

Ministries Grew from Needs of People

By Paige Byrne Shortal

"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution."

Acts 6:1

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the early church struggling to survive its infancy. Jesus didn't leave instructions about what to do when there were Greek members and Hebrew members who came from cultures so different that communication was painfully difficult. Greek meets Jew was as much of a clash of cultures as Midwest meets Mayan. But they were all believers, all on fire with the Spirit, all filled with the excitement of participating in something new, something right and just.

Jesus' plan for us?
Pray. Discern. Act.

"So the twelve called together the community of the disciples



and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to the task....'"

Acts 6:2

The first deacons
(Diakonos: Greek for "service")

For a while, the ministry of deacon died out and became only a rank or stopping place on the way to priesthood.

We still have vestiges of this in the title transitional deacon. Vatican II restored the diaconate, and those we now call permanent deacons are not "mini-priests," but men with their own unique call to service.

As the Church grew, so did the need for people with different gifts to minister to the community. While the early Church was a small group of outlaws, worshiping in secret for fear of their lives, there wasn't much need for ministries like lector, catechist, cantor, minister of the Eucharist, greeter, or usher. Nor were there pastoral councils or commissions for finance, liturgy, social services, and education. These ministries all arose out of need as the Church grew.

The Spirit's work within the Church continues, calling men and women to ministries never imagined in the infancy of the Church. The plan remains: PRAY—fervently! DISCERN—carefully! ACT—courageously! †



Lord Jesus, when there is conflict within our family or community, send your Spirit to guide us to reconciliation and unity, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

Jesus reveals to us a God who is as close to us as the poorest person is. I keep marveling at the radicality as well as the simplicity of Jesus' message. He breaks right through all the questions about what to do in order not to offend God and places the poor in front of us, saying, "This is me...love me." How radical and how simple!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

May 8–13

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 14:5–18 / Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 14:19–28 / Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:1–6 / Jn 15:1–8

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:7–21 / Jn 15:9–11

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:22–31 / Jn 15:12–17

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:1–10 / Jn 15:18–21

Bringing Home
the Word 

May 7, 2023

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Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

May 7, 2023

What Is God Really Like?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

That is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; "the big guy up there." Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like?

The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions

flowed from Jesus' constant reference to God as "Father." That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus' being and existence.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: "Look at me!" His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that this is what God is really like?

The disciples want to know what God is like. Jesus says, "Look at me!" †

Sunday Readings

Acts 6:1–9

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly.

1 Peter 2:4–9

Come to him, a living stone...and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

John 14:1–12

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Want to see God?
Observe Jesus.



A Word from Pope Francis

One could summarize the diaconal spirituality...of service... ready to say yes, docile, without making life revolve around one's own agenda; and...looking at everyone, especially those left out, those who feel excluded.... To receive not only the needy, but those who have pain.... I entrust this to you.

ADDRESS TO THE PERMANENT
DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ROME,
JUNE 19, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE? TWO? REFLECTION

- How do I imagine God?
- How do I feel about people who think differently about God?



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"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's
Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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5th Sunday of Easter

Mass May 7, 2023

Lector: Danny Holt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Maria Garcia & Helen Tobin

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Martin & Maria Garcia Family

Altar Servers:

Isabela & Nadia Holt

6th Sunday of Easter

Mass May 14, 2023

Lector: Molly Kunkel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mike R. & Wally Goade

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Hector & Emily Lopez Family

Alter Servers:

Mackenzie P. & Giselle S.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover
their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own
charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Friday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917; 12 pm – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like
on the all-parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact
Maria Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday
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Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please
email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

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see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on
Facebook, please email Onna Pollock at olpollock@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR

CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

May – Guadalupanas

June – Altar Society Guild 1

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday the 24th of May

@ St. Vincent Parish

6:30 pm

Confession Schedule

@ St. Pat's –Pasco

Tuesday – Friday

5 pm – 6 pm

@ Sacred Heart- Othello

Wed. @ 5 pm

Connell Food Bank

Banco de Comida

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes

May 9 & 23

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / Miércoles

May 10 & 24

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

New Act of Contrition

O my God,

I am sorry and repent with all my heart

For all the wrong I have done

And for the good I have failed to do,

Because by sinning I have offended

you,

Who are all good and worthy to be loved

above all things. I firmly resolve with the

help of your grace,

To do penance, to sin now more,

And to avoid the occasions of sin.

Through the merits of the Passion

Of our Savior Jesus Christ,

Lord, have mercy.

Thank You for Your Generous Contributions

Apr. 16, 2023

10:30 am - \$1051.06

12:00 pm – \$571.94

Basin City – \$990.00

Apr. 23, 2023

10:30 am - \$810.00

12:00 pm - \$576.00

Basin City – \$5176.26

Prayers for 1st Communion Students

Please keep all of our 4th- 6th graders in our
Religious Ed class in your prayers as they
finish their preparation for 1st Communion

St. Vincent Students:

Abimar Cardenas, Kevin Ceja, Breanna Damian,
Erik Duron, Logan Ferguson, Amaya Garcia,
Kaylah Garcia, Ivan Lopez, Anthony Martinez,
Gloria Mata, Joselyn Moreno, Leah Roman,
Armando Rubio, Isabel Rubio, Ximena Rubio,
Arianna Sanchez, Leonardo Sanchez, Otoniel
Torres, John Yerbich, Amerie Zuniga, Natalie
Magana

San Juan Diego Students:

Joel Garcilazo, Daisy García, Giselle Gómez,
Jonathan Cuevas, Citlalli Abrego, Yahir Guizar,
Miguel Herrera, Miguel Chávez, Brandy
Sánchez, Emanuel Sánchez, Karen Salas,
Anyeli Gutierrez, Ayrair Gutierrez, Eva Perez,
Abigail Plaza, Genesis Guizar, Ximena Torres,
Juan Salas

Sacrament Mass Schedule

Sat. May 13th 1st Communion for Elementary
St. Vincent Students @ 12 pm

Sat. May 20th 1st Communion for Elementary
San Juan Diego Mission Students @ 11am

Please all students be at church ½ hour before
Mass starts.

COUPLES GROUP MEETS

THURSDAY May 11th @ 7 pm
@ Marv & Anne Grassl's home

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS:

May 7, 2023 – May 21, 2023

Mon. May 8:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. May 9:

No Confessions @ Eltopia

5:30 pm Mass, K of C Meeting @ Connell

Wed. May 10:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm Rehearsal for 1st Communion @ Connell

Thurs. May 11:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

6:00 pm Meeting @ Basin City

Fri. May 12:

8:00 am TriCities Prep Mass

No Confessions @ Basin City

4:00 pm Marriage Prep @ Connell

7:00 pm Meeting @ Connell

Sat. May 13:

12 pm 1st Communion Mass @ Connell

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. May 14: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Please Keep Fr. Gus in Our Prayers.

Mon. May 15:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. May 16:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Finance Council @ Basin City

Wed. May 17:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

No confessions @ Connell

5:00 pm Practice & Confessions for children

@ Basin City

Thurs. May 18:

9:00 am Meeting @ Spokane

No Adoration @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Guadalupanas @ Connell

Fri. May 19:

8:00 am Mass @ Tricity Prep

No Confessions @ Basin City

6:00 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

Sat. May 20:

11 am 1st Communion Mass @ Basin City

7:00 pm Graduate's Mass @ Basin City

Sun. May 21: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

11:00 am Graduate's Bilingual Mass @ Connell

Reception to follow Bilingual Mass

No Noon Mass @ Connell