

May 1, 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saint John Catholic Church

Masses
Sunday:8am ~ Wednesday:8:30am ~ Thursday:6:30pm



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The Christians in the World “Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

“And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives.

“They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law. Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many, they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they rejoice as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

“To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The world hates the Christians and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

“Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body’s hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place, and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian’s lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.” - *From a letter to Diognetus (Nn. 5-6; Funk 397-401)*

Prayer: *Father of all holiness, guide our hearts to you. Keep in the light of your truth all those you have freed from the darkness of unbelief. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. - Prepared by the Spiritual Theology Department of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross*

Parish News & Events

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 5/1 8:00am For Dan Schreck
Wednesday 5/4 8:30am For Mable E. Richter
Thursday 5/5 6:30pm For John W. Brincks
Sunday 5/8 8:00am For Christine Hanley

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact Rita in the Church Office at 523-1943.

Liturgical Ministers for May 8

Cross Bearer: Brian Richter
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hollinrake
Lector: Julie Plowman
Host: Scott Suhr
Cup: Dave Richter, Matt Fagan
Servers: Logan Brincks, Kennedy Plowman
Traveling Chalice: Les & Theresa Elgin

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

For May 2016

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.



Evangelization: That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

Birthdays

5/1: Julie Plowman
5/4: Paul Gettler
5/5: Colleen Christensen,
Amy Kautzky
5/6: Les Elgin

Anniversaries

Gail & Annie Brincks **5/12/2004**
Scott & Natalie Suhr **5/15/1993**

The late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was a devout Catholic. Following are some excerpts from his January 2005 address to the Baton Rouge Knights of Columbus #969 at their centennial celebration.

"God assumed from the beginning that the wise of the world would view Christians as fools...and He has not been disappointed. To believe in traditional Christianity is something else. For the Son of God to be born of a Virgin? To believe that He rose from the dead and bodily ascended into heaven? To believe in miracles? If I have brought you any message today, it is this: Have the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. Be fools for Christ...and have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world."

- Submitted by Wayne Nosbisch, Grand Knight Stuart All Saints



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Financial Report for the week of April 24th

Regular Tithes \$656.00
Children's Collection \$23.00
Building Fund \$50.00
Repair Fund Balance 4/13: \$2,180.67
ADA Balance Due: \$1,133.90
Thank you for your generosity!

You are invited to Stuart to walk with us in the 3rd Annual May Crowning Procession Wednesday May 4th. Meet at the Saints Center (old church) at 6:15pm. Procession begins at 6:30pm. Ice Cream Social in the All Saints Parish Hall following the procession. **Everyone is welcome!**

