

**THE COLLECT:** O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: You do not leave us comfortless, but have sent us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** John 17:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup> For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

<sup>9</sup> "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*.



*St. Paul's CEC*  
charismatic evangelical sacramental together



**SUNDAY June 5th, 2011 -7th WEEK OF EASTER**

**Birthdays:** June 11 = Paul Heebner

**Needing our Prayers:** For healing and strength: Elton Blair, Pat Bird, Ralph Kalian

**TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH....WE TAKE UP A COLLECTION TO PAY OFF THE DEBT ON THE LAND. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IMPORTANT GOAL. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW MONTHS OF PAYMENTS LEFT, THEN WE OWN IT FREE AND CLEAR.**

**Wednesday night Bible Study,** Eucharist and prayers for healing beginning at 7:00. (II Corinthians 10) Come and learn more about the Bible and about what we believe.

**Pick up some cards** to hand out, and some simple brochures to give away. Let's all participate in the growth of St. Paul's.

**Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday,** is the anniversary of Fr. David Hoff's Ordination as a Priest. In honor of the occasion he will be the Celebrant and give the sermon.

**Home groups....**we will be starting these fellowship, food, study, spiritual refreshment and prayer times - which meet in homes during the week. Let Fr. Jerry know if you are interested.

**FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-14** <sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" <sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

### THE PSALM: 47

- <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you nations;  
**\*shout to God with cries of joy.**
- <sup>2</sup> For the LORD Most High is awesome,  
**\*the great King over all the earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> He subdued nations under us,  
**\*peoples under our feet.**
- <sup>4</sup> He chose our inheritance for us,  
**\*the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.** [b]

- <sup>5</sup> God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
**\*the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**\*sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth;  
**\*sing to him a psalm of praise.**
- <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations;  
**\*God is seated on his holy throne.**
- <sup>9</sup> The nobles of the nations assemble  
as the people of the God of Abraham,  
**\*for the kings of the earth belong to God;  
he is greatly exalted.**

**SECOND LESSON I Peter 4:**<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup> If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup> So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.