

**7th Sunday of Easter**

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

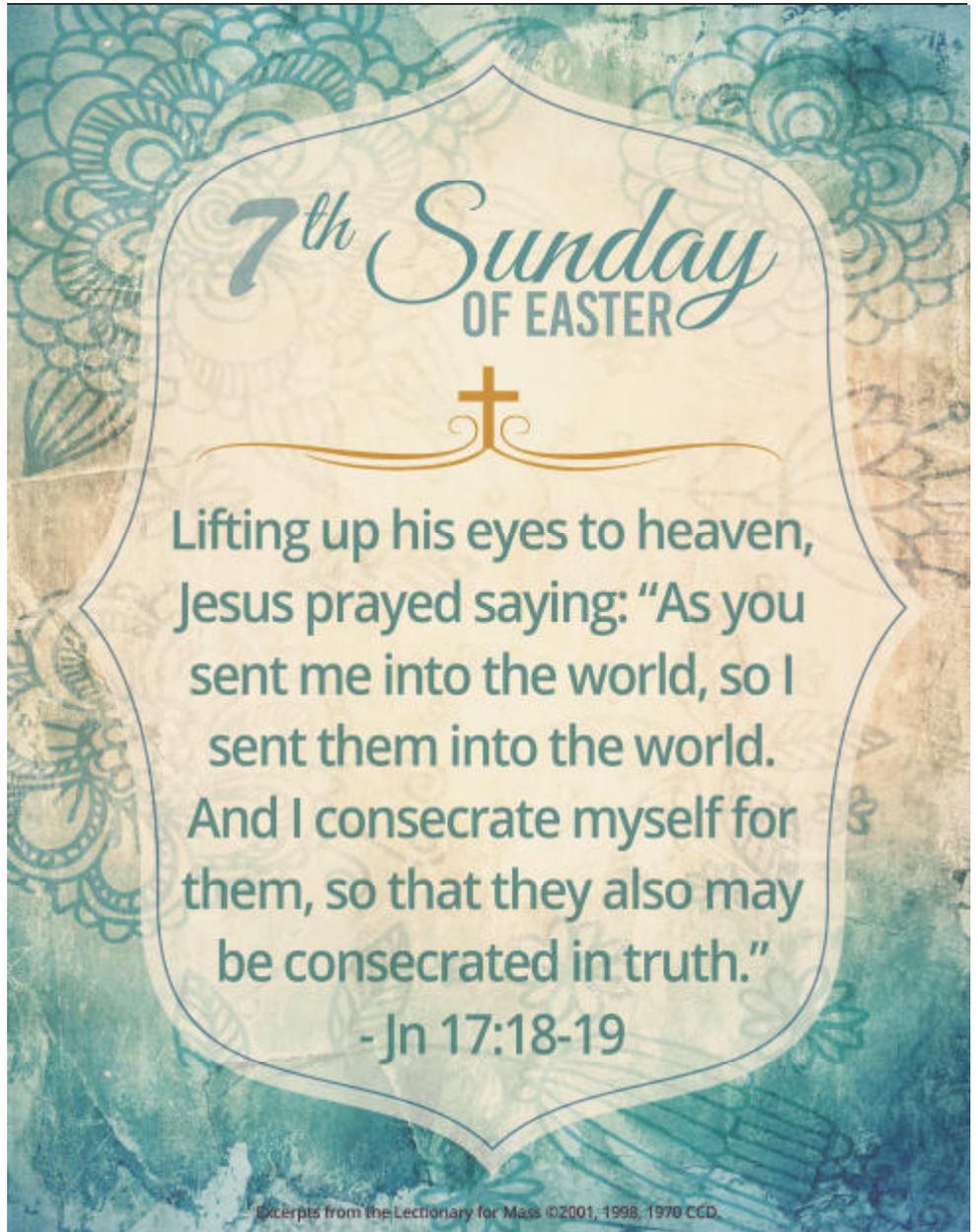
If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

# Sacred Heart

P A R I S H

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We the parish family of Sacred Heart, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit seek to bring all to a fuller understanding of God's love by teaching, praying, witnessing for Christ and service to one another. Through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures, we shall build up the body of Christ in our local parish, deanery, archdiocese and the world.

## 2 Staff & Parish Info

### Pastoral Staff

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### Parish Offices

**Rectory** .....(636) 937-4662

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### Parish Secretary

Office hours..... M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Email.....[shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net)

### Eucharistic Celebrations

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

**Weekday:** Monday-Thursday 8:00 am; (Friday 8:00 am-Communion Service)

**Holy Day:** Day 8:00 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

### Sacraments

#### Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 pm or by appointment.

#### Baptism

Held on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month following the 11:00 am Mass.

Baptism is an introduction to the Catholic way of life, attendance at Sunday Mass is an obligation which is not taken lightly. Baptism preparation will be held on the 1st Monday of each month. Call Fr. Mathew for Baptism preparation and Baptisms +(636-937-4662).

#### Marriage

Preparation class must begin at least six months in advance of date of marriage. Make an appointment with the priest.

#### Communion Calls

If you are unable to come to Mass for several weeks due to illness, contact the Parish Office for a visit.

#### Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Open twenty four hours a day in the Convent Chapel. If interested contact the Parish Office (636) 937-4662.

#### PSR Classes

Held at school every Wednesday evening during school year from 6:40-8:00 pm.

#### Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be turned in to Parish Office by Sunday evening. Email.....[shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net)



### Greetings from the Pastor

A poor man asked God why he was poor. God replied that he was poor because he did not share his wealth. "But, how can I share what I do not have? I am so poor", said the poor man. "Don't say you are poor", said God, "for I gave you a beautiful smile on your face to smile at people to brighten their days. I gave you lips and a tongue to speak kindly to others, to encourage and to motivate. I gave you two hands to reach out to others, to help and to support. I gave you two feet to walk many mile for those who cannot go even a mile. Do you think you are still so poor?"

The man regretted that he wasted so many years by thinking he was poor, while he was truly rich, beyond measure. He hurried back home promising God to share his riches with others. As he went his way, he met an elderly woman in torn and tattered rags sitting by the wayside, and heartily smiled at her. She said many men and women went that way but nobody cared even to look at her. She thanked him for the smile. As he went further, he saw a younger couple weeping for their lost daughter. He sat by them to comfort them: "Everything has a reason. Maybe, God entrusted to you the care of His child for a while. *She was His daughter, not yours. You were only custodians.*" "Oh, that is a profound thought. We never thought that way. You bring us great comfort. Thank you kindly." The man and the woman looked at each other, wiped their tears-filled eyes, and blew their nose. Then the man came across a blind man struggling to cross a busy traffic. He made many attempts, but he was terrified by the inconsiderate and speeding traffic. The 'poor man' took him by his hand and led him to the other side. The blind man hugged him in gratitude. As he was near his dripping hut, he saw a young lady without legs moving slowly in her wheelchair through a rugged path. As he looked at his own legs and thought about his wealth of two legs, he saw the wheelchair struggling to move forward in a ditch. He ran forward and pushed the wheelchair for her. "You are an angel. I had a hard time to make that half mile. I have another mile or so to go. God bless you this day" the girl thanked him. "If would, I am more than happy to assist you to get across the remaining mile, mam. I see this path is not easy for a wheelchair." As he turned back to leave, the girl held his hand and said, "Thank you for walking with me." He again looked at his feet.

We are going through the pandemic. Many people are depressed and sad. If you could kindly smile at others to brighten their days, and speak a kind word to them to encourage them, and if you could do anything this day to relieve someone's sadness, you would be sharing your wealth. Tell them that this time too shall pass. At the other end of the horizon, soon will appear the rainbow of normalcy.

With love,

Fr. Mathew

### PSR REGISTRATION 2021-22

Registration for our Parish School of Religion program for children in grades 1-8 is now available.

Those who are already in our program for this year will receive registration information via email.

Those who would like to register can pick up a form at the rectory, go online at the parish website: [sacredheartcrystalcity-festus.weconnect.com](http://sacredheartcrystalcity-festus.weconnect.com) or contact Mrs. Karen Weber at: [kwebersacredheartdre@gmail.com](mailto:kwebersacredheartdre@gmail.com).

You may also send a check with your registration form or go online to OSV (online giving) to pay your fee.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and First Reconciliation begins in 1<sup>st</sup> grade; these two sacraments are received in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Attendance is required in both years.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in 7<sup>th</sup> grade; the sacrament is conferred in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Attendance is required in both years.

Please register by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 6:45- 8:00pm in the school.



## Thanks to all who have already sent your pledge card for the Annual Catholic Appeal

If you have not done so already, please take the time now to make your pledge. Write your check out to ACA or Annual Catholic Appeal and return it in the envelope provided. If you can't pledge this year, please still send your card back and mark – unable to give this year. (Sacred Heart will get the credit even though it goes to St. Louis.) You will save the parish the time and expense that it will take to send out another pledge card. The theme for the Appeal this year is “Thy Will be Done”. There are pamphlets at the exits of church that will tell you what the money will be used for. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides our Church with the opportunity to come together and share in God’s blessings. With your prayerful support, we can carry out God’s will to bring faith, hope and love to our brothers and sisters throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Our goal this year is \$33,264.00. So far parishioners have pledged \$31,745.00, but there are still a lot of cards out. Please reply now. If you have any questions, call Diane Stoverink at 314-591-1717 or Laurie at the parish office.

# THANK YOU!

### May 16, 2021 Ascension of Our Lord

*“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 JOHN 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.



## Your Gift of Treasure

### Week of May 9, 2021

Envelopes Mailed.....	591
Envelope Gifts.....	\$6338.00
Number of Envelopes.....	128
Online Gifts.....	\$3562.00
Number of Online Donations.....	60
Loose.....	\$107.00

### Scrip Program May 9, 2021

Number of orders.....	14
Amount of Orders.....	\$1295.00
Amount earned this week.....	\$40.42
E-Scrip Revenue.....	\$ 0.00
Amount earned YTD.....	\$1983.62

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

This weekend our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



We will be having our Food & Birthright Collection next weekend. Please remember our brothers and sisters in need.



## Fund a NEED

St. Vincent DePaul is hosting our annual Fund-A-Need fundraiser. What was originally called "The Poor Fund" has now turned into a non-profit organization called "Vincent's Community Outreach." We wanted a separate organization whose primary purpose was to give back to those in our community who were experiencing hardship. Every penny raised for our annual Fund-A-Need campaign goes directly to our outreach efforts, including: Weekly Food Pantry, Daily Lunch Window, Monthly Meals Program, Clothing Window, Suds of Love laundry program & rent/utility assistance. Please check out our website to learn more about Vincent's Community Outreach at [www.vco-stl.org](http://www.vco-stl.org). You can also make a direct donation by using this link: <https://stvgl.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/2021FUNDANEED/>



Peter and Paul Community Services Meals program (hosted at Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Hall) has openings for volunteer groups to cook and serve meals. For more information please contact Kati at 417-693-7034 (cell-text is best) or Rachel at 314-231-9923.

### Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The Ascension- Evangelization

All of the Christian faithful, by virtue of their Baptism, are called by God to spread the Good News. Evangelization is not some exclusive mission that God has entrusted to a select few. Today we celebrate Christ's Ascension to the right hand of the Father; Christ has made captive our captivity (Ephesians 4:8). He calls us to walk in the freedom of the children of God, who joyfully announce to others the salvation He has won for us. Evangelization does not have to entail mission trips to foreign lands. It starts within our own minds and hearts. We can seek to learn more about our Catholic Faith and seek opportunities for catechesis and instruction. We can pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit each day. We can share the beautiful encounter we have had with the Lord with others through simple acts of charity and kindness. God is with us always!

**We will no longer be carrying JC Penney gift cards, however they will still be available to order.**



**Urgent:** It has been brought to our attention that a parishioner at St. Raphael received

a phone call from a scammer posing as an employee of OSV. The scammer explained there was an issue with their online giving donation not going through. The scammer offered to correct the issue so the parishioner would receive their donation and proceeded to ask for the last four digits of their credit card, their social security number and other credit card information. Thankfully, the parishioner was immediately alerted and ended the call. OSV is aware of the situation, so there is no need to notify them.

Currently we are only aware of this scammer contacting OSV users, but keep in mind this type of scam can be used for any online payment system. Please remind your parishioners that OSV (or other online giving providers) would never call or email them to change or correct an online donation and never give a caller personal information.

### Religious Orders

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)



**Adoration of the Lord Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel is OPEN and volunteers are needed.**

“One need not say much to pray well, we know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle;

let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His Sacred Presence. That is the best prayer.”

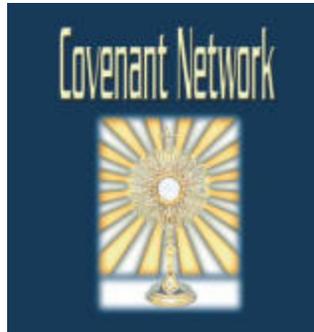
We have **SEVERAL OPENINGS** please call at **Terri Wolk at 314-620-7527** for more information.

Openings for the following hours are needed to be filled ASAP. This is a great way to give your time and talent to your Parish and The Lord!

**Tuesday: 10:00am**

**Thursday: 6:00pm  
11:00pm**

**Saturday: 8:00pm  
9:00pm**



Covenant Network offers informative and inspiring Catholic radio programming. In addition to daily Mass, we also pray

the Rosary, the Regina Caeli, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers. You will find live call-in shows, question and answer programs about Catholic teaching, music, as well as faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, saints, and Church history. You can listen on the radio, the Covenant Network app on your phone or on our website OurCatholicRadio.org. Tune in on 90.3 FM and find out how Catholic radio will change your life.

Mark your calendars & sign up for the 11th Annual Our Lady School Golf Tournament **Saturday May 22** at Oak Valley in Pevely to raise money for a new playground! Registration at 7AM and start time is 8AM. Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, Beverages and prizes will be included. \$300 for a team of 4. You can mail or drop off cash/check at Our Lady School. Checks can be made payable to OL HASA. If you have any questions please contact Elisabeth Nowak at 636-226-7624.

**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 4-6, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$210 including meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.



"If love, even human love, gives so much consolation here, what will love not be in Heaven?"  
~ St. Josemaria Escriva

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.



Congratulations to Jack and Peggy Voelker who will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on May 19th. Gob bless you both!



Thank you to the Parish family who donated their time and talent to beautify the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue and the Virgin Mary statue at the east patio. We are so Blessed to have our Parishioners donate their time and talent!

# Ministry Schedules



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## Liturgical Ministers May 22nd and 23rd

### Altar Servers

5:00pm	Alexis Biehle
7:30am	Tom Stoverink
9:00am	Brooklyn Buckner
11:00am	Robert Peskar

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm	Sue Boyer
7:30am	Deacon Jerry
9:00am	Pam Portell
11:00am	Terri Wolk

### Lectors

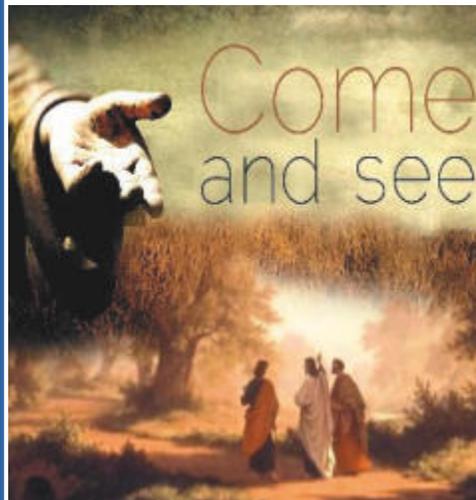
5:00pm	Shirley Perry Shirley Perry
7:30am	Diane Stoverink Carolyn Hackmann
9:00am	Elizabeth Steffen Jeff Buckner
11:00am	Joe Govro Mary Lou Darnell

### Scrip

5:00pm	Sue Boyer
7:30am	Cathy Johns
9:00am	Dorothy Grohs
11:00am	Mary Lou Darnell



Sacred Heart Parishioners would like to thank Father Gary Vollmer, Father Peter Faimega and Father Peter Schavitz for stepping in while Father Mathew was on vacation. You are very much appreciated by the Parishioners and may God Bless you.



## MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, May 17th**  
8:00am Dolores Becherer

**Tuesday, May 18th**  
8:00am For the Intention of  
Kenny & Catherine Ackman

**Wednesday, May 19th**  
8:00am Larry Olinger

**Thursday, May 20th**  
8:00am Glen & Dorothy Stoverink

**Friday, May 21st**  
8:00am Prayer Service

**Saturday, May 22nd**  
5:00pm John, Lucy, & Ciro Albano

**Sunday, May 23rd**  
7:30am James Eisenbeis  
9:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am Herbert Jokerst &  
Nan Sansoucie

## Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday:	<i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: <i>Morning:</i>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Extended Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## Observances for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
Monday:	7th Monday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday:	7th Wednesday of Easter
Thursday:	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Friday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday



## Calendar of Events

<b>Monday,</b> 4:30pm	<b>May 17th</b> RCIA	RMR
<b>Tuesday,</b> 8:45am	<b>May 18th</b> Legion of Mary	RMR
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:45am 6:00pm	<b>May 20th</b> Quilters Quilters	ANN ANN
<b>Saturday, Sunday,</b>	<b>May 22nd May 23rd</b> Food and Birthright collections after all Masses	

**There will be a special collection at all masses next weekend for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal**



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