

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

05/05/2024

# Presentation of Our Lady

# Church



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.

### Sunday Masses

- 8:30 am (English)
- 10:30 am (Bilingual)
- 12:00 pm (Spanish)
- 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### Saturday Mass

- 4:30 pm (English)

### Weekday Masses

- Monday-Friday
- 8:00am (Bilingual)





**First Communion**  
Date changed to Tuesday,  
May 7th, 2024. At 6pm



**Confirmation**



Let us pray for world peace

**Sorrowful Mysteries**

Fridays at 5pm, at the Church.



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### Moving?

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### SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

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Last Rites

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**Wisdom and Love: The New Law**

**The Gift of Wisdom**

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

John the Evangelist presents in his letter the profound connection between mystical wisdom and charity: “Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.” The same Apostle narrates in today’s Gospel how Jesus gave us His new commandment of love. It is fascinating how our Lord connects love and joy. He states that the goal of His teaching is to share His joy with us so that our joy may be complete. Christ reveals Himself as a true friend who desires to share His life and His secrets, His mysteries, His mind, and His heart with us. The gift of wisdom is responsible for the perfection of charity and, hence, an indispensable condition for reaching perfect joy.

As we usually do, let us begin with a definition of the Gift of Wisdom. The gift of wisdom is a supernatural habit, inseparable from charity, by which we are able to judge rightly concerning God and divine things through their ultimate and highest causes, under a special instinct and movement of the Holy Spirit, Who makes us taste these things by a certain connaturality and sympathy.

Christian virtues need the influx of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to fully function, unfolding their full potential. This affirmation applies even more to the theological virtues. There is a proportion between the degree of perfection of a Christian virtue and its need for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, charity needs the elevation of gifts to the divine mode more than any other virtue. Remember that charity is the most excellent Christian virtue. Charity is the form, mother, root, and Queen of Virtues. Without it, we are and have nothing as Christians.

Charity is, first and foremost, a supernatural love for God above all things as a Father and Friend. People and things loved with charity must be loved because of God and for God. Thus, there is no act of charity in which God is not loved. That is what makes charitable any act of charity. Now, charity is subjected to the rule of human reason enlightened by faith in the early stages of the Christian life. It functions in a human way at the beginning. We could metaphorically say that charity cannot breathe if it is subjected to that measure. Human measures necessarily fall short when it comes to how we should love God.

The last two homilies were about affective gifts. Wisdom is intellectual. It is grounded in the intellect despite its role in perfecting charity. This mystical wisdom presupposes charity and also perfects charity. There is nothing strange about that. The intellect and the will are really distinct but are profoundly connected. Nothing can be loved without knowing something about it (*nihil volitum nisi praecognitum*). Nevertheless, love moves the mind to know more and more about what is loved. It would be extremely weird if a person who is in love did not want to know more about the significant other.

God wants to be our friend. The mutual love of friendship creates the conditions to get to know the friend in a very special manner, with some sort of connaturality, because he becomes another “I.” The friend becomes an expert in the soul of his friend and rejoices in it. Similarly, the gift of wisdom moves the saint to judge the divine things. It gives the Christian soul an experimental knowledge of God that can be savored and fills the soul with indescribable sweetness.

Something similar happens then to what occurs to those who are really in love. In Spain, we have an interesting saying. When two people are in love, we say that they see through the other’s eyes. The beloved person becomes the center of the universe. The person in love learns how to think like the beloved. Moreover, the rest of reality is seen in connection to the beloved. Similarly, the saint has God at the center of his universe. He becomes

like God in thinking. He judges rightly about divine things. And the rest of reality is contemplated insofar as it is connected to God. Everything is seen from and through God. Since God is the highest cause of creation, this gift well deserves the name of wisdom.

Wisdom does not mean only expertise. The wise man is an expert. But, there is more. Not every expertise deserves the name of wisdom. Wisdom always includes a holistic vision through the highest and deepest causes of something. Therefore, the full meaning of wisdom always implies a connection to God. There are different types of wisdom. Properly speaking, we can talk about natural wisdom, theological wisdom, and mystical wisdom.

Natural wisdom is Metaphysics. Metaphysics is the most important part of philosophy. Whence from, it is called “first” philosophy. Philosophy etymologically means “the love for wisdom.” Metaphysics is wisdom in its proper meaning. Contemplating the whole of reality, natural wisdom can get to know God by demonstration with the light of reason. The perfections and the beauty of the universe are a reflection of the Divine Artist, and the human mind has the necessary light to see that connection. Of course, what we can know about God in that mode is far and away from knowing Him intimately.

The same God we can naturally know has decided to enter history and reveal Himself. The mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God is the culminating point of that Revelation. The Son of God has come into the world to reveal the Father. The faith of the Church and the faith of each one of us is the reception and the acceptance of that Revelation by which we can know God more profoundly. Theological wisdom or sacred doctrine is an explanation of that faith to the point it can be explained by applying thinking and reasoning to it. From the principles of faith, we can bring about conclusions that unfold what is contained in faith so that we can understand it better. Our faith teaches us that there is one God, but God is Triune, three Persons. Theological wisdom reflects on that mystery to find ways to make it as clear as possible for the human mind. It is a part of wisdom to know the limitations of our explanations and reasonings. God is always bigger than any human idea.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is mystical wisdom. The Holy Spirit moves the human mind with a supernatural instinct to judge divine things and, through them, about all things. There is no reasoning about the principles of reality or the principles of faith. The saint contemplates the principles of faith, judging in them without reasoning who God is and judging from that perspective the rest of reality. Mystical wisdom gives peace and joy to the Christian soul in a supernatural way.

The first thing to be said is that the mystic loves God in a heroic manner and in all things. His intimate relationship with each one of the Divine Persons is the lens through which he sees and values all creatures, the little and common episodes of his daily life, or the great events in history. The heroic love for God of the wise saint has profound repercussions on all his Christian virtues and actions. Everything else, without exception, is made out of his profound love for God. Charity completely unifies the life of the saint with that character and order that only wisdom can imprint.

The measure of Jesus’ charity becomes the measure of the saint’s love, who is completely imbued with the wisdom of the Cross. Thus, he loves God with sacrificial love. The love of neighbor consequently acquires a new modality. This is the context in which we can understand the novelty of Jesus’ commandment of love. Christ says that He gives us a new commandment. However, love was something that had already been commanded in the Old Testament. The wisdom of the Cross gives the commandment of love a profound novelty, taking the measure of love to a divine standard. Without mystical wisdom, Jesus’ commandment cannot be fulfilled. We are called to love like Jesus has loved.

The wise saint finds supernatural joy because he becomes able to contemplate and share the infinite goodness of God, in God Himself, and as it is reflected in the rest of His creation. Charity truly unites the soul with God. The

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taste of the Divine Goodness anticipates the joys of Heaven. Moreover, mystical wisdom gives peace because the saint can contemplate how all things fall into their proper place according to God's plan. Peace is the rest of the heart in that order. Only from God's perspective can the definitive order of creatures and history be seen. Precisely because the Christian soul can find peace, mystical wisdom enables the saint to become a peacemaker, according to the beatitude. The person who is moved by mystical wisdom constructs peace by being crucified with Christ.

May God help us to surrender our lives to Him so that we can receive this amazing gift of the Holy Spirit!

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Weekend of Apr. 20 & 21, 2024.  
Offertory

4:30 Regular Collection Mass \$ 375.00  
4:30 Second Collection Mass \$ 34.00

8:30 Regular Collection Mass \$ 596.00  
8:30 Second Collection Mass \$ 110.00

10:30 Regular Collection Mass \$ 702.98  
10:30 Second Collection Mass \$ 97.00

12:00 Regular Collection Mass \$ 1,036.00  
12:00 Second Collection Mass \$ 272.25

5:00 Regular Collection Mass \$ 274.91  
5:00 Second Collection Mass \$ 128.00

**Regular Collection** Total:\$ 2,984.89  
**Second Collection** Total:\$ 641.25

**Candles** Total: \$ 210.10  
**Special needs** Total: \$ 65.00



Day	Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Sat.	May. 5	4:30 p.m.	†Vincent Peña	Family
Sun.	May. 5	8:30 a.m.	†Rudy & Maeve Cordova	Family
		10:30 a.m.	†Freddy Emmanuel Bautista	Family
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	Birthdays: Alicia Luna, Gloria Luna, Capri Luna & Moraya Garcia	Carmen Luna
		5:00 p.m. Spanish		
Mon.	May 6	8:00 a.m.	Jaramillo Family	Family
Tues.	May. 7	8:30 a.m.		
Wed.	May. 8	8:00a.m	Jaramillo Family	Family
Thur.	May. 9	8:00 a.m	Gabriel Luna's Birthday	Carmen Luna
Fri.	May. 10	8:00 a.m	For all our Parishioners living and † deceased	

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**-JUGOS-**

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- JUGOS ENERGETICOS ..... \$11
- JUGOS HIDRATANTES ..... \$6
- PERDIDA DE PESO ..... \$12
- JUGO EXTREMIMIENTO 3 LITROS \$20



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- FRESA ..... \$10
- CARMELO ..... \$10
- BANANA ..... \$10



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