


***THE VIGIL MASS
OF THE 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER***

MAY 4, 2024



*As the Father
hath loved me, so
have I loved you:
continue ye in my
love.*

John 15:9

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church



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REFLECTIONS

My brother-in-law is quite the handyman. I've seen his work around his house where he has altered this or that to customize his home for the better. I have a young friend who completely re-engineered an old truck's motor and wheels. I know a seamstress who turned a bolt of material into a canopy for a Eucharistic procession. When I asked them where they got their "how to" instructions, they all answered the same: from internet videos. Of course, the presumption is that they understood the given instructions.

On the higher plane than people's everyday skills, comes the all-important ability we all must make- a return on the love that God has for us. The answer here predates the internet by centuries. The "manual," so to speak, is the Holy Bible. In it we find the passage from St. John's gospel that is proclaimed this weekend.

Jesus is our expert at this task. You just heard Him say that not only does His Father love Him, but also that He loves you, and hopefully me. All of us, "warts and all." But then comes the instruction on how to keep this love alive: "If you keep My commandments you will remain in My love, just as I have kept them and remain in His (the Father's) love. "Speaking of love, don't you just love the simplicity of it"?"

So yes, our Church has rules because Christ had them first. He has entrusted sinful human beings with administering them. It's historically true that often those same humans have made mistakes or even have sinned against them. Chaos followed. But for the good people like you who try consistently to obey God's rules, you are on the way to becoming "saints." That, after all, is our main project in the Christian life. We know the simple rule of Our Lord is not always easy to obey. But then, it's always fulfilling.

source: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



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 Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
 Jn 16:23b-28

Sun Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
 19-20 1 Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11b-19

RAFFLE TICKETS REMINDER



Raffle tickets are 2-part. Write your name and phone # on one part, and place it in the appropriate container, and keep the other portion.

If you purchased theme basket and/or Split the Pot tickets for our May 18 Spring Dinner following the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, 4/13/24, and you put 1/2 a ticket in a container without writing your name and phone # on it, PLEASE keep your "stubs" until the night of the event. If you have the stub(s) and wish to write your name and phone # on the ticket(s) you placed in the container(s), please ask a volunteer for assistance.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, May 18	Spring Dinner
Sat, Jun 22	20-Week Club Dinner



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

May 4 **Vigil Mass 6th Sunday of Easter**
Sat 4:00pm For Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

May 7 For the Relief & Release of the
Tue 7:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory
&

In Memory of Ronald Lavoie
(52nd Ann)
by Ron & Pauline Lemieux

Tue 10:30am Mass @ Overlook

May 8 In Memory of Catherine Melone
Wed 7:45am & Lillian Wood (Mother’s Day Rem)
by George & Janet Wood & Family

May 9 Mass of the Ascension
Thu 7:45am of our Lord - **St. Joseph**
Thu 7:00pm Mass of the Ascension
of our Lord – **St. Eugene**



May 11 **Vigil Mass 7th Sunday of Easter**
Sat 4:00pm In Memory of the deceased
Mother’s of the Walker &
Cosetta Families
by Linda, Paul and Bethany

SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for all deceased members of St. Joseph Church.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	4/27/24
Weekly	\$1881.00
Monthly	\$211.00
Mail Ins	\$170.00
Fuel	\$288.00
Mass Stipend	\$75.00
Grateful for God’s Providence	\$256.00
Total Operating	\$2881.00
Easter-CCA	\$31.00
Holy Land	\$6.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 4	Monthly Parish Collection
May 9	Ascension of our Lord HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
May 18	Fuel

BUDGET ENVELOPES

A reminder to all St. Joseph parishioners: If you attend Mass at a church other than St. Joseph’s, *please use your St. Joseph budget envelopes OR write “St. Joseph Church” on a plain envelope.* The area Catholic churches ensure your donations reach your “home” parish each week. Loose cash deposited in collection baskets remains in the church that took up the collection. As alternatives, you may utilize on-line giving, deposit your budget envelopes in the mail slot in the rectory front door, or mail them to the rectory.
Thank you for continuing to support our parish!



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).

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