We are now scheduling weddings, baptisms, and regular confessions again. Please contact the parish office if you wish to schedule.

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook on Sundays at 10:00 am and weekdays at 8:15 am (Monday - Saturday). Go to [www.Facebook.com/stpiusxcc](http://www.Facebook.com/stpiusxcc) or YouTube and search for "St. Pius X Corpus Christi" to view the livestream or you can view the recorded Mass on our website at [www.spxcc.org](http://www.spxcc.org).



Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

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## ***Pray for the Sick & Shut-ins:***

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Jeanne Baish, Elida Benavides, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, Jimmy Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Allison Cash, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Sabrina Cisneros, Gino Colmenero, Melanie Conner, Carole Cotter, Shirley Currie, Delgado, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Didra DeLosSantos, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Ethel Dulak, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Balde Espinoza, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Dora Garza, Raquel Garza, Terry Garza, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Rose Marie Hand, Doyle Harris, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Anna Hernandez, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Steve Jones, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Mario Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Christopher Manka, Dottie Margrave, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Katie Mechlar, Barbara Mikulik, Fred Mitchell, Melynda Moore, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Trent O'Connell, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Aaron & Mercedes Presas, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Leo M. Robles, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Myron Rose, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Hidalgo Salas, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, David N. Scherzer, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Clara Skelton, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Donna Tindall, Andrew Trevino, Bessie Vasquez, Leah Villalobos, Santana Villarreal, Judy West, Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche, Gloria Posada Alvarez, and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



**Saturday, May 9th**

5:30PM † Dora Almandarez & Helen Boyd by Lucy Boyd

**Sunday, May 10th**

8:00AM † Josephine Russell & Olivia Cardona by DeAnna Havel  
 10:00AM † Margarita Guerrero by Bazan, Leal & Hinojosa families  
 12:00PM For the Parishioners  
 5:30PM Mother's Day Novena

**Monday, May 11th**

8:15AM Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 12th**

8:15AM Mother's Day Novena

**Wednesday, May 13th**

8:15AM Mother's Day Novena  
 5:30PM † Deceased members of Muttera family by Lory Moore  
 † Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.  
 † William Utley by Emma Cuellar  
 † James W. Kelly, Sr./Helen B. Kelly by James/John Kelly  
 † Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James/John Kelly  
 † Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly  
 Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly  
 John C. Kelly's well-being by James Kelly  
 James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly

**Thursday, May 14th**

8:15AM Mother's Day Novena

**Friday, May 15th**

8:15AM Mother's Day Novena  
 5:30PM † Bill Hennings by family

**Saturday, May 16th**

8:15AM Mother's Day Novena

**Sunday, May 17th**

8:00AM † Randy Havel Annv. by DeAnna Havel  
 10:00AM † Susanne O'Connell by Bob & Judy Buchanan  
 12:00PM For the Parishioners  
 5:30PM Mother's Day Novena

**Financial Report for Sunday 4/19/2020**

Operating Revenue:  
 Sunday Collection..... \$15,935.00  
 Sunday Online ..... \$10,577.19  
 Online Special Donation ..... \$503.00  
 Other Income..... \$100.00  
 Total Operating Revenue... \$27,115.19

Other Contributions:  
 Acts of Charity ..... \$515.00  
 Good Friday ..... \$295.00  
 Habeeb Scholarship ..... \$23.00  
 Total Other Contributions..... \$833.00

Total Contributions..... \$27,948.19

**Financial Report for Sunday 4/26/2020**

Operating Revenue:  
 Sunday Collection..... \$9,241.00  
 Sunday Online ..... \$6,219.00  
 Easter Flowers..... \$25.00  
 Other Revenue ..... \$10.00  
 Total Operating Revenue... \$15,495.00

Other Contributions:  
 Acts of Charity ..... \$520.00  
 Retired Diocesan Priests ..... \$5.00  
 CRS ..... \$25.00  
 Good Friday ..... \$125.00  
 Catholic Home Missions ..... \$50.00  
 Rice Bowls..... \$38.30  
 Total Other Contributions..... \$763.30

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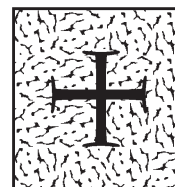
**Financial Report for Sunday 5/3/2020**

Operating Revenue:  
 Sunday Collection..... \$11,045.00  
 Sunday Online ..... \$6,539.00  
 Other Revenue ..... \$1,000.00  
 Total Operating Revenue... \$18,584.00

Other Contributions:  
 Acts of Charity ..... \$445.00  
 Retired Diocesan Priests ..... \$1,450.00  
 CRS ..... \$10.00  
 Catholic Home Missions ..... \$330.00  
 Total Other Contributions..... \$2,235.00

Total Contributions..... \$20,819.00

Diocesan Loan – Parking Lot, A/C, Roof  
 Repairs (1/6/2017)  
 Amount borrowed ..... \$389,469.05  
 Principal pd (3/31/20) ..... \$133,806.57  
 Ending balance..... \$255,662.48



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 rejected by the  
 builders has become  
 the cornerstone

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