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May 10, 2020

5th Sunday

OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” - Jn 14:6

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

SUN 5/10  Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
MON 5/11  Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
TUE 5/12  Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
WED 5/13  Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
THR 5/14  Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
FRI 5/15  Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
SAT 5/16  Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
SUN 5/17  Acts R 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18
/Jn 14:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020
Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday: St. Isidore
Saturday: Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, “Where I am you also may be.” Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

“My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”
-OUR LADY OF FATIMA

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus
(Pope Francis)

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain,
keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection,
we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties
of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
Witness for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can’t make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God’s hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!
**REFLECTION**

For those in our neighborhood struggling with basic human needs, the assistance they receive from our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is not just a way to alleviate suffering, but through our care and concern, we strive to make it an experience of the love that God has for each one of them. Your ongoing donations to St. Vincent de Paul allows us to continue this mission. We have been profoundly moved by your weekly donations of canned food during our Friday Food Drop-off, as well as your ongoing financial generosity. YOU are a reflection of Christ to the members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. YOU inspire us, and in turn we humbly strive to bring your love of neighbor to those who live in fear, doubt, loneliness and dread. Thank you.

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**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

......For the sick and hospitalized.....

Eva Abbott, Anni B., Janet Berezowitz,
Lynn Bergum, Norbert Biedermann,
Janet Blaesing, Lila Brown, Elaine Bykowski,
Italia Cervioni, Anna DiMotto,
John Farney, Deb Filipiak, Constance Forse,
Steve Frek, Kenny Frek,
Cecilia Gozdialski, Esther Gruber,
Michael Gozdialski, Samantha Hanzel,
Bob Hargan, Mary Heyn, Vivian Jagielski,
Irene Janusz, Irene Kerwin, Estelle Kinnard,
Tom Klawien, Beth Kramer, Gary Kulwiciki,
Carol Kuzbek, Matt Lawrenz,
Mary Kay Murray, Robert Nahring,
Christina Navarro, Helen Oleniczak,
Jeff O’Neill, Florence Panfil, Donna Roepke,
Linda Saje, Francisco Tercero Sanchez,
Santo Sanfilippo, Nancy Schabel,
Edward & Kathleen Slapczynski,
Catherine Slapczynski,
Carol Spilker, Katie Stewart,
Violet Szutz, Aniyah Thompson,
Geraldine Tutino, Ken Uhan,
Bob & Beverly Verzal.

For the deceased members of St. Gregory the Great. May they rest in Christ’s peace.

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**SUNDAY’S READINGS**

**FIRST READING:**

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7a)

**PSALM:**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33) or Alleluia

**SECOND READING:**

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. (1 Pt 2:9)

**GOSPEL:**

Jesus said to him,
“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn 14:6)
GOSPEL MEDITATION

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won’t be able to see, babies they won’t be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God’s eternal kingdom and in God’s time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It’s all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It’s about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

MASS SCHEDULE
The celebration of public Masses, both daily and weekend
have been suspended until further notice. Archbishop
Listecki will provide new directives as to when we can
celebrate public Masses in our own churches. We
continue to pray for the health of you and your families and
look forward for the time when we can safely pray together
in our own church.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—by appointment.