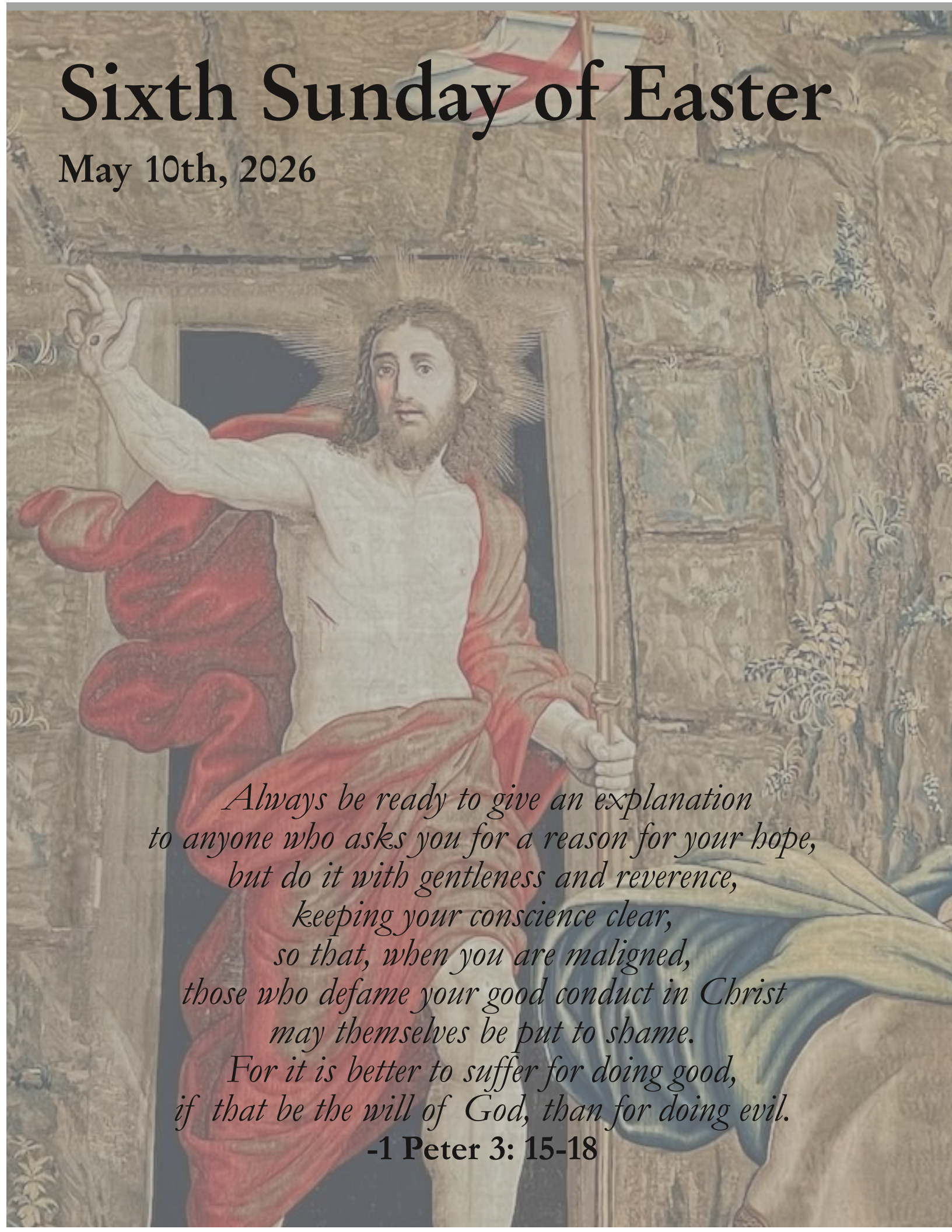


Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10th, 2026



*Always be ready to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,
but do it with gentleness and reverence,
keeping your conscience clear,
so that, when you are maligned,
those who defame your good conduct in Christ
may themselves be put to shame.*

*For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.*

-1 Peter 3: 15-18

**Immaculate Conception-Polson
Sacred Heart-Ronan
St. Joseph Mission-Charlo**

Parish Contact Information and Office Hours

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The parish office is open Tuesday through Friday
from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Parish Staff

Fr. Kevin Christofferson-Pastor
Deacon Andy Dorrington-Senior Status
Sara McNeil-Office Manager
Sage Dorrington-Director of Faith Formation

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 6:00 pm-Immaculate Conception
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am-Sacred Heart
Sunday at 11:00 am-Immaculate Conception
Mass is also offered at St. Joseph Mission at 4:00 pm on the
third Saturday of each month from September through May

Masses During the Week

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am
Wednesday at 12:10 pm
*Confessions are available on Wednesday at 11:30 am and again during an
hour of Eucharistic Adoration.*

Sacred Heart

Friday at 9:00 am
Confessions are available after Mass during an hour of
Eucharistic Adoration

**Please consult the Liturgy schedule since Mass times
during the week may change.**



Pray the Rosary!

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, May 9th

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter
Intentions of Leonidas Marshall rb: Nick & Katie Devlin

Sunday, May 10th

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Daily masses will resume June 2nd

Sacred Heart

Sunday, May 10th

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Repose of the Soul of Leslie Christofferson rb Sherie Caldwell

Daily masses will resume June 2nd



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May
That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small
consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure
that everyone has access to quality food.

“Have faith,” Jesus tells us. That is the secret! “Have faith in God; have faith also in me” (Jn 14:1). It is precisely this faith that frees our hearts from the anxiety of possessing and acquiring, and from the illusion that we must pursue a position of prestige to have worth. Each person already has infinite worth in the mystery of God, which is the true reality. By loving one another as Jesus has loved us, we impart this awareness to one another. This is the new commandment; in this way, we anticipate heaven on earth and reveal to all that fraternity and peace are our calling. Indeed, through love, amidst a multitude of brothers and sisters, each one discovers that they are uniquely made.

-Pope Leo XIV

Parish Activities Calendar

Activities are located at Immaculate Conception unless otherwise specified

This Week in the Parish

Tuesday, May 12th

Cor Men's Group at 6:00 pm

Friday, May 15th

Community Dinner at 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 17th

Knights of Columbus Breakfast following 11:00 am Mass

Planning Ahead

May 20th

High School Youth Group at 6:30 pm

May 12th through May 19

Youth Pilgrimage to Guatemala with Fr. Kevin

Fr. Tom Haffey will be celebrating the weekend Masses

May 25th through May 29th

Annual Priests Retreat at Carroll College

Fr. Kevin will be unavailable this week

Knights of Columbus

Fr. O'Malley Council #6260



The Council meets on the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 am at Immaculate Conception.

Cor Men's Group is a program of the Knights of Columbus and is open to all men in the parish. Cor Men's Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm and includes a meal.

The Council serves breakfast on the third Sunday of each month following the 11:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception.

New member inquiries can be directed to John Winegart via text message at 406-270-6655.

If you need ride assistance to attend Sunday Mass, please contact the Knights to make arrangements.

Humbly asking for your prayers..

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Carolyn Fyant, Diana Cote, Shawna Lehner, Bruce Basler, Sara Turner, Aaron Torgerson

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the parish office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Please Support Our Local Food Banks!

Polson Loaves & Fishes - Website: polsonpantry.com

Ronan Bread Basket - Website: ronanbreadbasket.org

Parish Offertory Progress

Fiscal Year Beginning July 1st, 2025

Immaculate Conception

Sunday Collection

\$151,281.00 of \$183,150.00 (83%)

Annual Catholic Appeal

\$21,405.00 of \$29,700.00 (72%)

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Mission

Sunday Collection

\$38,714.00 of \$48,393.00 (80%)

Annual Catholic Appeal

\$8,040.00 of \$9,100.00 (88%)

Roof Replacement Project

Complete! Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions may always be made to the Building Fund for each parish and are not assessed by the diocese. These funds help greatly with projects and more costly repairs.

Thank you for your generosity!



Congratulations to our recently confirmed youth!

Katherine Bartel, Cash Brown, Ella Grainey, Brynlee Jennison, Joey Jennison, Finn Taylor, and Carston Wadworth received the sacrament of confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Helena on May 3rd, 2026.

Congratulations to Shane Clairmont!

He is receiving the sacrament of baptism on May 10th, 2026 at Immaculate Conception Parish.





2025-2026

SEMINARIANS FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA



Kaleb Mitchell



Riley Helgoe



Brett Rotz



Anthony Olmes



James Semling



Jamie Severson



Carter Anderson



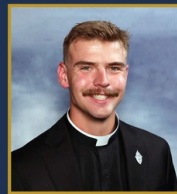
Shae Bills



Matt Keck



Carson Gorton



Jake Smith



Ryan Frampton



Liam Aippersbach



Mason Yochum

Please Continue to Pray for Our Seminarians



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Because He First Loved Us (Capital Campaign), Estate

Planning and Gifts, Gift Annuities, and Permanent

Endowment Funds

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June 28-30

Registration is Now

Open!

CATHOLIC WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

The Holy See (Official Vatican Website)

www.vatican.va

Vatican News

www.vaticannews.va

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org

Local

Sunday Homilies

Search "Fr. Kevin Christofferson" on YouTube

Catholic Radio

Divine Mercy Radio (EWTN) 90.7 FM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

God Within You

Synthesis of the Readings

The readings this Sunday press a single, unmistakable truth: the Christian life is not merely belief about Christ, but life in the Spirit of Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Samaritans have accepted the word of God, yet something is still lacking until the apostles arrive and lay hands on them, and they receive the Holy Spirit. The Church is shown here in her full sacramental reality—faith is not self-contained or private, but brought to completion through apostolic mediation. What begins in hearing the word is perfected in communion with the Spirit given through the Church.

This same reality is drawn inward and intensified in the Gospel of John. Christ makes a staggering promise: “I will not leave you orphans.” His departure is not abandonment, but transformation. He will remain—not visibly, but really—through the gift of “another Advocate.” The world cannot receive Him because it does not see or know Him, but the disciple does, because the Spirit dwells within. The Christian, then, is not simply one who follows Christ externally, but one in whom Christ lives. This is the heart of Easter faith: the risen Lord is no longer merely with His disciples—He is in them, and they in Him.

Word Study – *παράκλητος* (Paraklētos, “Advocate”)

At the center of the Gospel stands the word *παράκλητος*—“Advocate,” often translated also as “Helper” or “Counselor.” But none of these alone captures its full weight. The Paraklētos is literally “one called alongside”—a defender, an intercessor, one who stands with you in trial. In the ancient world, it carried legal overtones: the one who speaks on your behalf when you cannot stand alone.

This reveals something profound about the Christian life. The Spirit is not merely a vague presence or inner feeling. He is the personal presence of God acting within us, guiding, strengthening, correcting, and defending. Christ does not leave His disciples to navigate the world alone; He gives them His own Spirit as their interior companion. Thus, obedience to Christ’s commandments is not a burden imposed from outside, but a life made possible from within. The Paraklētos transforms the moral life from obligation into participation—God Himself enabling what He commands.

Voices from the Fathers

“The Lord did not say, ‘I will send you a gift,’ but ‘another Advocate,’ that you may understand the Spirit to be equal in honor with the Son.” — **John Chrysostom**

“He dwells with you and shall be in you: not by changing place, but by working within the heart.” — **Augustine of Hippo**

“The Spirit is given that we may not be orphans, but sons—able to cry out to God as Father.” — **Cyril of Alexandria**

“What the law commanded from without, grace accomplishes from within.” — **Leo the Great**

Questions for Reflection

Do I actually live as though the Holy Spirit dwells within me—or do I approach my daily life as if I am essentially on my own?

Where do I treat Christ’s commandments as burdens from the outside, rather than as a life made possible from within by the Spirit?

If Christ truly is in me and I in Him, what in my life right now contradicts that reality—and why am I still holding onto it?