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May 8, 2016

Ascension Sunday

MASS INTENTION:

Saturday, May 7th:

Mass for the People

Sunday, May 8th:

All Mothers, Living & Deceased

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

ACTS 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9)

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world. (Matthew 28:19a, 20b)

Gospel:

Luke 24:46-53

PROCLAIM THE MERCY OF THE FATHER

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL WEEKEND

May 21st & 22nd

We invite you to participate in the 2016-2017 DCA as we support our Diocese and the many ways they help our Catholic community and those in need.

More information to follow soon!

MAY MERCY DAYS

During May, we would like to visit with and/or provide meals for any of our parishioners that are ill, homebound, or that would like someone to pray with them.

Anyone who would like to volunteer, or if you know anyone who would benefit from a visit, please contact Sybille Neuber & the Spiritual Life Committee at sneuber6@gmail.com OR 392-3860.

UPCOMING ACTS RETREATS

Women's ACTS Retreat

June 9-12

November 3-6

Teen ACTS Retreat

July 14-17

Men's ACTS Retreat

August 18-21

ACTS Retreats are opportunities for men, women and teens to grow a deeper relationship with Christ over a weekend retreat. For more information or to register, please email Maria Treviño at faithlovehope15@yahoo.com

SECOND COLLECTION

For Disaster Victims of Earthquakes in Ecuador

Thank you for your generosity. Our parish collected \$789.07 last weekend to support the victims, families, and homeless in Ecuador through Catholic Relief Services.

PRAYER INTENTION LIST

Week of May 1, 2016

Healing & Good Health

-Ben Ybanez -Martha Oyervidez
-Alice Hernandez -Irene Casarez
-Yajayra Marin -Corina Escamilla
-Eloisa Landin -Sylvia Ortiz
-Karter Salazar -Martha Salazar
-Jason Mata -Mary Salazar
-Bea Rodriguez -Daniel Cortez
-Joe Porras -Andrea Garcia
-Miranda Esquivel -Adela Galan
-Michael Reyna -Jack Castilleja
-Ruben Martinez
-Melchur "Roy" Esquivel
-Juan & Terri Contreras
-San Juanita Valenciano

General

-Contreras Family
-Adrian & Rosalinda Jimenez

Eternal Rest

-Pete Montes
-Gordon Howard Motl
-All the faithful departed +

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Saturday, May 14, 2016
at 5pm at SJTB



We invite you to join us
as our parish youth
receive the sacrament
of First Holy Eucharist.

All are welcome!



"As he blessed
them he parted
from them
and was taken
up to heaven.
They did him
homage and
then returned
to Jerusalem
with great joy..."
(Luke 24:51-52)

Dear Friends of St. John the Baptist,

Continuing with the reflection from last Sunday's bulletin inspired by the writer Stephen Covey on the attributes of loving and serving others, I would like to pick up where we left off:

Living the Law of Love

When we live the law of love, we encourage obedience to the laws of life. When we are willing to live the law of love, we recognize that people are extremely tender inside, even if they act tough and self-sufficient. If we listen to them with the third ear, the heart, this will be revealed to us. We can gain a greater influence with them by showing unconditional love. This gives people a sense of intrinsic worth and security unrelated to conforming behavior or comparisons with others.

Seek First to Understand

We love and serve others best when we seek first to understand, then to be understood. When communicating with others, we need to give our full attention to be completely present. Then, we need to empathize: to see from the other person's point of view, to walk in his moccasins for awhile. This takes great courage and patience. But until people feel that you understand them, they will not be open.

Prepare Your Mind and Heart Before You Speak

What you say may be less important than how you say it. For example, before your children return from school full of their own needs, set your mind and heart, choose pleasantness and cheerfulness, choose to give full attention to their needs. Ask yourself: How can I bless my wife or husband and children tonight? Choosing to be your best self will arrest fatigue and renew your best resolves.

Reward Open, Honest Expressions or Questions

Too often we punish honest, open expressions or questions. We upbraid, judge, belittle, or embarrass. Soon, others learn to cover up, to protect themselves, to not ask. The greatest single barrier to honest communication is the tendency to criticize and judge.

Accept the Person Before Trying to Change Their Mind & Heart

The first step in changing or improving another is to accept him as he is. Nothing reinforces defensive behavior more than judgment, comparison, or rejection. A feeling of acceptance and worth frees a person from the need to be defensive. Acceptance is not condoning a weakness or agreeing with a behavior. But rather, it is affirming the intrinsic worth of another, acknowledging that they are still a human being, and as such, a child of God.

If we can extract some wisdom from Covey's principles, how much more meaningful our love for God and others would be, and on this day of the Ascension, like the disciples, our hearts would be filled with great joy.

- Fr. David