

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Widening the Circle

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Acts 10:34

The earliest Christians were mostly Jews. In general, they mistrusted Gentiles. Their mistrust was rooted in their history. These first Christians believed that Jesus had come only for them. They believed there was no room for Gentiles in their new religious community-unless they first became Jews. Peter fought against this mentality, saying that Jesus came for Jews and Gentiles. In fact, Jesus came for all. No exclusions.

Today might be a good day to reflect on those individuals whom we don't like, those whom we tend to exclude from the circle of our love and respect-perhaps people of a particular race, gender, age, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, occupation, economic status.

In the words of today's responsorial psalm, Jesus came and sang "a new song," a song that calls his followers to widen the circle of their love "to the ends of the earth."

**ESL CLASSES** -Monday - Thursday  
from 9:30-11am in the St. Martin Hall.

The office of Religious Education and Confirmation is closed on Fridays all the time.

### MASS INTENTIONS

5:30PM +Fr. Ed O'Keefe, OFM Cap.

7:30AM +Catalina Saldana

11:00AM Filiberto & Concepcion Garcia-35<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

### TOGETHER IN MISSION

If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so. Your gift ensures that every Catholic living in the Archdiocese has a parish to celebrate their faith and access to a Catholic school education. You are living your faith through your actions when you support Together in Mission.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Holy Spirit Novena starts Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 ending May 19<sup>th</sup> Say it in your home or anywhere [https://11 Forums Catholic.com](https://11ForumsCatholic.com) Novena to The Holy Spirit: Help me to get to know you.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Know the signs of abuse and talk to your children about them

Some signs of abuse are too obvious to hide. Unexplained bruises and injuries may indicate abuse at home, and children who are close to a victim may notice these injuries more quickly than an adult, because they spend more time together. Children also share secrets with each other, and if a child is being abused, he/she may be more comfortable confiding in a close friend than an adult. It is important to talk to children about the signs of abuse, and encourage them to talk to you. To watch a video on this topic go.

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