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Sunday Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020 Year A

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**INSEPARABLE:
The Person, JESUS and the GOOD NEWS,
Preached**

As we are a couple of weeks away from Pentecost, in today's gospel, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. However, He gives a condition for receiving the Advocate: "If you love me you will keep my commandments."

What is this commandment that we must keep in order to receive the Spirit of truth? It is: "Go into the whole world and preach the good news to all creation (Mk 16: 15). It is also, a command to love both God, and our neighbor (Luke 10:25-27). When we do these, we are certainly preaching the good news of truth. Then, the advocate will come to strengthen us in the way of truth; added promise is "I will not leave you orphans."

But, when the disciples started preaching, they were not able to preach without bringing the Person, Jesus. Jesus never impelled his disciples to preach about HIM. But, the person JESUS and the GOOD NEWS, he called us to preach became inseparable and this is the core of TRUTH itself.

What happens in the world???

We separate Jesus from the good news, thus we completely avoid TRUTH.

On street, People feel,

I am a good person, no need to know Jesus.
I do charity, no need to go to church.
I follow Gospel, no need to have sacraments.
I believe in the God of nature, not in Jesus.

I strongly believe the more we divide Jesus and the good news, the more we walk away from TRUTH and none can save us from any disasters, even from COVID-19.

FR. ANTONY JOSEPH

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The Bishop has let us know that we are able to start having Masses again on May 30-31. There are many guidelines to follow. We will let you know more in the coming weeks. If you are called to help please say yes. The Bishop's letter will be on the website to read.

**Intentions
May 18 – May 24**

Monday:

+ Kathleen Schuh

Tuesday:

+ George & June Gamoke

Wednesday:

+ Joseph Hunter (38th Anniversary of Death)

Thursday:

+ Magdalene Klein

Friday:

+ Paula Isenberg

Saturday:

+ Roger Harrison

Sunday:

+ Tyler Nagel

The Mass will be live streamed on Father's Facebook every day of the week at 10:00 a.m., and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. To reach Father's Facebook search Antony Micheal Joseph or gangaivjantony@yahoo.co.in in your facebook. If you can't reach this facebook call Father Antony at 6088811401.

Church Envelopes can be mailed to St. Bartholomew Parish, 11646 South St. Trempealeau, WI 54661 for both St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's parishioners. Or St. Bartholomew Church will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for personal prayer. You can come and prayer and leave your envelope in the basket. Thank you for all the donations we have received.

To Mary, Refuge of Sinners:

Hail, most gracious Mother of mercy, hail, Mary, for whom we fondly yearn, through whom we obtain forgiveness! Who would not love thee? Thou art our light in uncertainty, our comfort in sorrow, our solace in the time of trial, our refuge from every peril and temptation. Thou art our sure hope of salvation, second only to thy only-begotten Son; blessed are they who love thee, our Lady! Incline, I beseech thee, thy ears of pity to the entreaties of this thy servant, a miserable sinner; dissipate the darkness of my sins by the bright beams of thy holiness, in order that I may be acceptable in thy sight.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ Congratulations to our graduating seniors: *Ciera Gunderson, Jordan Hein, Alexis Kiedrowski, Lance Lettner, Max Marley and Cassy Schmitz*. It was very nice to have you with Father saying the rosary on May 14. Thank you.
- ◆ Missalettes are available in the vestibule of church if anyone would like to pick one up.
- ◆ Need prayers for any health or anxiety issue - big or small. Contact the prayer chain, Doreen Backler, 608-534-6118 or Ethel Ouellette, 608-534-6520.
- ◆ Marriage Banns: Roy Kerrigan and Tiffany Haines date of marriage is May 23, 2020.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

OUR MISSION: To love God, love others and go make disciples!

- ◆ Congratulations to our graduating seniors: *Alexa Hammond and Lillie Pohjola*. It was very nice to have you with Father saying the rosary on May 14. Thank you.
- ◆ Fr. Antony Joseph created new Facebook and Facebook Group for St. Mary's Parishioners. Facebook name is MotherMary Galesville. To join the Facebook group, kindly search in your Facebook St. Mary's Catholic Church, Galesville, WI, 54630 and click the button to join the group.
- ◆ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **A Year Devoted to St. Joseph:** May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021
- ◆ May is Mary's month, so we would like to say the rosary in front of the Grotto every day at 3:00 p.m. Father will lead the rosary and we would like to have someone respond. Please sign up on Facebook or call the office, 608-534-6652, if you are able to come. If more than one comes you may wish to bring a chair. Father is asking that families come and say the rosary as a family during this time.
- ◆ We would like to know if there is anyone who would like to have the bulletin sent to their homes during this time. If you or you know someone who would like to receive the bulletin please let us know, 608-534-6652. We have bulletins in the vestibule of the church and they can be picked up during 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ◆ **Sunday Mass on TV:**
 - La Crosse, Channel 25, at 7:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.
 - Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.
 - Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.
 - Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.
- ◆ Live Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral Mass in English – 8 a.m. Mass in Spanish – 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ A Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration–The in-person 50th wedding anniversary Masses have been canceled. But a special Mass with Bishop Callahan will be held this year via live-stream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 12 from the Cathedral. You will be able to view the live stream or recording by visiting diolc.org/marriage on and after July 12.
- ◆ If you are interested in Adventure Camp for your child this year please contact James Woychik at jfwoychik@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Novena for Pentecost** A Novena consists of praying a prayer during a period of nine days for a specific intention. The Pentecost Novena, in honor of the Holy Spirit, is the oldest of all novenas since it was first prayed at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. This Novena is addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity as a powerful plea for your personal intentions. Take this opportunity to come to know the Holy Spirit in a much deeper way and allow Him to guide, strengthen and console you. Pentecost Novena Dates: The Pentecost Novena will be prayed from Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 30. Sunday, May 31, is the Feast of Pentecost. The simple Novena Prayer Card and short reading for each of the nine days can be downloaded here: diolc.org/deeper.
- ◆ Religious Education parents – fun games that can reinforce your child's "Alive in Christ" lessons can be found at: OSV/Alive in Christ/family/games. Our username is: GETCathCom & password is St.Neri!



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14 May 2020
Year of Saint Joseph

Dear Brother Priests and my dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

May the Lord give you peace.

I begin this letter to you by sharing some of the thoughts of my Brother, His Eminence, Cardinal Blase Cupich, the Archbishop of Chicago. I have asked his permission to share his thoughts, I find them remarkably in line with my own.

These fifty days of Easter, leading to Pentecost, are marked by unprecedented suffering, as humanity has fallen victim to a perilous contagion. In addition to the threats to our physical wellbeing, we are suffering spiritually as the Covid-19 pandemic has required restrictions of our worship and active participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Surely, there have been moments in history when governments and rulers have persecuted Christians and banned their public worship. This is not one of them. Rather, the present restrictions come in response to an extreme medical emergency as local, state and federal authorities – specifically public health officials – legitimately fulfil their responsibilities to safeguard human life and the common good. They have based their reasonable guidance on careful consideration of empirical data and the best available disease-mitigation practices as they seek to contain the pandemic's rampage through our communities.

While everyone must exercise good citizenship in observing these restrictions, I call on the Catholic faithful, as advocates for justice and charity, to comply with these regulations. From the first pages of Scripture we learn that we indeed are "our brother's keeper," a truth that must inspire us as we are called to sacrifice. We should also be motivated to cooperate with public safety norms, given our reverence for life and human dignity. This is, at its heart, a moment to proclaim the breadth and depth of what it means to be pro-life, particularly as this virus preys on the most vulnerable in our midst.

The good news is that a plan for a gradual reopening of our churches has now taken shape, as I note in this letter. Yesterday (13 May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima) the Wisconsin State Supreme Court struck down the extension of the "Safer at Home" order of Governor Evers. This shifts much decision making regarding COVID-19 safeguards to the county level. It allows me to speak clearly and with a bit more freedom concerning our return to the public celebration of the Holy Mass. I, like most of you, have longed for this return to some resemblance of normalcy, but I am also responsible for the safety of all who enter our Churches and participate at the Mass (including our priests). *The corona virus is real and has severe consequences for those infected by it, particularly those of advanced years and those with underlying health conditions.*

The simple truth is that in many, if not most, of our parishes we are not ready to return to the public celebration because we do not have the proper supplies to open with safety. The scarcity of hand sanitizer and disinfectants in addition to many other proper supplies will greatly limit our efforts. We also need time for pastors to recruit and train *non-vulnerable* volunteers so that our return may include ushers who will ensure proper social distancing, parking lot attendants, and other helpers. Simply to open the doors without a structured plan in place hoping that people do the right thing would be irresponsible of us all. Last week people gathered outside our beloved Cathedral praying the Rosary for the return of the public celebration of the Mass. I felt their deep faith and the longing that they have for the Sacraments of the Church, for I share them, but not one of them captured on camera social distancing or wearing masks but seemed to be acting as if the corona virus is no threat. This does not give me confidence that the safe return will "just happen": it needs to be planned for and enacted.

With this in mind, the Bishops of the Province of Wisconsin have been working on a plan of returning to the public celebration of the Mass. The Bishops' document is being published on our website at the same time this letter is being sent to you, so that the faithful, as well as the priests, will understand what is being required for this safe return. It is all of our responsibilities to love our neighbor, to act as the Good Samaritan, sacrificing for the good of the other. At this time, and in times I have addressed you in the past, I believe that a slow controlled return to the public celebrations of the sacraments is necessary and in our best interest.

Because of the Supreme Court's decision, we may not be able to have a unified return throughout the whole Diocese since each county will be responsible to make its own orders based on the local circumstances in that county. Regrettably, therefore, I cannot make a decree for the whole of the Diocese of when things will definitely be open. I can and am stating that we **will not** have public celebrations any earlier than 31 May 2020 (the Solemnity of Pentecost), and only when I am assured that:

- the proper supplies are on hand,
- training of sufficient and non-vulnerable volunteers, has occurred, and that
- the 25% of occupancy standards will be kept along with social distancing requirements.

I ask, that for now, we also restrain from congregating before or after the Mass any place on church property we should maintain a six to eight-foot distance from all who are not from the same household.

As we roll back into these public celebrations, I must highlight that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains dispensed. No one is required, under the pain of mortal sin, to attend Mass until further notice. In fact, at this time I encourage those over 65 and particularly those with underlying health conditions to stay home. I ask those parishes that have the ability to livestream the Mass to continue to do so for the sake of those who will not be able to attend. Sunday Mass will continue to be televised for the sick and homebound. Please be assured of our continued prayer for you.

I share prayers and thanks to my brother Bishops in the Province of Wisconsin. We have been meeting, discussing, and trying to dialogue about this entire time of pain and struggle for all of us. We share continued strength and our sincere prayers for all you, our people.

Finally, may I offer a personal word for all of you, my dear brother priests and dear people of God. I have heard from many different sources, phone calls, emails, letters and even public media, that many of you are upset, angry, and hostile about my apparent insufficient care and concern for you and for what many of you also think is my lack of love and respect for the sacramental life of the Church. Nothing could be further from the truth. I have been deeply frightened by this disease and by its presence among us. I am afraid for those who help us and protect us—the first responders and medical people. I am sorry that many folks who sent word to me expressed their thoughts by saying I was acting as a puppet of the State and not an agent of the Church. Dear brothers and sisters, all I can tell you is that I am doing my best and I will continue to love you and pray for you. God reward you.

Very truly yours in Jesus and Mary, I am

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William Patrick Callahan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

+William Patrick Callahan
Bishop

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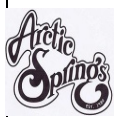
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