

## EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

### ROSARY

May is the month of Mary our mother. All Parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary as a family in the Church, **30 minutes before each weekend Mass.**



### MAY PROCESSION

We will have our May procession and the crowning of Mary at all weekend Masses on **Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th.** At the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday and 7:00am Mass on Sunday we will have the procession with a simple entrance into the church, at the 9:00am Mass the procession will start at the Pastoral Centre and we will have a solemn entrance into the church.



### PENTECOST SUNDAY

This year Pentecost celebrations will be held in the individual parishes. This will take place on **Sunday, May 19, 2024** beginning at 8:00am. There will be praise and worship, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a talk by Mrs. Grace Baston, followed by Mass at 10:00am. Do come out and join us and be blessed. We will have the usual 6:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 18th for those persons unable to attend on Sunday.



### PRE MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



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MASS TIMES: Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Appointment/Announced

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Year B - May 5, 2024**

### *Today's Readings*

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48  
2nd Reading: 1 Jn. 4:7-10  
Gospel Reading: Jn. 15:9-17



**Response:** All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God



## Reflecting on the Gospel

The gospel begins with God, not us. It describes in sweeping detail the unparalleled, intimate relationship to which the Father and Jesus invite us: chosen by them, given a share in their joy, called friends by them, told everything by them, appointed by them to bear fruit, and given whatever we ask in Jesus' name. In response, we are to incarnate this divine-human relationship in our relationships with each other: "love one another as I love you." God's love is so freely and lavishly given. In turn, we are to empty ourselves and give that love to those we meet. We are not to love on our terms; we are to love as Jesus has loved us. This love is demanding; this is the only love that brings us lasting joy. Immediately after Jesus expresses the desire that his joy become complete in us, he commands us to "love one another."

What is his joy? The deep resonance of risen Life that arises from being faithful to the Father's will. What is the love he commands? Laying "down one's life." Joy and love are the Easter mystery made visible. Love always brings us to Good Friday, because then we gaze upon the Jesus who lays down his life. This Jesus calls us to lay down our own life, to give ourselves over to the kind of self-giving life that brings Life to others.

Joy always proclaims Easter Sunday, that day when Life burst forth from death. We who remain in Jesus' love and welcome his joy in us embody the Easter mystery, make visible God's saving events, witness to bearing the fruit of the Father's gift of Life.

The second reading and gospel help us understand how we are to bring our Easter living down to something concrete and measurable. God expressed divine love by sending the Son "as expiation for our sins" (second reading). Likewise, we express our love by "laying down" our lives (gospel). Love is no "pie-in-the-sky" feeling as our contemporary society might have us believe. Instead, love is laying down one's life by caring for others, keeping God's commandments, treating everyone as friend. Jesus' love for us is the model: he sacrificed his life, so must we; he overcame death, so must we overcome our own reluctance to die to self for the good of others. Our joy can be complete only when we love as Jesus did.

The Living Gospel Year A



# Happy Birthday



**5th May**  
 Andrea Ayton ♦ Elaine Chai ♦ Lauren Chai ♦  
 Roy Porter ♦ Jessica Hendrickson ♦ Karen Jackson ♦  
 Diane Pasmore ♦ Tristan Sykes ♦ Marlene Williams

**6th May**  
 Olive Edwards ♦ Blake Shoucair ♦ Jose Valles ♦

**7th May**  
 Ann duQuesnay ♦ Emmanuel Sylvester ♦

**8th May**  
 Marcia Moo-Young ♦ Craig Powell ♦  
 Isabelle Solomon ♦ Paige Solomon ♦

**9th May**  
 Mary Abrahams ♦ Eladio Walker ♦  
 Patricia Grant-Heron ♦

**10th May**  
 Danisa Clare ♦ Carolyn DaCosta ♦ Susan Davis ♦  
 Denise Neil-Hemming ♦ Trey Williams ♦  
 Zander Williams ♦

**11th May**  
 Amia DaCosta ♦ Elsworth Johnson ♦



## Happy Anniversary

**5th May**    ❖ Richard & Simone Khouri  
                   ❖ Christopher & Melissa Lowe

**7th May**    ❖ Michael & Candace Bravo  
                   ❖ Noel & Pauline Brown

**8th May**    ❖ Michael & Sherina Garcia

**10th May**   ❖ Clyde & Direen Berrick  
                   ❖ Bernard & Karlene March

**11th May**   ❖ Christophe & Marie Ferrer  
                   ❖ Kirk & Deborah Jardine  
                   ❖ Mark & Lisa Young

