

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017

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*Dear Parishioners,*

There was great joy in that city. (Acts 8:8)

Today's first reading tells us three things: evil exists (Acts 8:7); we have the Holy Spirit in us (8:14-15); and we can experience "great joy" as God manifests his power (8:8).

Ever since the time of the Enlightenment, there has been a tendency to dismiss belief in the devil. An overemphasis on reason and science led people to believe that there was no reality beyond the material universe.

Yet Scripture gives us plenty of evidence to the contrary. Jesus confronted demonic forces when he met a man with an unclean spirit (Mark 1:21-28), a blind demoniac (Matthew 12:22-29), and the daughter of a Canaanite woman (15:21-28).

Evil spirits are real, and they are most effective when we are indifferent to them.

There are real-life situations of people who are possessed by evil spirits through witchcraft, curses, and the like. These people need the help of an exorcist. But those are rare cases. For the rest of us, Satan tends to harass us, not possess us. He whispers thoughts that tempt us to be negative, resentful, or self-condemning. We may think these thoughts come from ourselves, and partly they do. But at the same time, they are fostered by Satan's negative accusations.

So what can you do? First, have faith that the Holy Spirit is in you, helping you fight Satan's temptations. Second, pray. Hold on to the words of the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Then, pay attention to what is going on in your heart. Look for signs of how the temptation is diminishing. Rejoice in even the smallest sign of freedom!

Jesus has already conquered Satan. Now he wants us to step into the freedom he has won for us. By following these three simple steps, we can begin to know the "great joy" that comes when we resist Satan's temptations.

"Lord, lead me not into temptation. Deliver me from every evil harassment."

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

Join us for  
**COFFEE  
AND  
DONUTS**

today in the hall...



**Memorial Day Mass**

Will Be Celebrated at Holy Cross Cemetery  
5835 W. Slauson Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230  
**MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017 AT 10:00 AM**

Principal Celebrant: Cardinal Roger Mahony  
**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**Memorial Day Holiday**

The school and church offices will be closed on  
Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

**Mass with Healing of Memories Prayer**

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is hosting a Mass with Healing of Memories Prayer on **Friday, June 9, 2017**. Praise and Worship will begin at 6:30 PM and Mass will begin at 7:00 PM. Come and invite Jesus to heal and free you from past hurts. Father Bill Delaney, the Pastoral Coordinator of Southern California Renewal Communities (SCRC), will be presiding. If you have any questions please call the office at 323.293.4877.

**Did You Know**

2017 marks 15 years since the establishment of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Archdiocese has made an ongoing commitment over the past 15 years to implement the Charter by providing education and tools to help protect children and young people from child sexual abuse and other threats to their safety. Since 2002, the Archdiocese has trained 300,000 adults and more than 1.4 million children. For more information, visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/default.aspx>

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Sunday	Acts 8:5-17, Ps 66:1-20, Jn 14:15-21
Monday	Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15-18, Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18: 23-28, Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-9, Mt 28:16-20

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 20</b>	5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 21</b>	8:00 AM	Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz
		10:00 AM	Soul of Lennell Johnson
		12:15 PM	Intention of all Mothers
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 22</b>	8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 23</b>	8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 25</b>	8:00 AM	Souls Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 27</b>	5:15 PM	Soul of Basil Raymond & Intention Renette Raymond
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 28</b>	8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
		10:00 AM	Soul of Eddie McNeal
		12:15 PM	Soul of Alberta Leon

**Weekly Offering**

**May 14, 2017**  
\$7,911.00 Tithes and Offering  
289.00 Building Fund  
81.00 "We Care"



**Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity  
Sunday, May 21, 2017**

This Sunday we will take up a **second offering** for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Each day of the year, a special mass intention is offered for all who contribute to the Fund.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.