

## Prayer List

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May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

MAY 26

2019

SIXTH  
SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION  
4:30PM-5:15PM

VIGIL MASS  
5:30PM

### SUNDAY

MASS  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

### MONDAY

COMMUNION SERVICE  
8:00AM

### TUESDAY

MASS  
5:30PM

### WEDNESDAY

MASS  
8:00AM

### THURSDAY

MASS  
8:00AM

### FRIDAY

MASS  
8:00AM

### MONTHLY

⇒ FIRST FRIDAY  
ADORATION  
8:30AM TO NOON

⇒ FIRST SATURDAY  
MASS  
8AM

⇒ FIRST WEEKEND  
ALL MASSES  
LITANY TO THE SACRED  
HEART OF JESUS

⇒ HOLY DAYS &  
SOLEMNITIES  
8:00AM & 6:00PM

## Interpreting Christ's Teachings Today

This passage of Acts shows us something about the early Church that we often overlook. Paul, Silas, and the other apostles felt a responsibility to preserve the true doctrine passed on to them. When they understood that certain Christians were teaching demands that didn't come from the Holy Spirit, they corrected that doctrine by sending a letter and endorsing the true interpretation.

Even in the earliest Church, there was an evolving hierarchy that interpreted what was God's will for the Christian community. This charism of the proper interpretation of Christ's teaching continues in today's Catholic Church through the pope and the bishops.

Jesus declared to the apostles at the Last Supper that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all he told them. Jesus gave this gift to the Church, and it's something we should value. How often do we do an internet search about a subject and then trust what a few articles say? Yet, are we as quick to look up what the Holy Father and the bishops say on different subjects in order to be guided by that light?



Piece: The Pentecost, 1576-1578  
Artist: Girolamo Muziano  
Location: Vatican Museums

### For Reflection

Do I make an effort to know what the pope or my bishop is teaching?  
When faced with moral decisions, do I research what the Church has to say?

We are not sheep without a shepherd. We have bishops and priests who preach the word of God and lead us toward the truth. When the bishops, in communion with the Holy Father, exercise their ordinary teaching office (magisterium), they help us to better understand God's revelation in faith and morals. This is the way the early Church developed and the way the Church still lives today.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

[Jesus said,] "The holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you."



2019

## Regular & Holy Days Collection

Last Week \$3,789.00

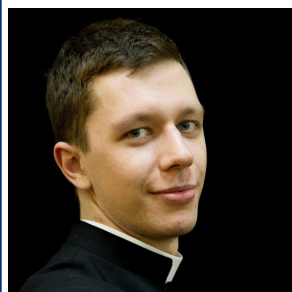
2019 Total Regular Collection  
\$87,020.00

## Parish Projects

Last Week \$48.00



2019 Total Parish Project Collection  
\$18,524.00



## Southern Potluck for Pavo June 2, 2019 Following the 11 AM Mass

Please join Fr. Marcin and Our Lady of Lourdes in officially welcoming Pavo, our summer seminarian, to the South. Pavo has been in the States for just 5 months and this is his first time in the South. Let's show him some true Southern Hospitality and how good food is supposed to taste...full of love!

## Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday 11am to 2pm

Friday 9am to 11am

## Pastor's Office Hours

By Appointment

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Flo Ankiewicz  
 Mary O'Rourke Arnett  
 Kathy Arnett  
 Lucia Beasley  
 Lindsey Beasley  
 Angie Beasley  
 Thelma Blondeau  
 Lula Booth  
 Marguerite Brown  
 Bea Burton  
 Evelyn Carl  
 Lanetta Dowell  
 Patricia Drake  
 Genevieve Durand  
 Carolyn Ferguson  
 Lora Gaitwood  
 Mrs. Florence Golemon  
 Maria Holifield  
 Diana Holifield  
 Lucille Holifield  
 Annie Holifield  
 Cierra Holifield  
 Lucille Holifield  
 Mary Johnson

Geneva Julio  
 Janis Kleinschrodt  
 Bertha Diemert Ladnier  
 Eleanor Lartigue  
 Lenora Lyons  
 Kay Marsh  
 Mrs. Gwendolyn Moseby  
 Theodora Murrill  
 Mary O'Rourke  
 Betty Green Patterson  
 Alice Picard  
 Sue Pitt  
 Diana Schum  
 Agnes Schum  
 Helen Scroggins  
 Erika Seidl  
 Thelma P. Snow  
 Mary Spikes  
 Leana Steiner  
 Diane Turner  
 Ida Vrazel  
 Bertha Wiese  
 Mrs. Patty Wiese  
 Bea Young

**Attention  
 All Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers,  
 Lectors, and Altar Servers**

**Please begin looking at your Summer Vacation Schedules and Submit your Ministry Schedule Requests for July, August, and September. The deadline for submission will be 6/16/19. If you wish to be put back on the schedule please contact the church office.**

Parishioner Finolla Harvey has passed away. Her family will receive friends June 2, 2019 at Pinecrest Funeral Home from 10am to 11am and a memorial service for Mrs. Harvey will begin at 11am. For the repose of Finolla Harvey, Let us pray to the Lord



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
 CASINO BUS TRIP**

BEAU RIVAGE – BILOXI, MS  
 SUNDAY – JUNE 23, 2019  
 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

COST: \$30.00 EACH  
 (MEN AND WOMEN)  
**\$15.00 FREE PLAY!**

DOOR PRIZES and BYOB

MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE

Leave from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at 1:00 PM

Bus departs the BEAU RIVAGE at 7:00 PM to Mobile.



**Pray For Our  
 Active Military**

Austin Booth  
*Army*

Dominic French  
*Army*

Jordan Guidry  
*Marines*

Austin M. Goodin  
*Marines*

Fr. Paul A. Halladay  
*Major US Army*

Matthew Ladnier  
*Coast Guard*

Kenneth L. McAlman  
*1st Lt. US Army*

Captain Alex Milesenko  
*Army*

Corie Demetri Mitchell  
*Army*

Kevin O'Rourke  
*Coast Guard*

Sam Schoolfield Jr.  
*Marine Reserves*

Sam Schoolfield Sr.  
*Marines*

Jerrick Thompson  
*Army Reserves*

Quentin Porter-Washington  
*Air Force Reserves*

**MINISTER'S  
 SCHEDULE  
 JUNE 1ST & 2ND**

**Sat. 6/1 5:30pm**

**Ushers**  
 Bill Kenny  
 Lloyd Thompson  
**Lectors**  
 1) S. Washington  
 2) P. Dais III

**Extraordinary Ministers**

B. Cooper  
 A. Cooper  
 B. Kenny  
 G. Peloux  
 C. Peloux  
**\* need substitute**

**Sun. 6/2 8:30am**

**Ushers**  
 A. Forward  
 C. Boney  
**Lectors**  
 1) M. McKeough  
 2) M. Brierly

**Extraordinary Ministers**

L. Floyes  
 E. Thornton  
 J. Moore  
 L. Lovvorn  
 J. Dickinson  
 H. Golemon

**Sun. 6/2 11:00am**

**Ushers**  
 L. Lavallais  
 Bubba Williams  
**Lectors**  
 1) S. Dowell  
 2) L. Dowell

**Extraordinary Ministers**

MM. Collier  
 A. Tomas  
 D. Ladnier  
 D. Harvey  
 P. Thompson  
 L. Snow

**MASST  
 INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY  
 MAY 27**

8:00 AM  
 COMMUNION SERVICE

**TUESDAY  
 MAY 28**

8:00 AM  
 COMMUNION SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY  
 MAY 29**

8:00 AM  
 COMMUNION SERVICE

**THURSDAY  
 MAY 30**

8:00 AM  
 COMMUNION SERVICE

**FRIDAY  
 MAY 31**

8:00 AM  
 COMMUNION SERVICE

**SATURDAY  
 JUNE 1**

8:00AM  
 +MICHAEL SCOTT

5:30PM  
 DEACON ED CONNICK

**SUNDAY  
 JUNE 2**

8:30 AM  
 FOR PARISHIONERS

11:00 AM  
 MOTHER'S DAY  
 REMEMBRANCES

THE YOUNG AT HEART GROUP ENJOYED GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT THEIR LAST LUNCH BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK. THEY ARE WAVING BYE TO REMIND US THAT ALL COMMITTEES WILL BE ON BREAK THROUGH THE SUMMER. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.

THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY, MEN OF ST. JOSEPH, & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL CONTINUE MEETING AS SCHEDULED.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!



# Just Follow Your Informed Conscience

By Jim and Susan Vogt

Is it really that simple? Yes. No. Maybe!

Yes, it's simple, but not quite *that* simple.

A woman steals food for her family when her unemployment runs out. A man decides not to report cash income on his taxes. When faced with moral decisions, people say you must follow your conscience, and indeed that is what one must do. But how do we hear our consciences, and is it possible to follow one's conscience and still be wrong?

The Catholic Church teaches a principle called "primacy of conscience," which means that conscience is the ultimate authority and we're compelled to follow it: "A human being must always obey the certain judgment of his conscience" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1790). We must also make the effort to have an "informed" conscience: "The education of the conscience is a lifelong task" (CCC 1784). In other words, it's not just doing what feels good.

So how does a person develop a well-formed conscience? Here are some traps to consider in coming to decisions of conscience.

## Traps to Conscience Formation

**1. Rationalization.** When faced with paying income taxes, it's tempting to think, "Hey, rich people get big tax breaks. Is it really so wrong for me to fudge a little on my income tax return?"

**2. Scrupulosity.** Another trap is being scrupulous about the letter of the law while missing its spirit. When Susan was young, her godparents took her out for lobster every Good Friday. Technically, they kept the law of abstaining from meat, but a lobster dinner was hardly the sacrifice the law intended.

**3. Going along with the crowd.** How could so many people be wrong? For years, most adults didn't think twice about driving after drinking. Just because it's common doesn't make it right.

**4. If it feels good, do it.** Conscience shouldn't be guided



solely by emotion. Following it may not coincide with happiness—at least not fleeting feelings of bliss. Eating half a dozen doughnuts may feel good—temporarily—but this affects one's long-term health.

**5. It's my body; it's my business.** Just because I'm not directly harming another person doesn't mean my action is good. Drug addiction or pornography may seem like victimless crimes, but they not only hurt the doer, they also weaken the moral fabric of society.

## Steps to Forming a Christian Conscience

The STOP method is an easy framework for checking one's conscience.

**S—Study.** Decisions of conscience begin with knowledge. It's not a matter of being smart, but of making serious efforts to learn the facts from credible sources, such as reading what the Church teaches and consulting experts.

**T—Think Together.** It's best not to make decisions in isolation. A married couple shouldn't make an important moral decision without discussing it and coming to something mutually agreeable. In faith communities, this means testing out the options with other believers and seeking consensus.

**O—Others' Experiences.** Wisdom is also carried by others who have experienced an issue. Don't listen only to people with whom you agree. Consult with others whose experience has led them to different conclusions.

**P—Pray.** Important decisions should always be brought to prayer so that we can check our rationalizations and be honest before God. Prayer provides us time to listen and sort.

Done all the steps? Still unsure? This quick version of conscience formation could be summed up by asking two other questions: Is my contemplated decision life-giving? Is it generous? A well-formed conscience doesn't simply apply rules but brings the whole self to the decision and weighs how each decision will affect the common good. +

## WEEKDAY READINGS

May 27-June 1

**Monday, Easter Weekday:**  
Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a

**Tuesday, Easter Weekday:**  
Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

**Wednesday, Easter Weekday:**  
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

**Thursday, Easter Weekday:**  
Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

**Friday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**  
Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 / Lk 1:39–56

**Saturday, St. Justin:**  
Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28

Bringing Home  
the Word   
May 26, 2019

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# Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)  
May 26, 2019

## Trust the Spirit for Guidance

By Mary Katharine Deeley

For many Catholics, Vatican Council II was a watershed moment in Church history. I remember the nuns in our school turning on the radio to listen to reports. They shared what St. John XXIII said at the start of the council. The media still follow large Church events, but it's easy to forget that Church leaders have been gathering to talk about the issues of the day since the first century.

In the first reading, we hear about the Council of Jerusalem in fairly abbreviated form. The apostles and other leaders of the Church came together to discuss

whether Gentiles had to be circumcised (a tenet of Jewish Law) before they were baptized. There were legitimate claims on both sides. Remarkably, the leaders prayed, talked, and prayed some more. They spoke from their experience and their faith. They assumed that all the assembled were people of faith, and so they wrestled together to find the answer most in keeping with the commands of Jesus.

In the end, when they decided to admit Gentiles without circumcising them, the whole community recognized that the Holy Spirit was at work, and the letter sent to the various churches began, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us..." The Council of Jerusalem gives us a model for resolving our differences: pray, dialogue, and pray some more.

This week, read all of Acts 15 to see what happens when we trust the Spirit to guide us rightly: arguments fall silent, and we find delight, strength, and peace (see Acts 15:12, 31–32 and John 14:27). +

## Sunday Readings

**Acts 15:1–2, 22–29**

"It is the decision of the holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities."

**Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23**

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light.

**John 14:23–29**

[Jesus said,] "The holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you."

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gives a model for resolving  
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pray, dialogue,  
and pray some more.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

Our ideal is not to live without love! A good pastor renounces the love of a family precisely in order to focus all his energies and the grace of his particular vocation on the evangelical blessing of the love of men and women who carry forward God's plan of creation.

—Meeting with bishops,  
September 27, 2015



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- When faced with moral decisions, do I research what the Church has to say?
- Do I make an effort to know what the pope or my bishop is teaching?

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Sunday of Divine Mercy  LAWN PARTY 2019 Mass 8:30am Mass 11:00am	29  Communion Service 8:00am	30 Mass 5:30 pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm	1  Mass 8:00 am	2  Mass 8:00 am	3  Mass 8:00 am  Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30am to Noon	4 1621 Drawing Postponed until Next Saturday. Mass 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm—5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm Reception for Deacon Ed will follow the 5:30 Vigil Mass
5 Third Sunday of Easter  Mass 8:30am Mass 11:00am	6  Communion Service 8:00am	7 Altar Society 9:00am Mass 5:30 pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm	8  Mass 8:00 am Liturgy Committee 6:00pm	9  Mass 8:00 am Parish Council 6:00pm	10  Mass 8:00 am	11  1621 Drawing 9am  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm—5:15pm Vigil Mass
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter K of C & Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast 9:30 am  Mass 8:30am Mass 11:00am	13  Communion Service 8:00am	14 Young at Heart 12:00 noon Mass 5:30 pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm	15  Mass 8:00 am	16  Mass 8:00 am Family Life 6:00pm	17  Mass 8:00 am	18  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm—5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass 8:30am K of C Meeting 9:45 am Mass 11:00am	20  Communion Service 8:00am	21  Mass 5:30 pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm	22  Mass 8:00 am St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm	23  Mass 8:00 am	24  Mass 8:00 am	25  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm—5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm
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