

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24/25, 2025

Whoever loves me will keep my
word, and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make
our dwelling with him.

John 14:23



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
Tue	Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
Wed	Acts 17:15, 22, 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15
Thu	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23
Fri	Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23
Sat	Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56
Sun	Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26



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

At the whole enterprise of being a Church, St. Paul and Barnabas were also beginners. As their mission caught on, all kinds of questions arose that needed answers. How to apply Christ's teachings to new situations was their challenge. Of course, they did have the confidence of knowing they had the guidance of the Holy Spirit because that was what Jesus promised them.

Today the First Reading tells us that St. Paul in Antioch faced the problem of certain people claiming that any new male convert to the Faith had first to be circumcised before Baptism. In response, the Church of Jerusalem had its first Council and decided that the idea was wrong. What remained necessary, as recorded in Acts 15, was for converts to "abstain from items associated with idols and to refrain from unchastity."

This topic brings to the fore the matter of respectful questioning of the Church's teaching these days on any given subject. When I call it "respectful" I have in mind the healthy exploration of an inquiring mind. Not at all that of a hostile attitude about the matter at hand.

Certainly, divine teaching has a distinct place. To question that would be tantamount to blasphemy. This implies that the person's understanding of the teaching is correct, only confusion ensues without that.

The more common questioning springs from Church teaching. Frequently this involves teaching on moral issues. Again, we can narrow that category down to issues of sexual behavior.

This issue centers around the teaching of what God wants us to do with our bodies. Here a questioner can always begin by researching the Scriptures, especially the Gospels. Or he/she may turn to the official Catholic Catechism in hard copy or online.

Of course, with any topic a researcher will most likely find an answer that contradicts what the popular opinion is. That's when we must remember an overarching truth about Church teaching. It is an application of Christ's teaching, and we believe that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever."

On a lighter note, realize that our faith these days faces all kinds of challenges, there is another real test of faith. It's when you find yourself in church with nothing but a twenty-dollar bill in your wallet!

God love you and give you His 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

May 27
Tue 7:45am Propuolo Mass for the parishioners
of St. Joseph

May 28
Wed 7:45am In Memory of Donna Kwiatkoski
Special Intentions

May 29
Thu 7:45am **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
St. Eugene
Thu 7:00pm St. Joseph

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **In Memory of Diane and Roger Geoffrey by Helen and Bill Suess**



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

I come before You today, seeking hope in the midst of my circumstances. Your Word assures me that You are the source of all hope, and I place my trust in You. Help me to lean not on my own understanding but to trust in Your wisdom and guidance. Lord, I fix my eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of my faith.

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 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

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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

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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