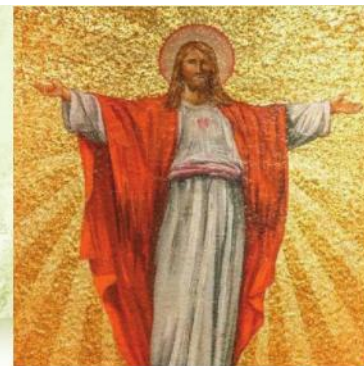


# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### May 14, 2023

## Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each week we hear the priest say, "Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you." In fact, the word "peace" occurs often during Mass. Have you considered what that means for our daily lives? What is this peace that Christ offers us?

It might help to look at the next part of the verse where this line originates. John 14:27a reads, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace we can get from God is not, it seems, like the peace we get from the world, so let's look at the world's peace.

To a large extent, that peace depends on circumstances. If things are going well in my life, then I'm at peace. If something goes wrong, then my peace disappears. How many of us have had a good day ruined by bad customer service? We might be at peace until we watch the news and then find we are angry when it ends. A broken relationship, financial difficulties, traffic, a poor night's sleep, and so much more can rob us of our peace, and our society's solution is to improve the circumstances. Buy this. Read that. Improve yourself, your home, your kids. How many ads and books have promised us that peace is waiting for us once we purchase some product.

Jesus, however, offers us peace that does not depend on the circumstances. You see this in the beatitudes. Blessed (happy) are the poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. Jesus seems to think you and I can be happy - that we can have peace - even when things do not go our way.

How do we get to the place where our peace is not disrupted by our circumstances. I suspect this is a lifetime journey, but I can suggest two things that might get us started.

First, remember that many things are completely outside our control. The vast majority of the news falls into that category and if I understand my limitations then I can more easily handle the bad news I hear.

Second, it is helpful to remember that God is in control. Our Bible study group learned this from the book of Esther. God used flawed human beings and unbelievers to accomplish his purposes. That is still true today.

Let's close with an example. The most recent shooting at an outlet mall in Texas may have robbed you or your peace, or perhaps the statements of various politicians about that shooting troubled you. As I followed this story, I remembered that all of it was outside of my control. I don't get to pass laws about gun ownership in Texas. I'm not in charge of mental health availability. From a worldly point of view, I have no control at all.

What I do have is my faith and what does my faith teach me to do? First, I won't worry about things outside of my control and second, I can pray for the victims, their families, and, as instructed by Jesus, for the repose of the soul of the gunman. I can pray for an end to violence of all types. I can thank God that he's in control, even when it doesn't appear that way to me. Doing what Jesus teaches is what will lead me to the peace of Christ.

I'll never get the peace I desire from our society. It will only come from being a disciple of Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always!  
Fr. Kevin

## Weekly Mass Intentions



### Saturday, May 13

4:00 p.m. For all mothers

6:00 p.m. For all mothers who have gone before us

### Sunday, May 14

7:30 a.m. For all mothers who have gone before us

9:30 a.m. For all mothers

11:30 a.m. For all expectant mothers

### Monday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Patricia Slaymaker

### Tuesday, May 16

8:00 a.m. April McAuliffe, for her birthday

### Wednesday, May 17

8:15 a.m. †Vicente G. Montiel, Jr.

6 p.m. For the recently departed

### Thursday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Conversion of Cyril's children

### Friday, May 19

8:00 a.m. †Nancy Giglio

### Saturday, May 20

8:00 a.m. James and Darlene Stanley

4:00 p.m. †Carrie Scalzi

6:00 p.m. Ricardo & Salvador Perez

### Sunday, May 21

7:30 a.m. †Anparo Quezon

9:30 a.m. †The Barbuti Family

11:30 a.m. For our parishioners

### Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns for those who will be confirmed this week.

## Our Stewardship

### May 6-7

Offertory: \$11,782.57

Mother's Day: \$1,535.00

His Heart: \$429.00

Other: \$647.00

**Total: \$14,393.57**

Attendance: 964

### Online Giving - Give it a try!



A few times each year, we remind our parishioners of the option to give electronically rather than using envelopes or

dropping loose cash in the basket. Right now, about 100 parishioners give this way and it makes up about a third of our weekly offering.

I know the electronic giving may sound intimidating to some. I recall helping my mother set up her electric bill to be paid automatically from her checkbook. She wasn't sure about letting someone have access to her account, but a few months later, after experiencing the convenience of the arrangement, she insisted I sign her up for any other bill that would accept electronic payments!

Online giving is also a terrific way to be a good steward of your money. It forces you to decide how much you are called to give, and it provides a simple way of making that happen. Go to [sacredheartpinellaspark.com](http://sacredheartpinellaspark.com) and click on the "giving" icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. You'll be taken to the main page of our online processing vendor (Our Sunday Visitor). Most find the page easy to navigate. You choose the amount, the frequency (weekly or monthly), and can change it later if your circumstances change.

The office would be happy to help you get this set up and explain more about the advantages for both you and the parish. Call us!

### A Bible verse for the Week:

"give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"  
(1 Thessalonians 5:18).



# Coming Up at Sacred Heart

## This Week

### Sunday, May 14th: The 6th Sunday of Easter:

- Middle School Youth Group and Confirmation final session, 4-5:30pm, Parish Hall

### Monday, May 15th:

- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; *Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!*
- Legion of Mary, 9am, Marian Room
- Beyond Our Walls prayer group, 5:30pm, chapel. Each week we pray individually for requests we receive throughout the week. Have a request? Cards are available in the narthex.
- Junior Legion of Mary, 6pm, Parish Hall

### Tuesday, May 16th:

- Fr. Kevin's Bible study, 9-10:15am or 6-7:15pm.
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:30pm, church

### Wednesday, May 17th:

- Bingo, noon, Parish Hall (doors open at 10am, first game at noon)
- Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm
- Spanish Prayer Group, 7pm Retreat House
- Columbiettes general meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall

### Thursday, May 18th:

- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; *Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!*
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Mass at Bay Wood Senior Living, 10am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House

### Friday, May 19th:

- Sacred Heart School Graduation, 6pm, church

### Saturday, May 20th:

- Diabetic Seminar, 8am, Parish Hall
- Priestly Ordination for our diocese, 11am, Cathedral of St. Jude

### Sunday, May 21st: The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

## This Saturday!

### Priesthood Ordination Mass, Sat., May 20, 2023, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

We'll admit that it is long, but it is worth every moment to join your prayer with Bishop Parkes in this Mass that will ordain Christian Galvan to the priesthood.

## Next Sunday

### Baby Shower Drive

The Columbiettes will be sponsoring their annual Baby Shower Drive next weekend. They are asking for your help in supporting two local organizations that assist mothers. Babycycle is a diaper bank serving low-income mothers in Pinellas Park. Alpha House, located in St. Petersburg serves homeless pregnant mothers and their babies.

Please bring one of the following items next week to Mass: diapers, wipes, baby clothing, baby bottles, baby food and baby formula. Monetary donations are also welcome. The ladies of the Columbiettes appreciate your support of these two worthy causes.

## On down the road!

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## Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

### Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am

Wed: 8:15am & 6pm

*(Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)*

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm *(Spanish)* *(Rosary prayed in Spanish at 5:30pm)*

#### Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am *(live-streamed)*, &

11:30am

*(Rosary prayed at 7am)*

### Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 5:15-5:45pm *(Spanish)*

*(If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment)*

### Morning Devotions

Monday & Thursday at 9am

*(livestreamed):*

*Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.*

### Our Chapel is Open for Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am-5pm

Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

### First Friday:

Exposition: 8:30am-8pm

Masses: 8am and 8pm

### First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am (includes Adoration)

### Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

### Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

### Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

*Livestreamed liturgies and devotions can be found at [sacredheartpinellaspark.com](http://sacredheartpinellaspark.com) (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).*

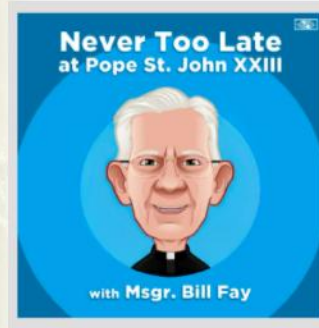
## Did You Know...

### you can tour the Sistine Chapel this afternoon?

Did you know you can visit the Sistine Chapel without leaving your home? The website for the Vatican Museums, allows you to virtually stroll through the chapel and zoom in on the details of each fresco. Search "vatican museum Sistine chapel virtual tour" or type <https://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/cappella-sistina.html>

### that God calls men of all ages to the priesthood?

Pope St. John XXIII National



Seminary has launched a new podcast to help men discerning the call to priesthood and for those supporting a discernment's journey. Pope Saint John XXIII Seminary is the national seminary that specializes in preparing men ages 30-60 to enter the priesthood. On this podcast, titled *Never Too Late at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary*, faculty

member Msgr. William Fay will explore questions that men may encounter when considering a call to serve God as a priest. Themes will include discernment, family life, admission to the Seminary, seminary life, personal struggles, getting back to studies and financial concerns, to name a few.

It's never too late to respond to a call from God, and *Never Too Late at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary* is written for men considering a vocation to the priesthood, as well as those who support their journey of discernment.

Please find us wherever you get your podcasts or the Grexly podcast website: <https://www.grexly.com/nevertoolate>. Then, spread the word and help make it known that it is never too late!

### your summer reading book is waiting for you in the parish library?

Summer is a great time to read a book (or three!) and we have a wonderful selection for you to consider. After Mass today, take a few minutes to browse through Sacred Heart's Lending Library located just off the narthex. A book on prayer or daily devotions? We have those. Something about living the Christian Life? Have that. Church History or Church beliefs? Have those as well as biographies, religious non-fiction, Bibles, Bible study books, and more!

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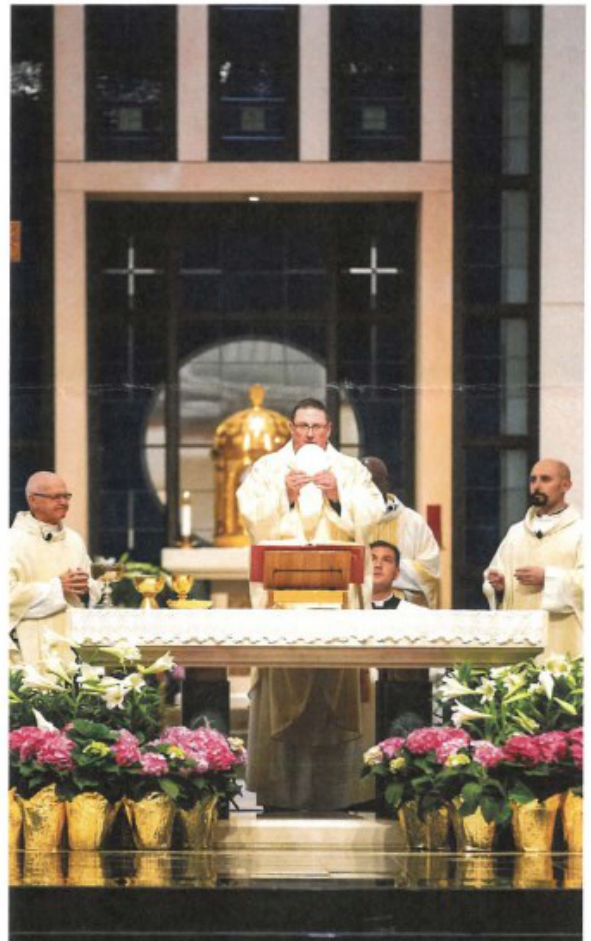


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## A Message from Pope Francis

*This is an excerpt from Pope Francis' Wednesday, December 30, 2020, General Audience, where he continues his discussion of evangelization. You can read the entire talk at [vatican.va](http://vatican.va). Click on Audiences, 2020, and choose the one for Dec. 30th.*

For us Christians, thanksgiving was the name given to the most essential Sacrament there is: the Eucharist. In fact, the Greek word means precisely this: thanksgiving. Eucharist: thanksgiving. Christians, as all believers, bless God for the gift of life. To live is above all to have received life. All of us are born because someone wanted us to have life. And this is only the first of a long series of debts that we incur by living. Debts of gratitude. During our lives, more than one person has gazed on us with pure eyes, gratuitously. Often, these people are educators, catechists, persons who carried out their roles above and beyond what was required of them. And they stirred gratitude within us. Even friendship is a gift for which we should always be grateful.

This "thank you" that we must say continually, this thanks that Christians share with everyone, grows in the encounter with Jesus. The Gospels attest that when Jesus passed by, he often stirred joy and praise to God in those who met Him. The Gospel accounts of Christmas are filled with prayerful people whose hearts are greatly moved by the coming of the Saviour. And we too were called to participate in this immense jubilation. The episode of the ten lepers who are healed also suggests this. Naturally, they were all happy about having recovered their health, thus being allowed to end that unending forced quarantine that excluded them from the community. But among them, there was one who experienced an additional joy: in addition to being healed, he rejoices at the encounter with Jesus. He is not only freed from evil, but he now possesses the certainty of being loved. This is the crux: when you thank someone, you express the certainty that you are loved. And this is a huge step: to have the certainty that you are loved. It is the discovery of love as the force that governs the world. Dante would say: the Love that "moves the sun and other stars" (Paradise, XXIII, 145). We are no longer vagabonds wandering aimlessly here and there, no: we have a home, we dwell in Christ, and from that "dwelling" we contemplate the rest of the world which appears infinitely more beautiful to us. We are children of love, we are brothers and sisters of love. We are men and women of grace.

# Our Parish Prayer List

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Anne Fiamengo	Mary Masterson	
Mitzi Federico	Mary Mattingly	
Florence Garrido	Jeff Odajewski	
Gail Griffin	Diane O'Neill	
Mary Haisch	Rinette Parece	

Bold indicates new name added to prayer list.

To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to [fikevinyarnell@gmail.com](mailto:fikevinyarnell@gmail.com)



## Pope Francis May Prayer Intention

### For church movements and groups

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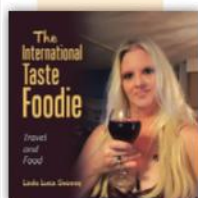
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