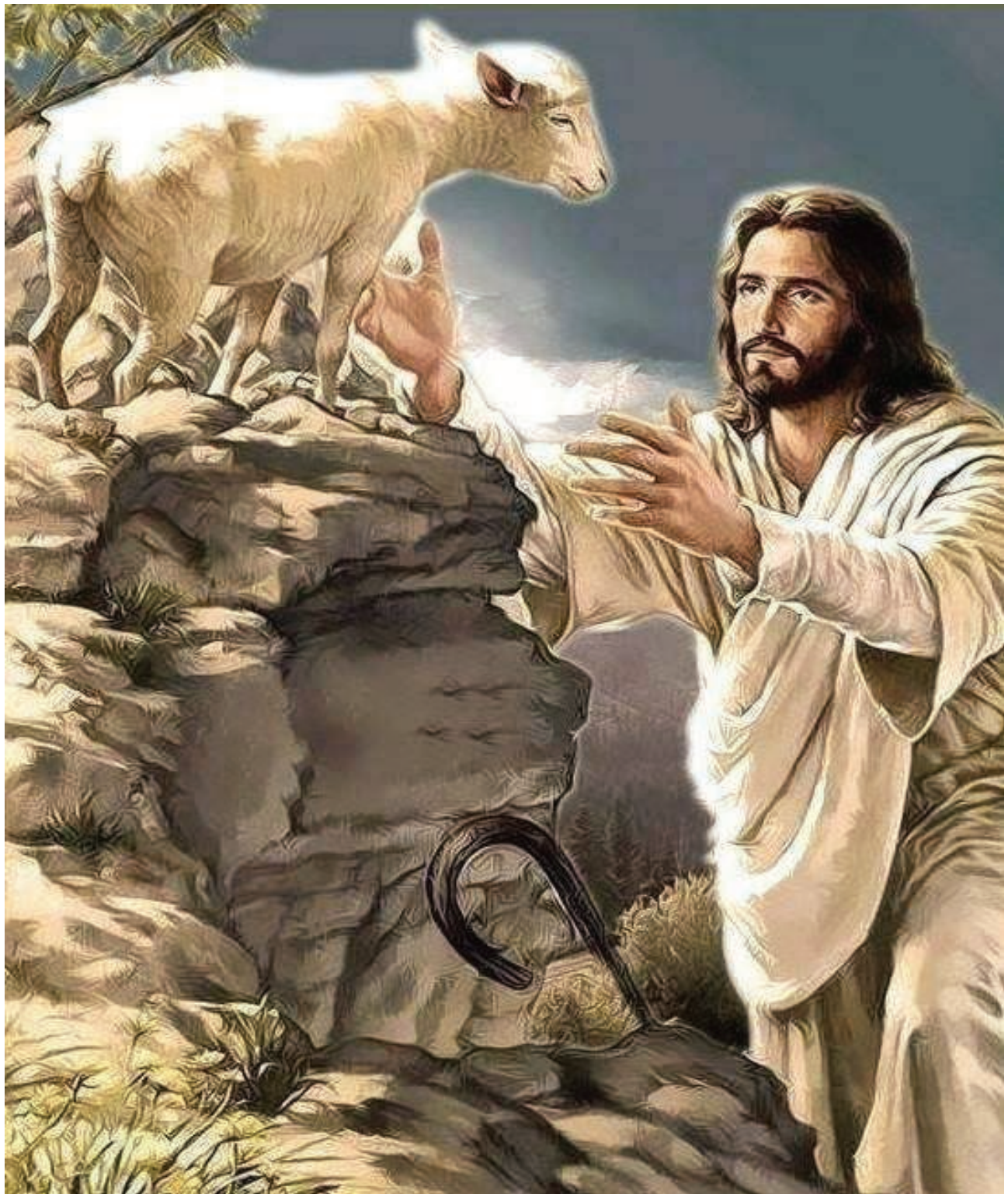


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17/18, 2025



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
Tue	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
Wed	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8
Thu	Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
Fri	Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 Jn 15:12-17
Sat	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
Sun	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29



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 them and their families in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.

REFLECTIONS

Presenting your ID card, which happens often these days for a variety of reasons, can be annoying. First, you must dig your driver's license, or other ID out of your wallet or purse. But best not to show your annoyance because you'll look petty, or even suspicious. One would hope that it would not be such a necessary step to gain service in a free country, but now it is. Amen.

But in the spiritual realm at least, no literal ID card exists. And God does ask for one. The good Lord presumes you are trustworthy. But still, He asks for assurance that you identify yourself as one of His followers, not with a card but with a lifestyle. You could say your life is your ID. Listen again to Our Lord's main qualification: "They will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another."

Most of our living is done in that nebulous "in between." Life sure takes its twists and turns. But it is in ordinary daily reality that our love comes through to others.

On another level, we all have family members that we often take for granted. We can unwittingly be more eager to offer charity to strangers than for one of our own. Awareness through steady prayer and regular examination of conscience can preclude that mistake. I believe it helps to know that exemplifying our personal ID, I have the power to prove the existence of God and His kingdom of heaven, and it gets noticed. Several years ago, a group of computer salesmen from Milwaukee were at a regional sales convention in Chicago. They assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for dinner. But with one thing and another, the meeting ran overtime, and the men had to race to the train station, tickets in hand. As they barged through the terminal, one man inadvertently kicked over a table supporting a basket of apples.

Without stopping, all the men reached the train and boarded it with a sigh of relief. All but one. He paused, got in touch with his conscience, and experienced a twinge of compunction for the boy whose apple stand had been overturned. He waved goodbye to his companions and returned to the terminal. He was glad he did. The ten-year-old boy was blind.

The salesman gathered up the apples and noticed that a good many of them were bruised. He reached into his wallet and said to the boy. "Here, please take twenty dollars for the damage we did. I hope it won't spoil your day." As he started to walk away, the bewildered boy called after him, "Are you Jesus?" He stopped in his tracks. And he wondered.

God love you and keep your spiritual ID current.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17
Sat 4:00pm
In Memory of Henry Mousseau
by Norma and Family
&
In Memory of Deanne Holland
(11th Ann) by Mike and Nancy

May 20
Tue 7:45am
In Memory of Arakel and Maude
Danielian by their Families

May 21
Wed 7:45am
In Memory of Edith Cashman
(Ann Rem) by her Family

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24
Sat 4:00pm
In Memory of Philip Sabella
(4th Ann) by Carol Sabella



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **In Memory of Lori Tesseris by Helen and Bill Sues**



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 PEACE

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

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 17	Fuel
May 29	Ascension
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

Thank you to those parishioners who utilize Parish Giving. If you have not done so already, please visit our website-stjosephri.org to enroll in on-line giving. (See "Parish Giving" icon-bulletins lower left corner of the home page.)

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 FRANCIS

Please, let us continue praying for the repose of his soul:

O God, immortal shepherd of souls, look on your people's prayers and grant that your servant Pope Francis, who presided over your Church in charity, may, with the flock entrusted to his care, receive from your mercy the reward of a faithful steward.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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