



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

May 13-14, 2017

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus, the G.P.S.

"How can we know the way?" —John 14:5

In recent years, the G.P.S., that is, the Global Positioning System, has become extremely popular. The GPS device knows your exact location on earth. You type into the GPS where you want to go. Then the GPS talks to you in a voice that tells you each street to turn on, and exactly where to drive. People trust the voice on the GPS.

Each of us has problems in this life, and we want to know "the way" out of these problems. We'd like a GPS to show us "the way" to get from debt to financial freedom, from addiction to freedom, from discord to unity, etc. We want directions for the way out. We ask: "How can we know the way" out of our situation? (Jn 14:5)

We want a roadmap, but God has a better plan; He gives us directions in the form of a Person: Jesus, the Way (Jn 14:6). Jesus always knows our exact physical location on earth. Moreover, He knows exactly where we are spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. Finally, His plan for us is the perfect will of God!

Our ultimate destination in this life is to spend eternity with God in heaven, and Jesus says: "No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn 14:6). Jesus is the Way. Follow Him (Jn 21:19).

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Your voice tells me whether to turn to the right or to the left (Is 30:20-21). I will do whatever You tell me and follow You the rest of My life (see Jn 2:5).

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Saturday, May 13---5:30p.m.----- Tom Britten By Family
Sunday, May 14---11:00a.m.-- For Our Christian Mothers
Monday, May 15--7:30a.m.---- Tom Britten By Family
Wednesday, May 17---6:00p.m.---Tom Britten By Family
Thursday, May 18---7:30a.m.---Tom Britten By Family
Friday, May 19-----7:30a.m.----- Tom Britten By Family

Stewardship Reports

Individual.....	\$ 2025.00
Loose.....	\$ 394.00
Children.....	\$ 10.00
Total.....	\$2429.00
Building Fund	
Individual.....	\$2385.00
Loose.....	\$ 120.00
Total.....	\$ 2505.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Leroy Littlefield, Anna Marie Wink, John Blackwell and Gary Collins

Family Chalice Program

May 13-14 Jason and Vanessa Eugea Family
May 20/21 Nick Ashford Family
May 27/28 Keith, Kathleen, and Hallie Barkley
June 3/4 Pam and Cassie Ashford
June 10/11 Wayne, Adela, and Staci Kotara
June 17/18 Jerod and Tami Keesee

Birthdays

May 13th Mark Koetting & Corkey Hickey
May 15th Neysa Friemel
May 17th Halee Kotara & Nick Ashford
May 19th John Bohr
May 20th Hali Bohr & Rita Lister

Anniversaries

Church Cleaning for May

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joanie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotatra

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Owen and Braxton
Lectors: Gary Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Cody and Carrigan
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Grace and Wesley
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Lauren and Stephen
Lectors: Cari Weinheimer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten

Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Caroline and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr

Announcements:

Mass Schedule:

May 21st – Graduation at 8:30 a.m. Mass

TYM: Please join us Sunday for Mother's Day breakfast!

TEEN ACTS RETREAT June 29th through July 1st- TYM will pay for \$75 and we have a donor that has offered to pay the rest!!

CAMP OLOG Jr. High students TYM WILL PAY FOR THIS! You choose the date you want to go ANY kids can go 4th grade and up. Please ask for an application to any of these from Kathleen

TYM is caught up with our jobs and can take on more. If you have something you need help with just let us know!

PARISH PICNIC has been CANCELLED this year.

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

Why Do We Celebrate Easter for 50 Days? Most people think of Easter as a single day. It's never had the commercial appeal of Christmas, and because it always falls on Sunday, most people don't get an additional day off from work. But for Catholics, Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season. The Easter season stretches all the way to the feast of Pentecost. Lent, which sometimes feels like it's stretching on forever, is actually forty days long. Easter, on the other hand, is all of fifty days long. About these fifty days theologian Nathan Mitchell writes:

'The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic obligation to "party on," even if we don't feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply "the weather of the heart," to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation.'

One way the church pursues this goal of seeing God present in the world is through the reading of the Acts of the Apostles. At Masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the church's earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith's spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite war, violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing economy, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The risen savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and—even in the face of danger or fear—to live with joy.

The **Women's & Teen ACTS** Retreats are coming up, and it's time to get yourself or someone you love on board!

TEACHERS -- the June Women's Retreat is your **PERFECT** opportunity to attend this amazing retreat! (The other women's retreat is in October.) So many teachers we talk with in October say, "Remind me for the June one." So here is your reminder!

You can sign up online through June 1 (the day registration ends). Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Women's Retreat, June 8 - 11, 2017 <http://actsamarillo.org/online-adult-registration>

The Teen Retreat is also coming up! Registration for this one will end June 22, so any teen who is 14 to 18 and has finished at least one semester of high school all the way up to those who have just graduated may attend. We hope to have a full retreat! Get signed up **TODAY!**

Teen Retreat June 29 - July 2, 2017 <http://actsamarillo.org/online-teen-registration>