

# St. Mary's Parish

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**St. Mary's, Coon Valley**

**Weekend Masses:**

Cancelled until further notice

**Weekday Mass:**

Cancelled until further notice

**Local Parishes—Mass Times**

**Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua**

Cancelled until further notice

**St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge**

Cancelled until further notice

**St. Peter, Middle Ridge**

Cancelled until further notice

**Holy Day Mass:** Please check the bulletin for times.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [fmattmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:fmattmarshall@gmail.com). You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

**Mass Intentions:** Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

**Book of Prayer Requests:**

Located in the back of church. Feel free to add your own prayer requests. The requests will be included in the Mass intercessions.

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

- 1) Acts 6:1-7
- 2) 1 Peter 2:4-9
- 3) John 14:1-12

**FOCUS:** We are living stones aligned with Christ, the cornerstone.

Let the Church rejoice as we, the living body of Christ, have recently welcomed many sisters and brothers, new members of the household of faith. Let us encourage those newly joined to us in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation to fully live their new identity as part of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Twelve choose *seven reputable men* to be their assistants and *serve at table*. In his Letter, Peter writes that all who have faith are to be living stones, imitating Christ. In John's Gospel, Jesus declares himself *the way and the truth and the life*, calling those who believe in him to do the works he does.

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sunday 10:30 AM**— Join Fr. Matt online at <https://meet.jit.si/AtHomeSundayPrayers>.
- **Church will be open for private prayer daily from 9AM until 7 PM.** (please practice good social distancing and Maximum of 10 persons)
- If you are currently homebound or under quarantine and need assistance, please call Fr. Matt at 608-738-6806 or 452-3841. We have people ready and willing to help.

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### Intentions

Intentions will be prayed for privately by Father Matt on the day scheduled, please add these intentions to your own, in your prayers from home.

May 09 ~ †Don Kammel

May 10 ~ †Kylie Von Ruden

May 12 ~ Safety of our military in the US and around the world and their families

May 13 ~ †Deceased members of the Ollendick and Fleming Families

May 15 ~ Our Parish Family

May 16 ~ †Deceased member of the Roskos and Roningen Families

May 17 ~ Our Parish Family

### Televised Masses:

**WXOW CH 19** La Crosse – Sunday: 9:30 AM  
**EWTN** (cable/sat.) – Sunday: 7 AM & 11 AM Daily:  
 7 AM & 6 PM

**FOX 25-48** Winona Diocese—7:00 AM

### Catholic Broadcasting:

**EWTN** Catholic Cable Television Vernon Telephone Cable – Chan. 143

MediaCom Chan 15 – Coon Valley

Chan 74 – La Crosse also available via satellite

### Online:

La Crosse Diocese: <https://diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/> or live <https://diolc.org/live> . Daily at 8 AM, Sunday at 9:30 AM

### Giving Last Week

		Week 18	5/3/2020
Adult Env.	\$1630.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$570.00	Received This Week	\$2,300.50
Easter	\$20.00	Run. Tot. Needed	\$34,200.00
Votives	\$80.50	YTD Received	\$33,755.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,300.50</b>	Difference	(444.36)
Rice Bowls	\$68.81	21 Weekend Env. Received	1 Easter Env.

### Annual Appeal 2019-2020

As of 05/01/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$15,547.50	\$15,007.50
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
<b>Over Target</b>	\$3,792.50	\$3,252.50
Percent Pledged: 132.26%, Percent Received: 127.67%		
Number Contributing:	41	

## From Fr. Matt

- **Sunday is Mother's Day.** We remember with gratitude all the women in our lives who have blessed us with their love, guidance, patience, and strength. Thank them and thank God for them. I pray today is a wonderful moment of encouragement and gratitude for us all. Thank you, Moms!



- Pope Francis has joined religious leaders around the world calling on people of faith to join in an **International Day of Prayer on May 14th**. They invite believers of all the religions to unite together spiritually on May 14 in a day of prayer and fasting, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. *"All peoples around the world are encouraged to do good deeds, fast, pray, and make devout supplications to God Almighty to end this pandemic. Each of us from wherever we are and according to the teachings of our own religions should implore God to lift this pandemic off us and the entire world, to rescue us all from this adversity, to inspire scientists to find a cure that can turn back this disease, and to save the whole world from the health, economic, and human repercussions of this serious pandemic."*

## Parish Announcements

### Please Pray for Our First Communicants

First Communion for our 2nd Grade Class was scheduled for this Sunday. Please pray for your young one's as they eagerly await their time to come to the table of the Lord.



**Nathan Ackerman      Tyla Hess**  
**Alaina Pedretti      Dylan Wiedemann**

Prayers and thanks also to their catechist, Dan VonFeldt for all his support and propagation of the faith. First Communion will take place after the lifting of the Stay at Home Order.

### Confirmation Update

Confirmation for our 10th graders will be rescheduled for a later date. The Bishop has delegated the Dean of the La Crosse Diocese to determine how Confirmation will take place in our Deanery. We are still awaiting how this will unfold. In the meantime, please keep your young adults in your thoughts and prayers.



**Brock Hoskins      Dustin Kenyon**  
**Grant McCauley      Tanner Turbean**

## High School Senior Recognition



Unfortunately, our seniors are not able to receive the traditional recognition for their achievements this year, both through their school and our parish. We would like to give them a "shout out" as the end of the school year approaches and hope that when things get back to "normal" we may have a formal recognition during Mass. Please congratulate and pray for our graduates and all our young people:

**Joseph Armbruster      Izaak McCauley**  
**Anna Ofte      Mari Stafslie-Dumale**  
**Conor Vatland      Lucas Wieczorek**

## Your Continued Support is much appreciated!

If you are able, please continue to support the church as you are able. Our parish will continue to have financial obligations such as utilities, repairs, maintenance, supplies, payroll, education and obligations to the Diocese of La Crosse for Catholic Schools.

We are accepting **donations through the mail** and if you use online banking, please consider adding St. Mary's Parish to your **Bill Pay** by setting up St. Mary's Parish as payment and it will be mailed directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number). Online services now available: [diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley/](https://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley/).

## Online Giving to St. Mary's

<https://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley/>

(a 3% fee will be assessed by the provider of the giving portal, your contribution will be recorded for the full amount)

## Bulletins—lets stay connected!

- The parish bulletin will continue to be available on our Website—[www.stmarycv.org](http://www.stmarycv.org)
- We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database)
- Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### FOOD FOR ALL – MAY 10 (8:00 – Noon) & MAY 11 (Noon – 5:00) at Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church

Drop off the following items which will be delivered to Bethel Butikk in Westby and Wafer in La Crosse by placing your donated items in the trunks of cars (or donate money in the pails with the food pantry name on the pail): **\*Soup, \*Macaroni & Cheese, \*Cereal, \*Peanut butter & Jelly, \*Paper products - feminine products, TP, paper towels, diapers.**

**Trunks will be open Sunday, May 10 8:00 - noon**

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with blessings and prayers from a safe distance offered from **10:30 - noon. Monday, May 11 noon - 5:00** with blessings and prayers from a safe distance offered from **noon - 2:00**

**WANTED: Looking for a personal care worker** in the La Crosse area to care for an elderly gentleman. Tasks include assisting with dressing in the morning and evening, dispensing medication, making meals, driving to appointments, light housework. The position is for weekend coverage. If interested, please send a resume to Fr. Matt.

### Free Meals for Seniors over Age 60

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of La Crosse County will be in the parking lot of Greenfield Town Hall every Tuesday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm to provide frozen meals to seniors 60 years of age or older. Individuals may reserve any desired number of frozen meals to then prepare/consume throughout the week. Reservations are required and voluntary contributions are requested (\$4/meal) however no one is ever denied because of the inability to donate. All donations are kept confidential. Additionally, ADRC staff will be available to assist with information, assistance and counseling related to long-term care and other programs and services for older adults and adults with disabilities. Information/assistance provided is free of charge. To learn more, determine eligibility or reserve meal(s), call the ADRC at 608-785-5700.

### Works of Mercy in this Challenging Time

See how you can live the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy during the pandemic, as well as resources for prayer and stories of inspiration. Listen to a beautiful duet of The Prayer sung by Catholic Charities' Kevin Burch and his daughter Alexandra. Visit [diolc.org/social-concerns](http://diolc.org/social-concerns).

### Causeway Caregivers

Is a program that connects people in need with caring volunteers to provide free services to elderly and adults with disabilities. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, visit: [causewaycaregivers.org](http://causewaycaregivers.org) or call 608-775-9999.

### Cathedral Live Stream Mass Schedule

**The Cathedral Live Stream Schedule is available at [diolc.org/live](http://diolc.org/live)**

Live Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral Mass in English – 8:00am

Mass in Spanish – 8:30am

Live Sunday Mass from the Cathedral Mass in English – 9:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish – 10:30 a.m.

### Women's Prayer & Virtue Group

How can you be physically, relationally, emotionally, and spiritually healthy with all this time at home? Two options are available to help: a daily gathering via Zoom

or a six-session virtue-based study for moms. Learn more at [archmil.org/evangelization/Courageous-Communion/womens-groups](http://archmil.org/evangelization/Courageous-Communion/womens-groups)

### Prayers and Blessings for Rural Life

As we come to the time of planting and the feast of St. Isidore, patron of farmers (May 15), the Diocese of La Crosse Rural Life Committee would like to share some prayers and blessings with you for your use. Visit [diolc.org/rural-life](http://diolc.org/rural-life).

### HEALING: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World

Join the Conference by Dr. Mary Healy held at Mary Mother of the Church on June 13, 2020. Sessions 8:30 AM to 3:15 PM with a Healing Service at 6:30 PM. No Registration, No Charge, Just Come, Jesus is Calling. Meals will not be provided. However, coffee, water and snacks will be available throughout the day. You are encouraged to bring your own lunch and perhaps enough to share. There will be a list of nearby restaurants available at the info table. Schedule: 8:30 AM Gathering. 9:00 AM Praise & Worship. 9:30 AM Jesus: Healer of Souls & Bodies. 10:30 AM Stretch Break. 10:40 AM Walking in the Supernatural. 11:45 AM—1:15 PM Lunch Break. 1:15 PM Praise & Worship. 1:45 PM How to Pray for Healing. 2:45 PM Practicum. 3:15 PM Wrap-up/Announcements (Break before Healing Service). 4:00 PM Parish Mass available. 6:30 PM Healing Service

### Queen of the Americas Guild Annual Conference

July 31-August 1, 2020 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join us for this two day conference/retreat examining Our Lady of Guadalupe's relationship to Human Life and Its Cradle in the Family Formed by Marriage. Enhance your faith and learn more about the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the history of our Faith. Visit: [queenoftheamericasguild.org](http://queenoftheamericasguild.org), call 630-584-1822 or email [staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org](mailto:staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org). Flyers are also in the back of church.

**Adventure Camp:** Here are the dates for Adventure Camp this summer! We hope that you will bring a group and join us. This is for youth in grades 6-12. To register and get more details, please visit: <http://diolc.org/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/> Week 1: June 21-26, 2020; Week 2: June 28-July 3, 2020; Week 3: July 19-24, 2020

### DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** of up to \$100,000 a year from your **IRA directly to a charity**. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD. Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.



## At Home Sunday Prayers



### Gathering

The world is held in the loving arms of God. We remember the presence of God which totally surrounds us as we call out in prayer...**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

One of the great early leaders of the Church, a man by the name of Origen of Egypt used to say that, “Where there is division, there is sin.” We now confess our need for God’s healing. Within and without we are broken apart...may love draw us all together again:

[PAUSE]

You came to reconcile us to God and one another...  
Lord, have mercy: *(Lord, have mercy)*  
You heal the wounds of sin and division...Christ, have mercy: *(Christ, have mercy)*  
You unite us in one Spirit...Lord have mercy: *(Lord, have mercy)*

**Lord, remember those you have gathered. Save us from evil, make us whole in your love, and gather from the four corners of the world all people into your Kingdom. Yours is the power and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

*[ancient prayer of forgiveness from the 1st written text of Mass, c. 85 AD]*

**Let us pray:**

**God of all, before you all people have a place, and every person made by your hand is holy. Help us to live more truly as your own children, make us peacemakers that remind the world of our**

**common home and shared destiny. In you we live and move and have our being forever and ever. Amen.**

### Readings

**Acts 6: 1 - 7**

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

**Ps 33**

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

## At Home Sunday Prayers Continued

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

### 1 Pt 2: 4 - 9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:

*Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,  
a cornerstone, chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.*

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,*  
and

*A stone that will make people stumble,  
and a rock that will make them fall.*

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own,  
so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

### Jn 14: 1 - 12

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him,

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

### Reflection

It's not easy to be a church. History has revealed that. Today the Scriptures do too. It's such a passing line in the 1st reading. Maybe seems unimportant... “the Hellenists (i.e. the Greeks) complained because the Greek widows were being neglected” by the community. There’s a lot going down there! I might explain it like this...that moment when someone you know, and you know they know!, walks right past you...but they deliberately avoid contact. It's not just that they didn’t see you. Oh, they saw you! And you could feel it as you passed each other. They didn’t say a word, didn’t bump into you, no contact, but you know they were thinking, “YOU.” You know, how sometimes a word can have some stank on it, like that. They pass by and you think, “oh, it’s on!” This is that kinda moment in the Bible! Jewish Christians were passing by Greek Christians like that. “Oh, it's you!” Eww, gross”. This was THE fight in early Christianity. A fight between those who followed Jesus from a Jewish background and those who followed Jesus from a Greek background.

The movement of “The Way” as it was then called, had started in Judaism, and still largely had that flavor to it. But times, they were a changin’. By 70 AD things would start switching the other way. And this is how it has gone through a lot of history. Jews vs Greeks at the start of the Church’s life. Then Greeks vs. Jews. Then Romans vs. Greeks. And so on and so on. Now before you or I get feeling too judgy of our forebears we should pause and reflect, because I don’t think this has stopped. Maybe never will. This is a part of being human perhaps. Part of being animals. When something or someone comes from outside our group, we either attack, avoid them like a plague, or we try to make them assimilate. This is very human. Thus, it’s very much a part of life in

## At Home Sunday Prayers Continued

the church too. So, it is hard to be church. For the same reasons that it's hard to be any community. For the same reasons it is hard to be a family.

The question then...So what can help us relax? What can help us acknowledge something else's worth? What can help us to see God in what's "other?" Some words of St. Paul come to mind. Very helpful. He used to say, "*The Son of God, Jesus Christ, was not 'yes' and 'no', but there was always a 'yes' in him.*" Translation. Jesus saw the positive side. Jesus chose the positive side. He didn't pay attention to what wasn't, what he or others didn't or couldn't do. Jesus saw possibility. Jesus saw in others, something that was being offered. Someone that was making an offering.

This week we might try the same. Instead of saying, "why won't they...", we could ask "what are they..." Thanksgiving, the very meaning of the word Eucharist, is revealed once more as the path to life. This week God help us to claim for ourselves and for others, what is good in us. Name it. What is good in you. Name it...what is so, so good in them. Whoever them may be. What is good in that other? What is good? Like St. Paul used to say... "think on these things..."

### Petitions

**Following the Lord Jesus, the Church makes it "own" the needs and cares of the world. With Jesus, we pray to the Father:**

For the Church that it may become increasingly a place where people of every race, gender, language, age, and ability can find a spiritual shelter...we pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our nation that having been so richly blessed by diversity we would always find new strength by caring for our neighbors...we pray to the Lord.

*Lord hear our prayer.*

For all those who have given us support and encouragement. This weekend we remember especially all of our mothers. God reward them for their love and help us to pass on their gift...we pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pause now and pray for those we have seen in need this week...PAUSE...we remember our parish book of prayer...we pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, and for all who mourn. Today we remember especially Donny Kammel and Kylie Von Ruden...we pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

### Sending

The love of God is the song of the Church. With Jesus our brother we joyfully sing:

### **Our Father...**

**Lord, your Spirit planted within us, like a tree, longs to burst forth and grow. Expand our hearts, we pray, so we have greater and greater room for you and for others in our life. You live and share life with us forever and ever. Amen.**

A prayer my aunt and uncle (my Confirmation sponsors) taught me seems a good blessing to close today:

God made us a family.

We need one another.

We love one another.

We forgive one another.

We work together.

We play together.

We worship together.

Together we use God's word.

Together we grow in Christ.

Together we love all people.

Together we serve our God.

Together we hope for heaven.

These are our hopes and ideals.

Help us to attain them,

O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**May God bless us in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord!**



## Daily Readings

### Monday 11 May

*Acts 14:5-18*

Our reading comes from the account of Paul's first missionary journey (13:1-14:28). The confusion of the message and the messengers leads to an idolatrous moment. The apostles argue in response from God as creator who is always giving gifts.

*John 14:21-26*

The central place of love could not be clearer: it lies at the heart to who God is and at the heart of who we are in the light Christ.

### Tuesday 12 May

*Acts 14:19-28*

In our attempts at evangelization today, we can still learn from the example of the first preachers: they took risked, were full of zeal and they knew God was with them all along.

*John 14:27-31*

Peace—the great gift of the risen Lord —means much more in the Bible than usual and especially here in John. It includes life in abundance, on account of the resurrection and even freedom from death and the fear of death.

### Wednesday 13 May

*Acts 15:1-6*

Early Christians had to make up their minds whether or not to impose the full Jewish Law on new believers. It was not easy, as we see from today's reading which features supporters on each side.

*John 15:1-8*

In the Fourth Gospel, there are seven I Am sentences, all echoing the name of God as "I am who I am". In the same way, the image of the vine for the people of God is rooted in the Old Testament, as well as in the parable of Jesus. We the branches live because of him.

### Thursday 14 May

*St Matthias, apostle*

*Acts 1:15-17, 20-26*

Luke's project is very interested in continuity between the ministry of Jesus and that of the emerging church. For that reason, he "restores" the Twelve, even though the meaning of the Twelve (the restoration of Israel) is no longer an adequate vision after Easter. Nevertheless, the mode of election is interesting.

*John 15:9-17*

Today we hear a short Gospel—short and rich. Who does not need the message of love? Who does not need the message of joy? Who does not need the message of election?

### Friday 15 May

*Acts 15:22-31*

As a result of the various deliberations, a careful letter is written from Jerusalem. As you can hear, only one of the dietary laws was insisted upon—perhaps as a compromise.

*John 15:12-17*

Jesus offers a great prayer in this Gospel, which places before our eyes the core simplicity of the Good News. No one is excluded, certainly not based on education or intelligence.

### Saturday 16 May

*St Brendan, abbot*

*Acts 16:1-10*

Today's reading is odd and inspiring. It is odd that Paul had someone circumcised because he was so against it. It is inspiring that the same Paul dreams about the Macedonian Greeks who want him to preach among them. It would remind us of St Patrick and his dream about the Irish calling him

*John 15:18-21*

It cannot be that our destiny should be different to that of Jesus. He too did not belong "this world" and he too was hated. It is to be expected that being a believer will incite others against us—a mark that we are on the path of true discipleship.





## **From Pope Francis Prayers to Mary asking for her love and support dur- ing COVID-time**

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people,"  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

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We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is  
prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of  
God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protec-  
tion.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this  
coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught  
and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times  
are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to

those who are concerned for their loved ones who are  
sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the dis-  
ease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who  
are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the  
consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the  
father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and  
that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your  
divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of  
the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts  
be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and vol-  
unteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and  
are risking their lives to save others. Support their he-  
roic effort and grant them strength, generosity and  
continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day,  
and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity  
to the Gospel, are trying to help and support every-  
one.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women  
engaged in scientific research, that they may find ef-  
fective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude  
and generosity they may come to the aid of those lack-  
ing the basic necessities of life and may devise social  
and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and  
solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enor-  
mous funds invested in developing and stockpiling  
arms will instead be spent on promoting effective re-  
search on how to prevent similar tragedies from occur-  
ring in the future.

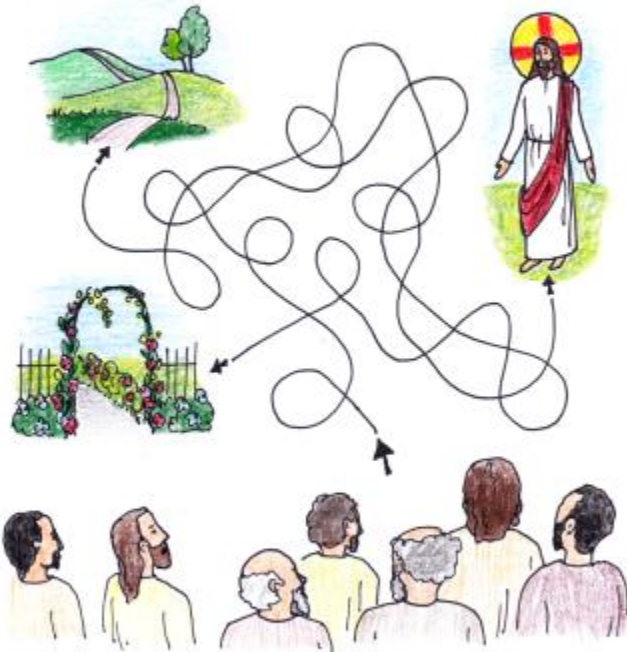
Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all mem-  
bers of one great family and to recognize the bond that  
unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity,  
we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty  
and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in ser-  
vice, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your  
children in distress and pray that God will stretch out  
his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible  
pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal  
course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salva-  
tion and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O  
Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 10th, 2020



*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples the way to the Father in Heaven. Do you know which is the way? Follow the squiggly line to find out!*

## Blessed Jane of Portugal May 12

**BLESSED JANE WAS BORN IN 1451, A PORTUGUESE PRINCESS. SHE WANTED TO BECOME A DOMINICAN NUN, BUT HER FATHER WOULDN'T LET HER.**

Here's a little picture of Our Lady!

**SHE AGREED TO NOT LEAVE UNTIL HER BROTHER HAD A CHILD, BUT STILL HER FATHER MADE IT HARD.**

Our family must have an heir!

I understand.

**AFTER 12 YEARS SHE WAS FINALLY ALLOWED TO JOIN THE DOMINICAN NUNS.**

Alright- you may go!

**JANE WAS SICKLY AND DID THE WORST JOBS IN THE CONVENT.**

Jane is needed at a meeting.

BUT THE FAMILY STILL KEPT CALLING HER BACK TO THE ROYAL COURT.

**ONCE WHEN SHE HAD TO GO BACK TO THE COURT, SHE WAS POISONED BY A WOMAN THAT SHE HAD ONCE CORRECTED.**

Ha! She thinks she can tell me what I can or can't do!

**AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF SUFFERING, BLESSED JANE DIED AT THE AGE OF THIRTY-NINE.**

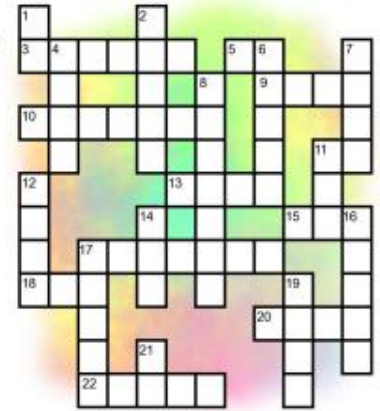
**BLESSED JANE COULD HAVE HAD A RICH EASY LIFE AND MARRIED AN IMPORTANT MAN, BUT INSTEAD SHE CHOSE TO FOLLOW HER HEART AND LIVE FOR GOD ONLY. SHE DIED BECAUSE THE WOMAN SHE HAD CORRECTED DID NOT LIKE TO HEAR THAT SHE HAD DONE WRONG. LIKE JANE, WE MUST BE READY TO SUFFER FOR THE TRUTH.**

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## "Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

IS WHOEVER  
OF BECAUSE  
ON BELIEVE  
ME FATHER  
YOU WORKS  
AND DOING  
WHO SPEAK  
WILL AMEN  
OWN JESUS  
TIME THAN  
SHOW STILL  
KNOW SEEN



(2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a (9a) and you (6d) do not (12d) me, Philip? (17a) has seen me has (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in (21d) The words that I (22a) to you I do not speak (11a) my (11d). The Father (18a) dwells in me is (16d) his works. (8d) me that I am in the (3a) and the Father (5a) in me, or else, believe (10a) (1d) the works themselves. (4d) amen, I say to (14d), whoever believes in me (13a) do the (17d) that I do, (15a) will do greater ones (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."

## Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

**Pray to Jesus.** Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.



**Try to be like Jesus.** Always do the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.

**Receive Jesus in Holy Communion.** The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1. Father 5. I am 9. Amen 10. because 11. on 13. will 15. and 17. whoever 18. who 20. than 22. speak 14. you 16. doing 17. works 19. show 21. me

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