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May 14, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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If you are new to our Church or just visiting, welcome. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. If you are not Catholic, have questions about the Catholic way of life, or would like to explore the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office.

Our Church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Parish Registration forms are at the Church entrances or you can download a form at www.hfparish.com.

We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or to become a parishioner. I pray that you may find warmth and happiness in our parish.

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After Mass
Saturday
3:00pm—3:30 pm

Message from Fr. Jeff

14 May 2023
6th Sunday of Easter
My Favorite Thing

Greetings,

I'll bet that if I were to ask you who your favorite people are, you could rattle off a list quite quickly. Same goes for your favorite things. I know that I have a particular list of family and friends with whom I would enjoy just sitting with them and enjoying each other's company than others. Some of my favorite things (apologies to Julie Andrews) are quite simple. I like a good drive through rural towns. I like my mom's cabbage rolls and breakfast casserole. Others are more high-end. I enjoy a nice prime rib dinner if the beef is perfectly rare. I enjoy a nice single malt Scotch from time to time. I flew first-class once and it was glorious. These are, indeed, some of my favorite things here on Earth but this list pales in comparison to my favorite things that matter.

I love what God has given to each one of us, the gift of Life. I am totally taken with God's Love and Mercy, that He has for every person. I love Holy Mother Church and all that she has to offer us here as we prepare for life in the Kingdom of Heaven. I love that God has seen fit to lead me here to Clarkston and Holy Family to serve. I love that all of us are called to a life of holiness through the Sacraments and are motivated towards Salvation. These are the "intangible" things that bring hope and joy to us in a world filled with cynicism and evil.

We should each have different preferences for things; different foods, places to go, even different friends. However, we should all have the same ultimate goal in mind: eternal life. We should reflect every day on what we need to do to get to Heaven and then do those things. To live a fully Christian life is to think of all of one's life as about God's will, even (or perhaps especially) when the decisions involve not one right or wrong answer but, instead, a lot of gray ones. Even when there is no specific moral obligation at hand, we still have the larger obligation to seek the good and happiness in Jesus.

I think of the old spiritual tune, What A Friend We Have in Jesus. This implies that we not only have a spiritual relationship with Christ but a friendship as well. Think of the things we are willing to do for our friends. These favors range from picking up a friend from the airport late at night to sitting and consoling a friend after a tragedy or personal crisis to donating a kidney and even, as Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, giving up our life for our friends. This friendship goes beyond mere admiration or mutual respect into the realm of wanting nothing more than to do for Jesus, our Friend, whatever He asks of us. Doing these things are what will make us truly happy in this world AND the next.

God is so generous to us with His Grace and Love, not for His sake, but for ours. We are called to recognize the value of those gifts and to be generous in our own turn with that save love and mercy as we encounter Christ in our family, friends, and neighbors,

Blessings,

Fr Jeff Core



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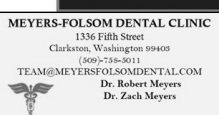


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Obedience, Truth and Freedom

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” John 14:15–17

Imagine a spouse or a friend saying to you, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Such a statement might cause you to react with surprise. Ordinarily, we do not see obedience to another as a sign that we love them. However, what if a parent were to say to a child, “If you love me, you will be obedient.” That statement is easier to accept because of the unique role of a parent to their children. In regard to our love of God, obedience to His divine will is the greatest act of love we can offer. This is because God’s will is perfect. It’s exactly what we need in life. It’s what we were made for. And it is the one and only way to achieve the human fulfillment that we seek. Only God can say such a thing to us because only God is God.

Jesus followed up His call to obedience by saying that obedience to Him will result in Jesus and His Father bestowing the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth upon you. The Holy Spirit will remain “with you, and will be in you.” This is such a profound statement from our Lord. In fact, so much of what He says within this sermon given at the Last Supper is profound beyond comprehension.

One clear thing this tells us is that obedience to God leads to a discovery of the Truth. And as Jesus says elsewhere, “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31–32). Obedience leads to Truth. Truth leads to freedom.

This begs the question: Do you want to be free? Clearly you do. We cannot not want to be free. Meaning, we are obliged to want freedom, just as we are obliged to want happiness. Why? Because the desire for freedom and happiness is written upon our very nature. It is a desire that we cannot escape. It’s how we are wired. However, it is quite possible to become confused about the way we achieve these desires. For many, obedience is not always understood as the pathway to that desired freedom and happiness.

Consider, again, a child. Imagine a parent telling that child not to eat a certain wild berry that grows behind their house because the parent knows the berry is poisonous and will cause the child to become sick. If the child disobeys and eats the berry anyway, he will learn the important lesson that he should have been obedient. Or if the child were to get in a fight with his brother and was angry and crying, the parent may tell him to say he’s sorry and reconcile with his brother. If the child refuses, he will remain angry and crying. But if he obeys, then he and his brother will once again be able to have fun together.

On a grand scale, this is what God does for us. He is the perfect Father Who always knows what is best for us. For that reason, we must not only conform to His will, we must desire it, seek it out and desire to be obedient to the greatest degree. This is the path to Truth. It is the path to freedom. It is the path to the happiness we desire.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of obedience to the will of God and your understanding of the importance of that obedience. Do you realize that God’s will is perfect? Perhaps you do intellectually, but how about practically? When you read through the Scriptures and hear Jesus’ commands of love, do you seek to follow them without hesitation? For example, do you forgive those who seem undeserving? Can you say, with our Lord from the Cross, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do?” Reflect upon anything this past year that was difficult for you to embrace from God. Ponder it, pray over it and seek to obey whatever He has revealed to you. Doing so will be the first step toward the fulfillment of your deepest desires in life.

Most glorious Jesus, Your will is perfect in every way. Obedience to Your will leads to the fulfillment of my life and my every desire. Please bestow the Spirit of Truth upon me so that I will always know Your will and embrace it with all my might. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Saturday 5/13/2023	4:00pm	Special Intentions
Sunday 5/14/2023	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday 5/15/2023	8:00am	Gerald Behler †
Tuesday 5/16/2023	————	No Mass
Wednesday 5/17/2023	8:30am	Ruby Meyer †
Thursday 5/18/2023	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday 5/19/2023	8:00am	Christopher Kopel †
Saturday 5/20/2023	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday 5/21/2023	9:00am	The Dagelen Family

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Sunday 9:00am May 14th	Christian Leer Kerri Bailey	Maureen Mills	Anna Eggleston Ashley Eggleston	Brian Babino Mark Flerchinger Ron Gosselin Bob Uptagrafft

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Have you recently moved to town? Have you just joined Holy Family Church?

Did you know that you need to stop by the parish office, (917 Chestnut) and register! You can do this anytime during the week during our office hours.

WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY!

Men's RV Retreat: Mark your calendars gentlemen for a Men's RV Retreat at St. Patrick Parish-Colfax starting Fri., June 30th in the afternoon & concluding with Mass at 5pm on Sat., July 1st. The men's RV retreat will aim at giving catholic men of our surrounding areas the opportunity for some much-needed disconnection from daily life so that they can reconnect to themselves. Men will also be able to relax and connect with other men, free from the responsibilities of work, family, and recharge from the onslaught of daily life. And above all, this will be a great opportunity to spend some quality time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, receive the sacrament of reconciliation, have one-on-one time with a priest in the form of spiritual direction and enjoy two conferences on our faith from Rev. Lucas Tomson. More information to come. For questions please contact St. Patrick Parish Office at 509-397-3921 or email cmurphy@dioceseofspokane.org.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 8:45am in the church hall after morning Mass. Please join us!



This Week.....

Sunday, May 14th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Children's Sacrament Class 11:00am

Monday, May 15th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Ladies Group 8:45am

Tuesday, May 16th:

- No Mass

Wednesday, May 17th:

- Mass 8:30am
- Holy Hour & Confessions after Mass
- Bingo for Books 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Thursday, May 18th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Holy Family School Blood Drive

Friday, May 19th:

- Mass 8:00am

Saturday, May 20th:

- Rosary Rally 12:00pm-1:00pm at Napa Auto Parts Store
- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm
- Wine & Cheese after Mass

Sunday, May 21st:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Children's Sacrament Class 11:00am

Special Monthly Collections

May - Parish Utilities, Building Maintenance Fund, School Collection, Youth Group.

If you have your weekly/monthly donations automatically taken out of your bank account, here is a list of the "special collections" you may not know of.

Pray For...

Week 2

Sherry Domaskin
Marty & Chierie
Nelson & Family

Week 1

Pat & Melva Boyle
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Christian Morgan
Helen Riggers
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Verla Day
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Melanie Stellmon
Joel Babino
Jo & Leonard Castle
Nancy Fontaine

Week 3

Tom & JoAnn Harvey
Gordon & Delores
Rubenthaler
Eileen Jeffreys
Irene Cicrich
Don Brooks
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Week 4

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We pray for the needs and healing of these members, friends and family of our community: Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the parish office at 758-6102 or email to dparis@dioceseofspokane.org if you would like someone to be added.

As you may have noticed, our prayer chain tends to grow at a steady rate. While people are never officially removed from the prayer chain, our prayer warriors continue to pray. Sometimes names need to be removed after some time in the bulletin to make room for other names. Please rest assured that your loved one is still being prayed for and has not been forgotten. Thank you.