



- Clergy Corner -

The Immensity and Profundity of our God!

On Pentecost we will hear these words from the Acts of the Apostles 2.11:” ...yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

As I most recently stood one evening on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico, and the waves were angrily lapping at the shore and crashing around my feet and the sun was sinking into the Gulf, one could almost hear the sizzle of God’s voice as the Sun first touched the waters edge and then gradually was swallowed up by it entirely. I was struck by the words of this reading and of Paul when he said....who can know the mind of God, who has been Gods counselor?

And as the breeze from the waters washed me like a baptismal cleansing, I was flooded with an immense sense of gratitude that being a part of the Old Catholic faith has opened so many doors in my Spiritual Journey. The waves kept crashing, the Sun disappeared and the wind kept washing over me and my mind was filled with the reality that to believe that any of us can understand or even claim to understand the immensity and profundity of God is almost absurd. Thank God that we have the freedom to admit we do not have a corner on the mystery of God. What we do have and do proclaim is that our common experience of faith has led us to many understandings and many experiences of God. We also proclaim that as American Catholics we culturally understand God in probably a profoundly different way than our sisters and brothers in some other part of the world, and that’s ok!

How does God speak in our lives? I believe it often happens in whispers, and small breezes, in crashing waves and sinking sizzling sunsets. God speaks to us in prayer, both personal and communal, and in breaking bread with friends, and with strangers as well. God speaks in holding hands and in letting go of another so that something can be born anew.

Just as immense as the Ocean and as mysterious as is the daily sunrise and sunset over the shores of our planet, so is the immense mystery of our God. And just as the breeze, blows from over those waters, so will God continue to speak to us in many and varied ways of “the mighty acts of God.” Maybe our task as people of faith is not so much to understand, as it is to listen and then allow ourselves to be moved by the profundity of what we hear. Thank each and every one of you for being willing to be an ocean and a breeze that carries just tidbits of the voice of this amazing God!

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Rev. Marty Shanahan

Spirit of Hope Catholic Community

***A community of Radical Hospitality,
Provocative Nurturing and
Courageous, Compassionate Leadership***

To Our Eucharistic Table ~ All are Invited!



MAY 2016

SATURDAY MASS - 5:00 pm

THURSDAY MASS - 6:00 pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Marty Shanahan

Rev. Corein Brown

Rev. Colleen Woodley

Music Coordinator: Cynthia Sampers

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Saturday – May 7

Lector: Alexander Kelly
Prayers of Faithful: Rick Kraft
Cantor: Cynthia Sampers
Pianist: Betty Kok
Presider: Rev. Colleen

Saturday – May 14

Lector: Debra Kammerer
Prayers of Faithful: John Curran
Cantor: Ingrid Mattsson
Pianist: Betty Kok
Presider: Rev. Colleen

Saturday – May 21

Lector: Tom King
Prayers of Faithful: Rick Kraft
Cantor: Kristen Fuchs
Pianist: Lou Lou Larson-Fine
Presider: Rev. Marty

Saturday – May 28

Lector: John Curran
Prayers of Faithful: Kathy Shanahan
Cantor: Alexander Kelly
Pianist: Lou Lou Larson-Fine
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Mark Your Calendar

	MAY
Thursday May 5	7:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope Maggie Armstrong to speak on Security at home and online, Estate Planning and Advanced Directives. All are welcome to join us.
Tuesday May 10	7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
Wednesday May 11	6:00 pm Shared dinner w/St Anne's followed by a Q/A session with Rev. Theo and Rev. Marty
Thursday May 12	7:00 pm Social Justice Meeting
Saturday May 14	6:00 pm First Annual All Parish Meeting and Pizza dinner
Wednesday May 18	6:30 pm Men's Group (Panera Bread on Robert St)
Thursday May 19	7:00 pm Communications Team Meeting
Friday May 20	5:00 pm Set up for Corein & Mark's Dinner
Saturday May 21	6:00 pm Corein & Mark's pre Wedding Dinner
Wednesday May 25	7:00 pm Circle of Servant Leaders Meeting
Saturday May 28	9:00 am 4th Annual Plant Sale
JUNE * SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS *	
Thursday June 2	7:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope sewing dresses and shorts for African children
Saturday June 4 Sunday June 5	5:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Mass
Thursday June 9	7:00 pm Social Justice Meeting
Tuesday June 14	7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
Wednesday June 15	6:30 pm Men's Group (Panera Bread on Robert St)
Thursday June 16	7:00 pm Communications Team Meeting
Wednesday June 22	7:00 pm Circle of Servant Leaders Meeting

***** SAVE THE DATE *****
ANNUAL BBQ DINNER - SUNDAY JULY 10TH - 5:15 PM

+++ Emergency Cancellations +++
If there is any reason to cancel any event, Spirit of Hope will be listed on KARE TV or the WCCO radio closing announcements.