




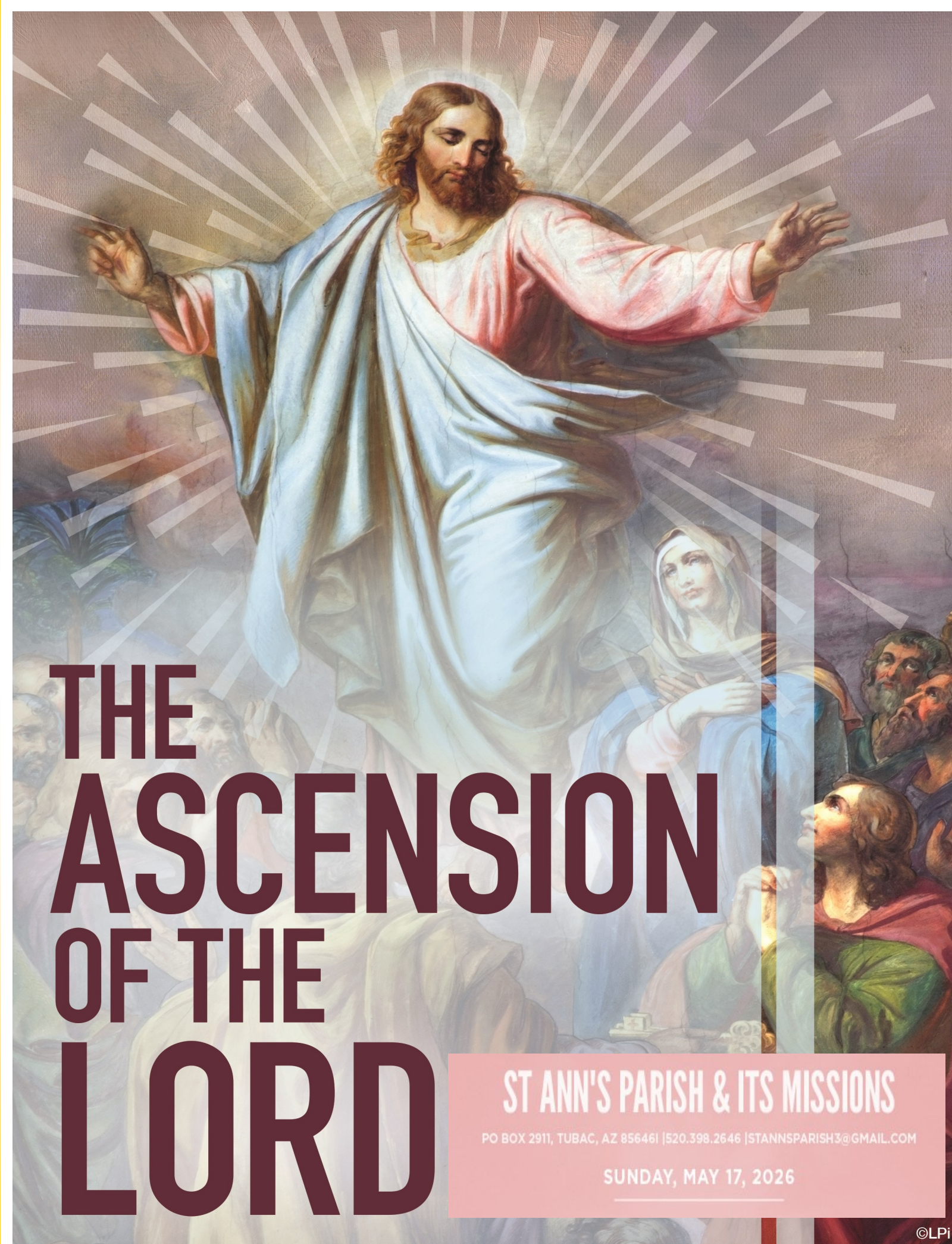


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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

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Our Mission Statement

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St . Ann's Parish

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

Assumption Chapel

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St Ferdinand's

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at
9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, Why gaze in wonder at the heavens? The Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be praising you forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

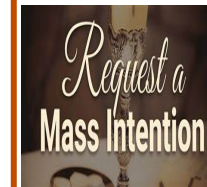
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each month from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer before the Lord.



Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in your hand, Please **do not** step to the side and then consume it. You **must** consume the host **in front** of the Eucharistic Minister before heading back to your seat.



Mass Intentions

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. Continuing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has died—whether recently or many years ago. Mass intentions are not only for the deceased. They also make thoughtful and prayerful gifts for special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or in thanksgiving for prayers answered.

To request a Mass intention, please call or visit the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.

All Mass intentions must be submitted **at least one week prior to the Mass date** in order to be listed in the bulletin. **All mass intention must be done a week before mass date to be posted in the bulletin.**

†Deceased ♥ Health *Special Intention

May 16, 2026 Erica Cole *—Thanksgiving for her accomplishment s & Javier Centeno †

May 17, 206 Gertudis Madrigal †

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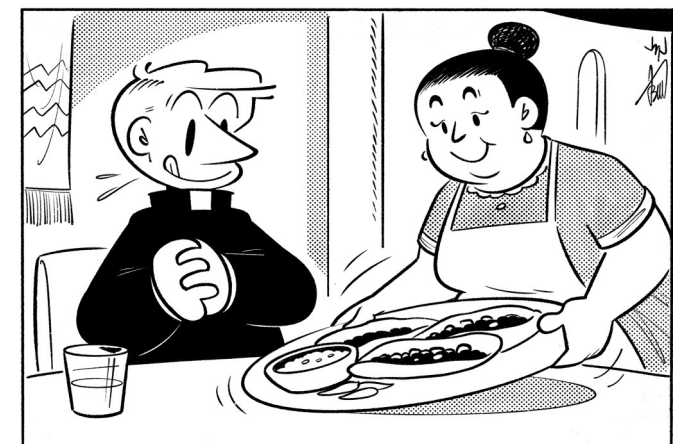
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"What's a priest's favorite type of taco?"



"Tacos Al Pastor."

FUN FACT! This taco term means "shepherd style" in Spanish and was inspired by Lebanese immigrants who made lamb in Mexico. Mexicans adopted the style and made their own (yummy) version. "Pastor" means "shepherd," something he does for his congregation.

Homebound Communion

For All St Ann's & Its Mission Parishioners that are in need of **Homebound Communion** brought to them, must first contact the Parish Office and make the proper arrangements. 520-398-2646



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, in a few short paragraphs I hope to share with you my reflection on how the Ascension, the Resurrection, and the Incarnation of Jesus can be experienced as the loving will of God from the beginning of time.

God created everything out of nothing. Physical existence, biological beings, and spiritual life. Even time itself finds its origin in God, who loves it all into reality. Genesis says, “*God saw everything that he had made and indeed, it was very good.*” [Genesis 1:31] From the beginning, God created the human family to be in communion with Him. That’s the absolute good.

Incarnation

In the fullness of time, God sent his Son to redeem us and make us his adoptive children. [Galatians 4:4] God incarnate lived with his family, friends, and disciples.

Resurrection

Risen from the dead, Jesus as a glorified human body walked with, spoke with, and ate with the disciples. After the Resurrection, the disciples were amazed that Jesus was alive. They witnessed his continued care for them in his presence and teaching.

Ascension

The Ascension was a departure but not an abandonment. The Mass prayer today says, Jesus “...ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.” [Preface I]

And so Mary, the Apostles, and the disciples stayed together in prayer until Pentecost. The sending the Holy Spirit became the new way of God’s communion with us. As we observe Pentecost next Sunday, we will praise God this gift that unites us.

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,
Father Pat



Faithful Friday

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“Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.” - Jn 17:5-6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear how the Apostles gathered in prayer with others (including Mary) in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus’ ascension into heaven. When do you find yourself being called to prayer?

Second Reading:

Peter teaches that we may suffer insults and ridicule for our belief in Jesus. Have you ever been insulted by others for your faith?

Gospel:

We hear Jesus praying for us to his heavenly Father. Have you ever prayed for Jesus in prayer?

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying. (Acts 1:13)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.” (Jn 17:1-2)

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**Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week**

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It’s not about power or accomplishment. It’s not earned or won. It’s not a prize, and it’s certainly not a finish line. It’s a relationship — one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

**Observances for the week of
May 17, 2026**

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; *World Communications Day*
- Monday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. We are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church, and to the Christian way of life.

**Blessing for
Communications**

Dear Jesus,
On this World Communications Day, bless each of us as we communicate, whether by conversation, email, text, post, letter, or phone. May our words bring peace, comfort, healing, promise, joy, and love. May we bring your blessing wherever we go. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. But saying the words isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there, inviting the Spirit to move among them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

When Words Fail

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

Before the world began.

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son *became*.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer:

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

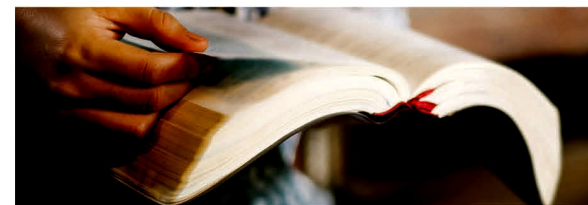
Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

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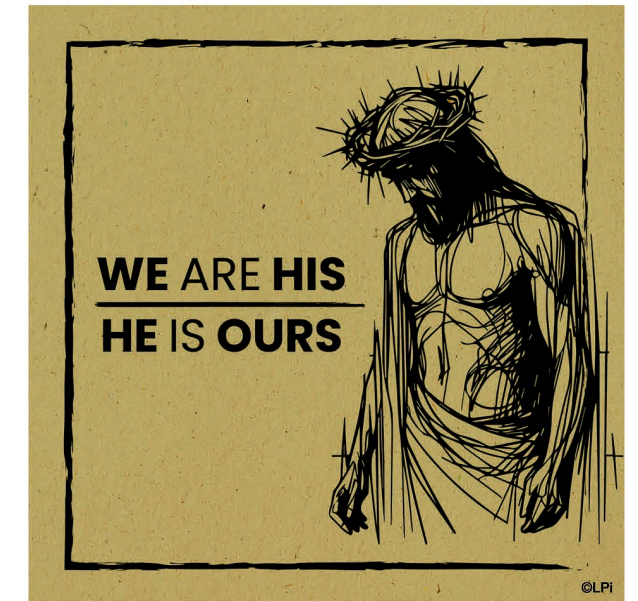
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "**Consecrate them in the truth.**" (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— Father John Muir