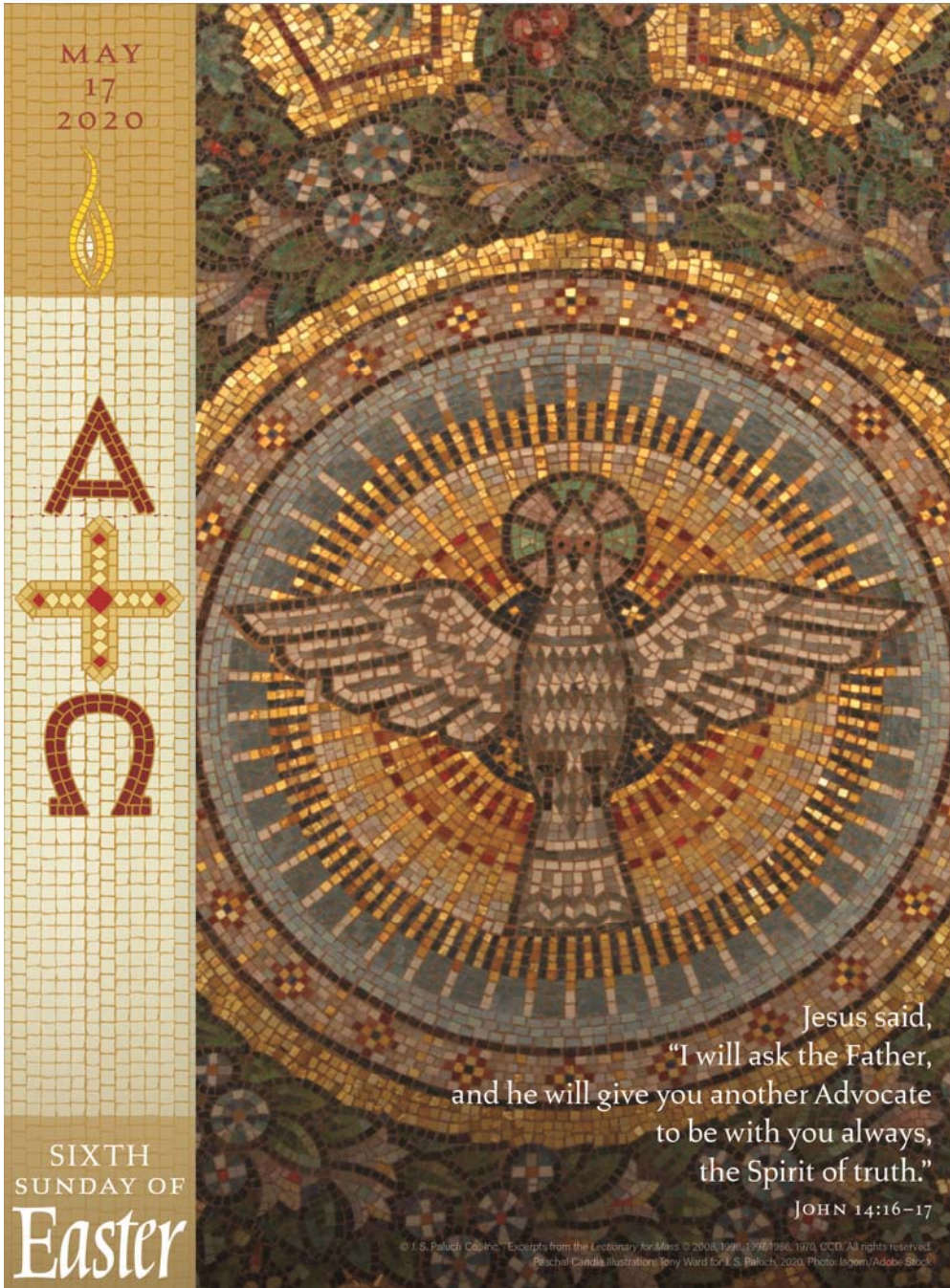




Welcome to
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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$1218
Special Collections	\$ 85
Loose	\$1925
Subtotal	\$3228
On-Line Giving	\$2260
(May 4—May 10)	
Total:	\$ 5488

St. Martin of Tours Parish extends a Warm Welcome to all who have come to worship with us. We are honored by your presence. If you would like to join the parish, please contact the parish office. God Bless You!

Pastor's Pen

Dear St. Martin of Tours Family & Friends,

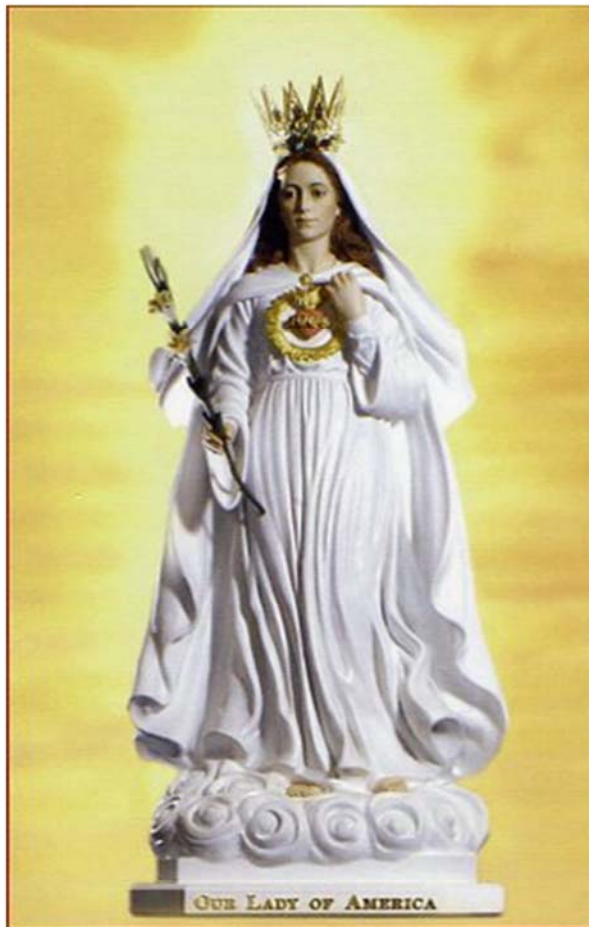
We continue to pray that during this time of trial, our people return to God. Here is a very special prayer revealed to Sister Mary Ephrem by "Our Lady of America," a devotion approved by the Catholic Church.

O Immaculate Mother, Queen of our country, open our hearts, our homes, and our land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son, with Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God's Light shining in and about you. Be our Leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.

We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.

We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.

We ask no special sign for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.



Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments in bringing peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctified us.

May your valiant Spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in "renewing the face of the earth." Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where

your Son reigns forever as King. Amen

(Written at the behest of Our Lady of America, October 5, 1956)

"By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil."

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Wilson".



In honor of our Blessed Mother
Please pray the rosary!

ADORATION IN 2020

Would you be willing to commit an hour of adoration time from **Wed., June 3** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until **Fri., June 6** at 3:00 p.m.

Notice the extended time.
Please consider giving to the Lord one hour.



**To schedule your time slot,
sign up in the church vestibule, on our parish website, or please call:**

Barb Muich: 314-892-6284 or
Betty Koch: 314-775-7534 or
Email: Betty Koch44@yahoo.com

**Monday, May 25
Memorial Day
Mass @ 9:00 a.m.**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 a.m. - Monday May 18
Walter Zenk+
8:00 a.m. - Tuesday May 19
Nikki Howe+
8:00 a.m. - Wednesday May 20
William Ohlhausen+
8:00 a.m. - Thursday May 21
Mary Tomkins+
8:00 a.m. - Friday May 22
Florence Huenke+
8:00 a.m. - Saturday May 23
Jean Cowick+
4:00 p.m. - Saturday May 23
Nancy Myer+
7:30 a.m. - Sunday May 24
People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. - Sunday May 24
Donald Bequette+

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2,
11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
(for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28



Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for the Celebration of Mass

GENERAL GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

- **Dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice.**
- **Parishioners who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus should not come to church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives.**
 - Attendees should take their temperature at home before determining whether they should attend Mass.
- Anyone over 60 years-old and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to participate in Masses *via live-stream only*.

CLEANING, SANITIZING AND HYGIENE

- Appropriate cleaning of high-use areas within the church is completed before and after each service.

CAPACITY/ATTENDANCE

- Gathering of congregants where Mass is celebrated is *limited to* the following:
 - For churches of less than 10,000 sq. ft., the number of all those present at each Mass is limited to 25% or less of the fire or building code maximum occupancy.
 - For churches of 10,000 or more sq. ft., the number of all those present at each Mass is limited to 10% or less of the fire or building code maximum occupancy.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- The faithful are obliged to wear a mask during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Communion.
- Ushers and other volunteers will wear masks and gloves (when gloves are not available, frequent handwashing will be necessary) throughout the celebration of Mass.
- Specific PPE practices are required for Eucharistic ministers. More details are included under "Holy Communion" below.

OFFERTORY

- **Stationary baskets** will be used for donations from the assembly and are to be monitored by the ushers until the donations are collected
- Collection baskets should not be passed, nor will ushers take up the collection from the congregation.
- **Please consider giving your offertory online.**

SIGN OF PEACE IS SUSPENDED



Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for Holy Communion

HOLY COMMUNION

- **Communicants are to receive the Host in the hand** in keeping with the advice of state health officials and thereby to avoid the Communion minister's fingers coming into contact with saliva or particles exhaled from the communicants' mouth onto the ministers' fingers.
- **Communion ministers must be masked**, must sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Communion, and when at all possible, should utilize a disinfectant wipe or purificator dipped in a sanitizing solution (at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol) to sanitize their fingers when incidental contact is made with the communicant.
- Distribution of **Holy Communion from the chalice is prohibited** to the assembly. For those who suffer from celiac disease, special arrangements are to be made with the pastor.
- When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below their chin in order to prepare to receive Communion as above. The communicant immediately replaces their mask after consuming the Host.
- Ushers or other volunteers who are masked and gloved will ensure six-foot distancing in the Communion line.
- Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.
- Maintaining a single-file is necessary for the distribution of Holy Communion for each Communion minister and communicant to maintain social distancing. Multiple Communion ministers may be used as long as one-way traffic patterns are observed.

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

May 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Adoration begins 8:30 a.m.- 12 Noon</i>	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Memorial Day Mass @ 9:00am Parish Office Closed</i>	26	27 <i>Adoration begins 8:30 a.m.- 12 Noon</i>	28	29	30
31			<i>June 1 Adoration begins 8:30 a.m.- 12 Noon</i>	<i>June 2 Adoration continues</i>	<i>June 3 Adoration continues Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.</i>	

DASH'S DOMAIN



This is Dash's favorite perch. From this vantage, he can survey his domain. He dashes after squirrels and people. Does he understand what he is doing? Does he have a perception of himself and of his rank and role in his two-person pack? In other words: Is Dash a conscious being?

Most recent studies strongly suggest that at least the higher animals do indeed possess consciousness and a sense of identity, just like humans. They have memory, and from their memory they can hold pictures in their minds. In many cases when some important dilemma arises, they seem to deliberate and make decisions before they act, especially when their actions will affect those they consider their family or their packmates.

Many dog owners say, "My dog thinks he's a person." That's not true. Rather, your dog thinks you're a dog. To be sure you are a very strange dog, using only two legs, barking with strange sounds, spending too much time with that rectangular thing in your hand, and hardly aware of the fantastic smells everywhere.

This may seem quaint. But consider this: What do you think about God or the angels? Sure, you know that angels and God are not human. But don't we speak and act toward them and evaluate their thoughts and actions from a human perspective? Yes, we do, because we don't have any other vantage point. We treat angels and God as though they were human. Fortunately, God and the angels understand our weakness, so when angels appear to us, they appear in human form. As for God, we know what He did. He became man.