

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 31/ June 1, 2025

"I pray, Father, for those
who will believe in me
through the message of
my disciples."

John 17:20-26



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33
Tue	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wed	Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc 36ab Jn 17:11b-19
Thu	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26
Fri	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19
Sat	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 21:20-25
Sun	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13



MASS INTENTIONS/ OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and

wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)



Bereavement

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of our loved ones. Please keep **Theresa Simpson** and her family in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.

REFLECTIONS

Over the long reach of time, granted our beloved Church, we find not only an interest in how our ancestors interpreted their faith, but also how they prayed. Fortunately, we have existing records of such that impress, uplift and inspire our own praying. Generations have been quick to adopt St. Francis of Assisi's "Make me a channel of Your peace," as their own, coming to us from the 12th century. We even count it as a popular hymn. Reaching back further, we have Our Lady's "Magnificat" and St. Paul's exaltation of Charity.

But above all of those in our Church's treasury, we have two of Our Lord Jesus' prayers: the one He taught us to use as a model, which we call "the Our Father." and the one in today's Gospel of John.

The setting of it propels us backward to the scene of that Last Supper on Holy Thursday night, when Jesus turns His mind from the disciples at the table around Him, then "lifting up His eyes" to address His Father. He reaches out to the future, asking the Father to bless believers of every age, including, of course, you and me.

His overarching theme is unity. He wants that unity to catch the outside world's attention. He also wants the love He has for the Father to be in our hearts as well. It is an opening of His own heart that the Eleven gathered in that upper room get to hear.

Granted, we cannot pray Jesus' words or make them our own precisely because Jesus is God. But we can implement the practice of love of neighbor that His prayers imply. St. Stephen the deacon certainly did that. Even as he is murdered with stones, he prays for his killers.

As we near the close of the great Easter season, when we will have celebrated for 50 days, we can certainly hold our heads high with being parts of God's family on earth. This is not to deny our imperfections and the flaws in our makeup. But certainly, in a world that is still stubborn and a culture that clings to being secular only, we are sisters and brothers of a risen Savior. It's good to remember that "While God promises us a safe landing, He does not promise a calm voyage."

God love you and give you His prayer-filled peace.

source: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
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The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 31
Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Arthur Houle, Sr.
(103rd B'day Rem) by Family

June 3
Tue 7:45am In Memory of Emile Lafaille
(60th Ann) by daughter Helen

June 4
Wed 7:45am In Memory of Michael Pocino
(Ann Rem) by his Family

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 7
Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Lori Tesseris
by Lisa Bouvier



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **In Memory of Arthur Houle, Sr. (103rd B'day Rem) by his Family**



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? **Call Pauline Prew 568-5644** and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

PRAYER FOR HOPE

When it feels like nothing is going right for us, and we just can't seem to catch a break, God is always near to us, let us pray:

Heavenly Father, please be with me today. My heart hurts. I feel overwhelmed, and it's difficult for me to see the joy that only You provide. Still, I trust in You and place my problems in your hands. I pray that you can open my eyes to the ways in which Your love is embracing me. Amen.

source: Catholic.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Due to a systems upgrade at the publishing company, there will not be a financial update until the beginning of June. As always thank you for your patience, as well as your spiritual and financial support.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 31	Monthly
June 7	Catholic Communication
June 14	Father's Day
July 5	Monthly
July 26	Mission Co-Op
Aug 2	Peter's Pence
Aug 9	Monthly
Aug 15	Assumption

ON-LINE GIVING

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TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Coming Soon: Mark your calendars: Informational Activities Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Any questions or concerns, please contact:

Tammy Parkhurst at (401) 309-6472

PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

Let us continue praying for His Holiness:

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

Let us pray for the Pope Leo. R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies. V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant. R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

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