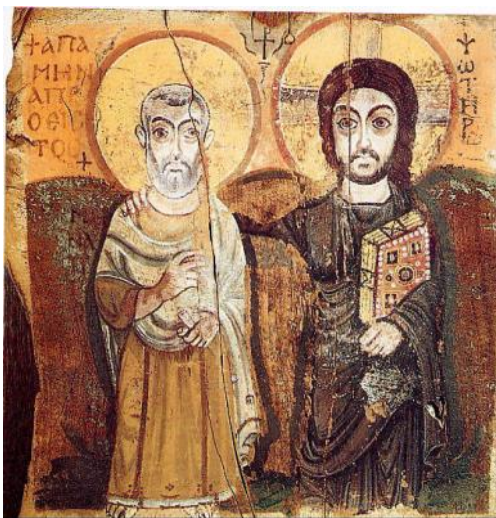


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Jesus shows his support to Peter! (painting from 1st century catacomb)

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6th Sunday of Easter - May 17, 2020

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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 AND 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

6th Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

- 1) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
- 2) 1 Peter 3:15-18
- 3) John 14:15-21

FOCUS: If we do not speak and act for Christ, who will?

Saint Teresa of Ávila once wrote that Christ has no body on earth but ours. This 16th-century mystic understood what Jesus meant when he said, If you love me, you will keep my commandments. She believed we meet Jesus' expectation by becoming a voice for the voiceless, as Philip did in Samaria – where his preaching, signs, and deeds brought great joy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Philip proclaims the Gospel in Samaria and many people are cured. Peter and John follow and lay hands on the newly baptized there, and they received the Holy Spirit. In the second reading, Peter encourages the community to always be ready to give reason for their hope, and be willing to suffer for doing good. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that those who love him will follow his commandments.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sunday 10:30 AM** – Join Fr. Matt online at <https://meet.jit.si/AtHomeSundayPrayers>.
- **Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Sunday 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.

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| May 16 ~ †Deceased member of the Roskos and Roningen Families |
| May 17 ~ Our Parish Family |
| May 19 ~ Our Parish Family |
| May 20 ~ Our Parish Family |
| May 22 ~ †Alex and Rose Roskos |
| May 23 ~ Our Parish Family |
| May 24 ~ 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 19	5/10/2020
Adult Env. \$2872.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory \$50.00	Received This Week	\$2,922.00
Total \$2,922.00	Run. Tot. Needed	\$36,100.00
27 Weekend Env Received	YTD Received	\$36,677.64
Works of Charity \$50.00	Difference	577.64

Annual Appeal 2019-2020

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

From Fr. Matt

- **Msgr. Michael Gorman's 40th Anniversary** is this Sunday! Please send some prayers his way. If you would like to send well-wishes, write to: St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 810 Pearl St. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

- Next Friday we will be nine days out from **Pentecost**. The Church's tradition of novena prayers flows from that time between the Ascension and Pentecost. Here are two examples of a Pentecost novena prayer. Novenas like this are prayed at least once daily for nine straight days. Enjoy!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth you Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

OR

Come Holy Spirit, guest of my heart. Stay with me and help me to stay with you always. Amen.

- May 15th is the feast day of **Ss. Isidore and Maria the Farmers**. Pray for all our farmers!

Lord, we thank you for our farmers who tend the gifts of your creation. Bless them! Like Ss. Isidore and Maria may we tend the seeds you plant in our hearts, and bring forth a rich harvest of love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- **No Memorial Day Mass** this year. Bishop Callahan has asked that we not celebrate in groups, even outdoors, until a bit more time has passed.

-Stay tuned for more info about the **re-opening** of our parish. Bishop Callahan has released the norms we will need to follow. This week I will begin prepping to put those in place. More details next week!

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.

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
- 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

Cleaning Position Available

St. Joseph Ridge Parish is seeking to immediately employ a part-time cleaning person. Cleaner will be responsible for the Rectory, Church and School, totaling approximately 8 hours every two weeks. Must be able to pass a background check, be willing to be fingerprinted and complete Safe Environment training. Send letter or resume with references to: **St. Joseph Ridge Parish**, W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601 or **email** sjrp2601@gmail.com.

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.

Observe Fifth Anniversary of Pope Francis' Laudato Si

Pope Francis has invited Catholics to participate in Laudato Si Week, a nine-day global campaign taking place May 16-24. That encyclical, whose title in English is Care for Our Common Home, focused on good stewardship of God's creation. For resources related to this special week from the US Bishops, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-actions/human-life-and-dignity/environment.



Parish Announcements

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 you people:

Joseph Armbruster

Anna Ofte

Conor Vatland

Izaak McCauley

Mari Stafslieen-Dumale

Lucas Wieczorek

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Diocesan/Local Announcements Continued

Year of St. Joseph in the Diocese of La Crosse

“Now is the time of St. Joseph! God has given clear indications that He wants His people to pay more attention to St. Joseph—clearer indications than in any previous era in Church history. In 1961, St. Pope John XXIII put it very bluntly. He wrote:

In the Holy Church's worship, right from the beginning, Jesus the Word of God made man, has enjoyed the adoration that belongs to Him, incommunicable as the splendor of the substance of His Father, a splendor reflected in the glory of His saints. ... It took time for devotion to him to go beyond those passing glances and take root in the hearts of the faithful, and then surge forth in the form of special prayers and of a profound sense of trusting abandonment. The fervent joy of pouring forth these deepest feelings of the heart in so many impressive ways has been saved for modern times!” (Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, by Donald H. Callaway, MIC).

This excellent book with short readings for 33 days on St. Joseph is available for purchase at: · Marian Catechist Bookstore at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. <https://mariancatechist.com/product/consecration-to-st-joseph/> · Fr. Donald Callaway's webpage <https://www.fathercallaway.com/books-and-gifts>

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 or call 608-775-9999.

Cathedral Live Stream Mass Schedule

The Cathedral Live Stream Schedule is available at 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

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May is to pray a decade of the Rosary each day as a family. This takes less than 10 minutes and consists of praying one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and one Glory Be while pondering an event of Jesus' and Mary's

life that has a connection to your own life. For a simple, downloadable Prayer Card, go to diolc.org/prayer for families; or go to diolc.org/deeper for individual adults or empty nesters.

Novena for Pentecost

A Novena consists of praying a prayer during a period of nine days for a specific intention. The Pentecost Novena, in honor of the Holy Spirit, is the oldest of all novenas since it was first prayed at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. This Novena is addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity as a powerful plea for your personal intentions. Take this opportunity to come to know the Holy Spirit in a much deeper way and allow Him to guide, strengthen and console you. Pentecost Novena Dates: The Pentecost Novena will be prayed from Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 30. Sunday, May 31, is the Feast of Pentecost. The simple Novena Prayer Card and short reading for each of the nine days can be downloaded here: diolc.org/deeper.

A Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration—The in-person 50th wedding anniversary Masses have been canceled. But a special Mass with Bishop Callahan will be held this year via live-stream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 12 from the Cathedral. You will be able to view the live stream or recording by visiting <https://diolc.org/marriage/> on and after July 12.

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

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

We now welcome God into our homes and hearts as we pray:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

We pray that the gift of mercy strengthen us and restore our hope. Now we confess to God and each other our need for help. We confess give and receive the gift of forgiveness:

I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask Blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. How good you are to all, compassionate toward all your works! May your forgiveness shared always so generously in Christ help us to offer forgiveness now to each other. Whatsoever we bind is bound, and what we loose is loosed through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray:

Generous God, the gifts we have are given to be shared. Make us always ready to share our hope, to share the Spirit you have poured into our hearts. From the hearts of your people may living water flow to bring joy to the world, and glory to your name forever and ever.

Amen.

Readings

(Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17)

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it

and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

(Psalm 66)

R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

(1 Pt 3: 15 - 18)

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that,

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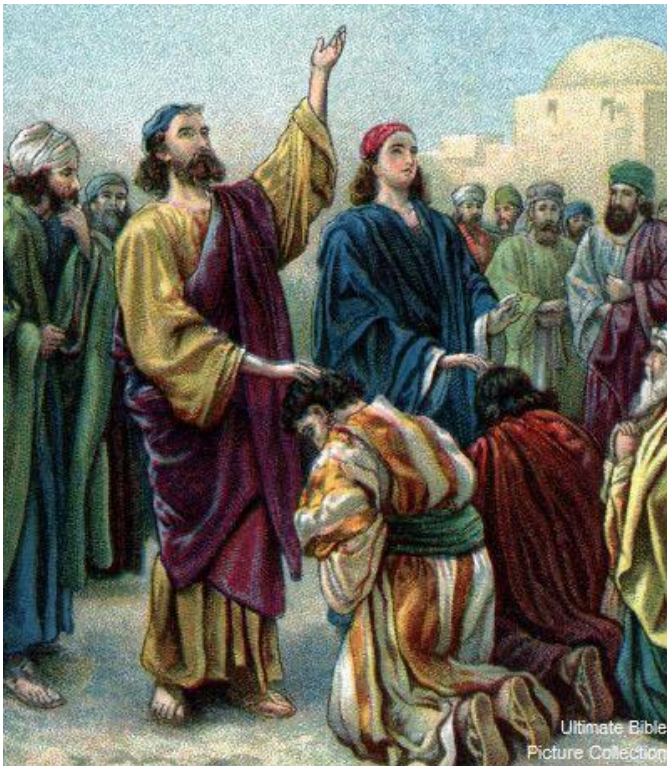
when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

(Jn 14: 15 - 21)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

The Apostles encourage others



Reflection

Can you remember a time when someone let you do your thing? A moment when the torch was, as it were, passed on to you? It's a little terrifying, right? I remember feeling that way when I was a newly ordained priest working at St. Anne's in Wausau. It was my second and final year there. It was also the "Year of Mercy." Do you remember that? Pope Francis set that as a theme for the whole Church to reflect on back in 2015. And reflect I did! I was bursting with ideas! So, one day I waltzed into Fr. Al's office (he was my mentoring pastor there), I went in to Fr. Al's office and laid the ideas out. His response... "Wow, Matt, that sounds like a lot to accomplish. How's it going to happen?" And I said, "Well, I don't know. I figured you could maybe talk with the Parish Council about it at the next meeting." He passed the buck right along...he passed it to me. He said I should talk to the Council. And so, it began. Something like a 6-month process that culminated in a special prayer service at St. Anne's just before I moved down here to the La Crosse area. And that process really was my baby!

I did the research, I presented to the Council. Together the Council and I nominated a committee, and I called those people one by one. Some said yes, some said no. We met, we prayed, we studied. We argued and we came to agreements. The whole while, that group looked to me for leadership. I regretted starting the whole thing and then repented regretting several times over. Al stayed out of it almost entirely the whole while. Why? That's what I asked him-a lot! Why wasn't he helping? Well, he said the most when it was all done. He told me that he knew I needed to lead the way on this one. I had to experience for myself not only the depth of commitment needed to lead, but also that I had what it took to bring it together. He hadn't stayed more distant because he didn't want to help or didn't believe in me. He had given me space because he did believe, and he hoped I would too.

I still remember that experience vividly. It had a profound effect on me as a new priest. I learned so much. Most of all, I think I learned that I, Matt Marshall, had a lot to offer. With the conclusion of that Year of Mercy prayer service, a new time of ministry began for me, a more mature time. Much more than when I had completed my graduate studies, much much more. I felt I had graduated! Something like that is described in our first reading today. In a certain sense, until the Apostles (and the wider community they represented) laid hands on those new Christians, until they passed the torch, those new Christians wouldn't grow. That's still our practice around Baptism and Confirmation today. Baptism is deeply personal and usually much more just a part of a family's life. Confirmation sends someone out the door, outside, into

At Home Sunday Prayers Continued

the much bigger family of the world. I told that to our Confirmation students during this year. I was trying as best I could to let them know they have something to offer, and our world needs it. Needs them. I remember how uplifted I felt, how empowered I felt when Al let me take the reins on that project. I was frightened yes, but more than that, in a much more lasting way, I was emboldened. Strengthened. This is the power we all have. We each have our own gifts, yes. But we also have the ability to ask for the gifts of others. And we need to. We know how very often we need encouragement before we are willing to dig into something, to dig deep. We need someone else's investment, before we will lay our cash out. Who is perhaps trying to encourage us to dig a bit deeper right now? And, very importantly, who might we ask? Just like with the Apostles, just like with Jesus, sometimes the Spirit will only move if it is passed along.

Creed

We remember and with one voice proclaim our reason for hope, the Good News we bear:

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Petitions

God works signs and wonders every day in this world formed from God's love; God's sun shines on all alike. We join in God's the work of Creation as we pray:

For the Church in our time. Like the Apostles may we generously share the Spirit; without cost we have received, without cost may we give...we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That generosity and love, especially from people of faith,

would lift up our world so in need of encouragement because of the COVID-19...we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for young people especially that they will receive the encouragement and support they need to name their gifts and put them to use...we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our whole parish family, especially all the intentions in our Book of Prayer...[PAUSE]... may our prayers draw us closer together and fill us with joy. We pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Finally, we remember those who have died, especially the deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen families. We remember too during this time all who have died from the coronavirus. May the Resurrection of Jesus our hope and peace...we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Sending

We are not orphans. Jesus taught us pray...

Our Father...

Lord, when your Spirit is poured upon us us we are filled with a strength beyond our own. May we receive the gifts you share through our neighbors, and generously pass on to others what we have gratefully received. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God bless us all and make us a blessing to all in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



Daily Readings

Monday 18 May

Acts 16:11-15

Today we hear of the founding of Paul's first community in Europe. Philippians shows just how warm relationship became after these simple beginnings.

John 15:26-16:4

The word "paraclete," strange to us, means literally the one who pleads alongside (someone). This is very like the Pauline vision of the Spirit helping us in our weakness. John's Gospel, however, adds two extra dimensions, noticed in today's Gospel: witnessing and remembering.

Tuesday 19 May

Acts 16:22-34

In biblical language, an earthquake symbolizes the presence and action of God. In this extraordinary story, a truly astonishing reversal takes place.

John 16:5-11

Our Gospel reflects on the meaning of Jesus' departure (death): it signals and enables the gift of the Spirit in a completely new way.

Wednesday 20 May

St Bernardine of Siena, priest Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

One expression from this reading is often quoted: *it is in him that we live, and move, and have our being*. The context for this marvelous affirmation is set piece confrontation between Paul and the philosophers of Athens.

John 16:12-15

We are more aware, perhaps, than other generations of the importance of memory for our well-being and stability as individuals. It is important for us as believers as well and, fortunately, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit guides us not simply to retain the past but to live the future of our faith.

Thursday 21 May

Acts 18:1-8

We may be tempted to think of Paul as operating on his own, but today we meet some of his wider team. Priscilla and Aquila were great supporters in friendship, hospitality, and finance.

John 16:16-20

Our reading today touches a central part of the Farewell Discourse. This kind of writing acknowledges the transition of Jesus, so that he will no longer be with his disciples as he had been. At the same time, it opens up different relationship after the resurrection. The words of the risen Jesus to Mary Magdalen come to mind: Jesus said to her, "Do not keep holding on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (John 20:17; NRSV adjusted)

Friday 22 May

St Rita of Cascia, wife, mother, religious

Acts 18:9-18

Enemies try to get the governor of Corinth to act against Paul, but Gallio sees through the ploy and dismisses the case. Gallio was governor from winter AD 51 to spring 52, so this scene helps us to put a date on Paul's first visit to Corinth. Gallio's brother was the better-known philosopher Seneca.

John 16:20-23

In the Gospel of John there is very little "tension" towards the future, unlike other New Testament documents. Today's reading, however, is an exception. We even find a standing metaphor from apocalyptic: labor pains. The insistent use of "joy" tells us what the Gospel writing has in mind.

Saturday 23 May

Acts 18:23-28

An important person is introduced in today's reading: Apollos, a Jew from Alexandria. As a baptized Christian, he was a most eloquent proponent of the Gospel. Some Corinthians much preferred him to Paul, less able as an orator, it would seem.

John 16:23-28

In line with the literary *genre* of the Farewell Discourse, Jesus makes provision for his future role as intercessor and mediator. We may note, however, that unlike much traditional intercession, the Father already loves us and there is no need to persuade him to give what he already desires to give us.

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world,

though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:

- Baptism
- Confession
- Confirmation
- Holy Communion
- Marriage
- Holy Orders
- Sacrament of the Sick



Answer to Word-Find: Holy Spirit

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Now, am you not yet
in the Spirit?
You are not yet
in the Spirit?



And now I baptize
you in the Father
and the Son
and the Holy Spirit

and you will receive
the gift of the Holy Spirit
who will dwell in you
and be with you
and be in you
and be with you
and be in you



What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Saint Cristobal

May 21



SANT CRISTOBAL WORKED TO HELP HIS FELLOW MEXICANS TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO STOP THE CHURCH, HE KEPT WORKING ANYWAY. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT HELPING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR FAITH, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING A NICE SAFE LIFE.

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An Acts of the Apostles Word Find

P H I L I P P E T E R
R H S A M E O C W H J
E N Y M S S O O A O
A L R I S T M R N I
C H O P R A G O D P S I
E L Y H C E I J O H N
D O W E L C O M I N G
W R E P C E I V E D
N I E S P I R I T T

Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

PHILIP went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the

CHRIST to them. The people united in WELCOMING the MESSAGE Philip PREACHED, either because they had heard of the MIRACLES he worked or because they saw them for themselves. THERE was great REJOICING in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had accepted the WORD of GOD, they sent PETER and JOHN to them, and they went DOWN there, and PRAYED for the Samaritans to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, for as yet he had not COME down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the NAME of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid HANDS on them, and they RECEIVED the