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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

JESUS SAID,
"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE
ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES."

John 14:2



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Live Masses on our FB page
Saturday: 9:00 AM
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Monday-Friday: 6:00 PM

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Jesus said,
“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

A SPIRITUAL LIFE IN A CONCRETE WORLD

Today’s readings describe the complexities of trying to live a spiritual life while still living in a world that demands concrete action. Acts tell us about disagreements beginning to emerge in the early Christian communities over divisions of labor. Some people are praying and preaching while others are feeding the hungry. In First Peter we are reminded that Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus was rejected yet is the very foundation for building the community, and yet he is also a stumbling block for those who do not follow the path laid out by his life and works. In John we hear again the contrast of the spiritual and the concrete, of houses with many rooms, of truth and life. Is it surprising that the apostles and we are sometimes confused about how to live the life Jesus intended for us?

FINDING REALITY IN FAITH

The readings today describe a faith community struggling with the realities of preaching, teaching, praying, and spreading the word of God while others are concerned about putting food on the table and a roof over their heads. In Acts decisions are made about a division of labor. Some will preach and others will ensure that the community is fed. In First Peter there is talk of spiritual houses, builders, and cornerstones, of faith and stumbling blocks. In John, Jesus begins to prepare the apostles for his departure. Jesus talks about his Father’s house but the apostles want concrete answers to their questions. They want to see the Father. They don’t know the way. Jesus’ response is both spiritual and concrete. His answer is both faith and works.

FINDING FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD

The tensions within the readings are tensions we feel every day between our faith and the world in which we live. We stumble over stones that litter the way, over lies that hide the truth, even over the reality of death. We want our faith to be solid, so we can test its permanence and reality. But faith is not concrete. Faith is a living thing, a leap into the unknown. Works are concrete. The works of the apostles are what sustained them even as they struggled with their own faith. We must feed the hungry and shelter the homeless even as we speak to ourselves and others of faith beyond brick and mortar. While we live in a world of harsh realities, we must remember there are realities beyond those we see but not beyond our belief. We know that the faith born of love for others and lived out in caring for the sick and sorrowful, the hungry and homeless, the poor and imprisoned is real.

TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 6:1–7

Psalms 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19

1 Peter 2:4–9

John 14:1–12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;

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-John 14:6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Tuesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday: St. Matthias

Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer
Saturday: Armed Forces Day



What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

-Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....May 9
5:00 P.M. † **Kurt Speckman**
..... by Speckman Family
SUNDAY..... May 10
9:00 A.M...... **The Parishioners of St John's**
11:00A.M...... **Maryanne Riendeau**
..... by Armand & James Riendau
MONDAY..... May 11
8:00 A.M.

TUESDAY May 12
8:00 A.M. **Mary Jaggard**
..... by Maryanne Carrol
WEDNESDAY May 13
8:00 AM..... † **Fatima Csambers**
..... by Minda Mamansag
THURSDAY May 14
8:00 AM..... † **Isidro Mamansag**
..... by
FRIDAY May 15 **Minda Mamansag**
8:00 AM..... † **Rufino S. Silverio**
..... by Manny & Sonny Silverio

SATURDAY May 16
5:00 PM † **Hugh Rodgers**
..... by Jim Griffiths
SUNDAY..... May 17
9:00 A.M...... † **Ann Rodier**
..... by Laini & Ben Dotson
11:00 A.M...... **The Parishioners of St John's**



Dear Padre,

Are there models I can use to help me better understand what a mother is to do or be?

A great model for mothers is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Catechism of the Catholic Church uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix when speaking of Mary (CCC 969). These titles are important in explaining Mary's special relationship to us, her children. We can also use these titles to show how mothers today can relate to their children and spouses.

Mary encourages us in our efforts to follow Christ. So it is the duty of all mothers to be a guiding presence to their children as they begin to pray and learn to follow the Lord.

As Advocate and Helper, Mary assists us by her own prayer and example. Mary prays for us, and we only have to read Scripture to understand Mary's example of listening to God. Today's mothers share the task of praying for their children and spouses. A mother's example of listening for God can teach her children the importance of seeking God's will.

As Benefactress, Mary is a patron and invites us to receive the graces that only her Son can bestow. In today's family, a mother offers a constant stream of love and encouragement to her spouse and children. She is the patron of love, a refuge from the harshness that life can bring.

As Mediatrix, Mary brings people together to be coworkers with Christ in the work of salvation. Also, a mother is a

"Dear brothers and sisters,"

Pope Francis said, "today we have gathered together, all the Christians of the world, to pray together the Our Father, the prayer that Jesus taught us."

The Pope's invitation to join him in prayer was livestreamed at midday, Rome time, from the Library of the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican.

This is his prayer:

"As trustful children we turn to the Father. We do it every day, several times a day; but right now we wish to beg mercy for mankind, so sorely tried by the coronavirus pandemic. And we do this together, Christians of every Church and Community, of every tradition, of every age, language and nation.

We pray for the sick and their families; for health workers and those who help them; for the authorities, law enforcement agencies and volunteers; for the ministers of our communities.

Today many of us celebrate the Incarnation of the Word in the womb of the Virgin Mary, when her humble and total "Behold" reflected the "Behold" of the Son of God. We too entrust ourselves, with full confidence, to the hands of God, and with one heart and one soul we pray:

"Our Father..."



Our Lady of Fátima
May 13

Starting on May 13, 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared on the same date for six straight months to three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal. Among other things, her message was intended to increase devotion to her Immaculate Heart and to encourage praying the rosary daily for peace in the world.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament

May 13

Peter Julian Eymard bestowed this title on the Blessed Mother in May 1868. His aim was to honor her in her relationship to the Holy Eucharist and to place her before us as a model for our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.



April Showers Bring May Flowers

You will need:
crayons
water-based paints
paper

1. Draw green grass and many beautiful flowers growing from the ground.
2. Be sure to press hard and color the entire flower in with color.
3. Get your paint brush very wet and use the blue paint for the sky.
4. From the top of the paper, paint back and forth, covering the entire page (even the flowers).
5. When it dries, the crayon will have resisted the paint giving a rain effect.

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

Jesus told the disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house.

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-2

Directions: Draw a picture of your house below.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School
Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

CHOIRS:

5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Youth Choir Practice

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

INFANTS and CHILDREN:

Parents, please help us to worship with attention and prayer by responsibly caring for your young one during Mass. A crying infant could be beseeching God for a walk outside. Please take your child to the gathering area if your child becomes disruptive during Mass and needs calming.

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

New members always welcome, You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Ellen at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to ewiley@outlook.com or fax to 246-1219. Prayer list changes and/or sympathy announcements have reserved space and are accepted up to transmission time.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Contact Dennis Stone (dennisjstone@comcast.net), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.