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Sunday Bulletin



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Bulletin Deadline— **Wednesday Noon**

Reconciliation: **Saturday, 3:30 pm or by appointment.**

Baptism: Call for pre-Baptism preparation video.

Anointing: Contact parish office in case of illness or need.

Wedding Plans? To avoid last-minute confusion, contact Father Corwin at least six months before your planned wedding date!



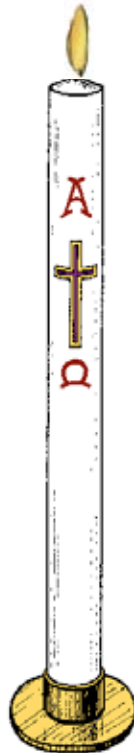
6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

The liberty of Easter life springs, oddly enough, from the commitment to obedience we made through baptism into Christ, whose obedience to the Father in love is the source of our life. Our real life, that is. Not "life" as the world defines it.

In today's readings, Cornelius falls at the feet of Peter because "the Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power" in human flesh. "The Lord has made his salvation known" in Peter, a human being. And not because of any natural goodness in Peter, but rather due to the fact that Jesus said to him, "It was I who chose you," that Cornelius so eagerly offers such homage. He lives the heart of the Gospel: "Let us love one another, because love is of God." Symbolically, Cornelius lays down his life for his friend Peter, who will soon culminate that gesture in martyrdom. Consequently, any sceptical question of human attachment alone is rebutted; Christ's brand of love is divine love. To this we are called and commanded.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at Farming ----- 8:15 pm

Sunday morning at St. Martin----- 10:00 am

Monday morning—No Mass.

Tues-Thurs-Friday at St. Martin— 8:00 am

Wednesday at Farming----- 8:00 am

Eve of any Holy Day — 8:15 pm at Farming

Holy Days ----- 8:15 pm at St. Martin

(unless otherwise announced)

MASS INTENTIONS

18 Mon — No Morning Mass

19 Tues — † Mary Flint

20 Wed — 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's

21 Wed — †† Joseph & Susan Kuhl

22 Fri — † Ryan Shay

23 Sat — 8:15 pm Mass at St. Catherine's

***24 Sun — 10:00 am Mass at St. Martin**
~For the Parish

*** = Holy Day of Obligation**

2009 Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Annual Diocesan Appeal supports diocesan parishes and the Ministries Supporting Our Lives. If you have already responded with your commitment for 2009, we thank you! If not, please prayerfully consider a contribution using the brochure and envelope sent in the mail.

If you have not received a mailing, please call the Development Office at 320-258-0390. Thank you and God bless you.

"Here the history of humanity was decisively changed," Pope Benedict XVI said on May 15, praying at the basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. "The empty tomb speaks to us of hope — the hope that does not disappoint, because it is the gift of the Spirit of life."

"This is the message that I wish to leave with you today, at the conclusion of my pilgrimage to the Holy Land," the Holy Father continued. "May hope rise up ever anew, by God's grace, in the hearts of all the people dwelling in these lands! May it take root in your hearts, abide in your families and communities."

The Pope returned to Jerusalem on Friday after his visit to Nazareth in Galilee the previous day. At the church of the Holy Sepulchre, he was greeted by the Catholic, Orthodox, and Armenian clerics who share custody of the basilica. After private prayer at the tomb, he delivered a short address.

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday Readings: Cycle B Weekday Readings: Year 1

May 18 — Monday • Acts 16: 11-15 • Jn 15:26--16: 4a

May 19 — Tuesday • Acts 16: 22-34 • Jn 16: 5-11

May 20 — Wednesday • Acts 17: 1-6 • Jn 16: 12-15

May 21 — Thursday • Acts 18: 1-8 • Jn 16: 16-20

May 22 — Friday • Acts 18: 9-18 • Jn 16: 20-23

May 23 — Saturday • Acts 18: 23-28 • Jn 16: 23b-28

***May 24 — Feast of the Ascension • Acts 1: 1-11**
• Eph 1: 17-23 • Mk 16: 15-20

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I want to thank the Prayer Line for their prayers during my heart surgery. I appreciate them praying for my great recovery. Thank You!

Gene Loecken

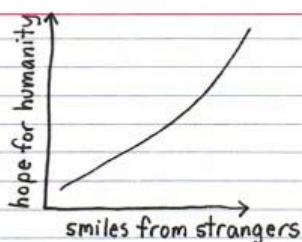
 **Prayer Line**
548-3436

Do you know of someone ill or in need of prayers? Just call:

Diane Rothstein — 548-3436.

Dozens of parishioners will immediately ask God and the saints to intercede for the sufferer.

Field Notes from a trip to Indiana



Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, May 21
8:15 pm
in Parish Hall classroom

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

May 31 – Seven Dolors parish center, Albany. **2nd Annual Salad Luncheon & Craft Boutique.** The women of Seven Dolors Parish of Albany will host the 2nd Annual Salad Luncheon & Craft Boutique on Sunday, May 31 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the parish center. A variety of homemade salads and fresh breads will be served and handcrafted items on display. Come for lunch and see our beautifully restored church.

It's All About Obedience

I was born with a name, and cheerfully answer to it. As a kid I was noted for prowling the woods, aquired a nickname and still answer cheerfully to "Hootowl." Hoot, for short.

When I later became known as a magazine writer, it seemed only fair to my wife who had a perfectly good profession of her own but took time off to travel with me when she could, that I acknowledge her help with the interviews and story research. (Not to mention hauling a certain amount of camera gear and cookware around in a custom-fitted backpack.) So I took on the pen name of P. J. Hughey —"PeeJay" to editors and readers alike, few of whom ever suspected that the "J" stood for Jimmie.

A few who did catch on assumed that "Jimmie" was my brother! That we were a couple of fearless hairy guys who would dare roughest terrain to muscle a story in on deadline. When on occasion a New York publisher would turn up at our Hondo Canyon homestead to cadge a free guided fishing trip or some deep-desert foolishness, another jaw would drop speechless when "brother Jim" turned out to be a diminutive PhD of scientific renown who walked with a crutch and was mother of a child!

Years later I began to write about things of the human heart and immortal soul, and adopted another pen name. This one had nothing to do with name recognition but was an admission of deepest humility. Near-death experience and months trapped inside the gates of hell taught me that my own strength had become a joke, yet with Christ anything was possible. Fear nothing, he said. Simply love.

So I borrowed a once-common byline from the Victorian Age, when discreet gentlemen would sign their name, *Your Obedient Servant.*

To them, it was conceit. To me it said everything. If the Son of God! considered himself servant to a thick-as-a-brick Lake Galilee fisherman, who was I but a lesser dumb fisherman that I should write words for my own glory?

I have a new boss now and he is not a publisher. So I remain, very sincerely, *yr. obt. svt.*

EXCUSES

You say: "It's impossible."

God says: All things are possible. (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired."

God says: I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me."

God says: I love you. (John 3:16 & John 3:34)

You say: "I can't go on."

God says: My grace is sufficient. (Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't do it."

God says: You can do all things. (Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able."

God says: I am able. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it."

God says: It will be worth it. (Roman 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself."

God says: I forgive you. (1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage."

God says: I will supply all your needs. (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid."

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear. (2 Timothy 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated."

God says: Cast all your cares on ME. (1 Peter 5:7)

You say: "I'm not smart enough."

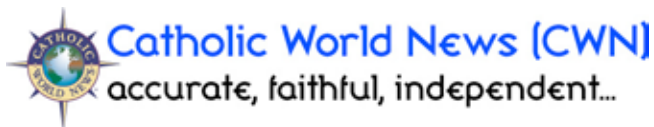
God says: I give you wisdom. (1 Corinthians 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone."

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you. (Heb. 13:5)

HOUSEKEEPING Tip:

The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness, can be trained to do most things.



Texas priest hospitalized after stabbing

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=2886>

A Texas priest who was repeatedly stabbed by a distraught parishioner after Sunday Mass is in stable but serious condition at a local hospital. Father Saji Varghese was assailed by a man who reportedly said he was grappling with demons.

Catholic hospital fined for refusing abortion

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=2907>

St. Ignatius University Hospital faces a fine for refusing to perform an abortion for a woman carrying a handicapped child. The hospital will pay about \$5,000. The woman involved in the case procured an abortion at another institution.

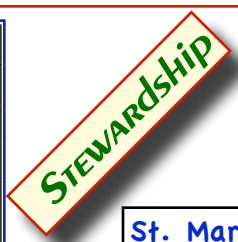
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<http://www.catholicculture.org/commentary/otr.cfm?id=4995>

Father Lawrence Perry has been suspended, after being accused of sexual misconduct with adult parishioners. The case will likely revive arguments for an end to priestly celibacy in the Catholic Church.

Oh, wait. Father Perry is an Episcopalian priest, not a Catholic. And the Episcopal Church allows priests to marry. So this case will probably cause anti-Catholic pundits to . . . revive arguments etc.

May 10, 2009	
Adults	954.00
Youth	2.00
Children	0.12
Plate	94.25
Peter's Pence	94.00
Votives	24.00
Total	1168.37



St. Martin Band Members:

Tune up those horns!
Toughen up your lips!
Wed. or Thursdays
for practice!
Pass the word!



Little League Practice
Sunday (today), May 17
6:30 pm
at Ray Weber Field