

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Anthony of Padua Parish  
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### TUESDAY, MAY 7

12:05 p.m. +Jim Mies

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

12:05 p.m. VN Mass

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

12:05 p.m. +Mary Kathryn Walterscheid

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

12:05 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Anthony Fraternity of Secular Franciscans

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

4:00 p.m. +Diana D'Amato  
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, MAY 12

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family  
11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

#### **Liturgical Roles for Saturday, May 11, at 4:00 p.m.:**

Lector: C. Claycomb  
E. Minister: R. Hartman  
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhman

#### **Liturgical Roles for Sunday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m.:**

Lector: D. Anton  
E. Minister: S. Walcher

### **PARISH PRAYER LINE**

+Jim Mies Jerry Warrell +John Belton  
Ukraine and its Citizens Kathy Hunter  
Devin Carpenter Marian Eggbert Grace  
Johnny Gabe Domimelli Jim Garcia  
Azariah Willis Julie Munoz Ares Reid  
Michelle Houchin Ja

# Good News!

May 5, 2024

*Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)*

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

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A while back I decided to plant two saplings** that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

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April 28, 2024

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VN: \$ 3,729.00  
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MAY 5, 2024

## Happy Birthday

May birthdays in the parish: Marilyn Keating (May 1); Francis Slingsby (May 4); Lorrie LaBauve (May 12); and Jovita Mies (May 16). In the last year, Lorrie has moved to a nursing facility. Please keep her---a former alto in our choir and long-time parishioner---in your prayers.

And a most happy birthday to everyone!

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On May 31 and June 1, our Vietnamese community will be having their annual Crawfish Festival. There are specific times for that Festival. On Friday, May 31, the hours will be 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. On Saturday, June 1, the hours will be 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

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You may recall from last week's bulletin the efforts of parishioners Brian and Jennifer Wright who have familial connections with the St. Joseph Apache Mission in Mescalero, New Mexico. They help with the summer Catechism Class.

Due to the *extreme* poverty level at the Mission, donations are needed for families who cannot afford the extra cost of meals and beverages for their children attending the summer Catechism class. The Mission is requesting donations to help provide food, water, or other drinks to these youngsters while attending their Class. Any checks can be made out to the St. Joseph Apache Mission.

This is an example of the lunch supplies needed: 800 bottles of water or 800 Kool-Aid/Hawaiian Punch/Gatorade type drinks; funds to purchase fresh fruit, hot dogs, tortilla chips, bagged chips; bags of elbow pasta; or blocks of Velveeta cheese for macaroni and cheese. Jennifer will be at the back of church to accept donations.

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"Let nothing disturb thee,  
Nothing afright thee.  
All things are passing.  
God never changeth.  
Patient endurance attaineth to all things.  
Who God possesseth  
In nothing is wanting:  
God alone sufficeth."

---St. Teresa of Avila

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## Dear Padre

May 5, 2024

**Please clarify for me what the Church considers as "gossip." Is it that bad?**

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are "detraction" and "calumny." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is "without objectively valid reason, disclosing another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them." Calumny occurs when a person, "by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). ●

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