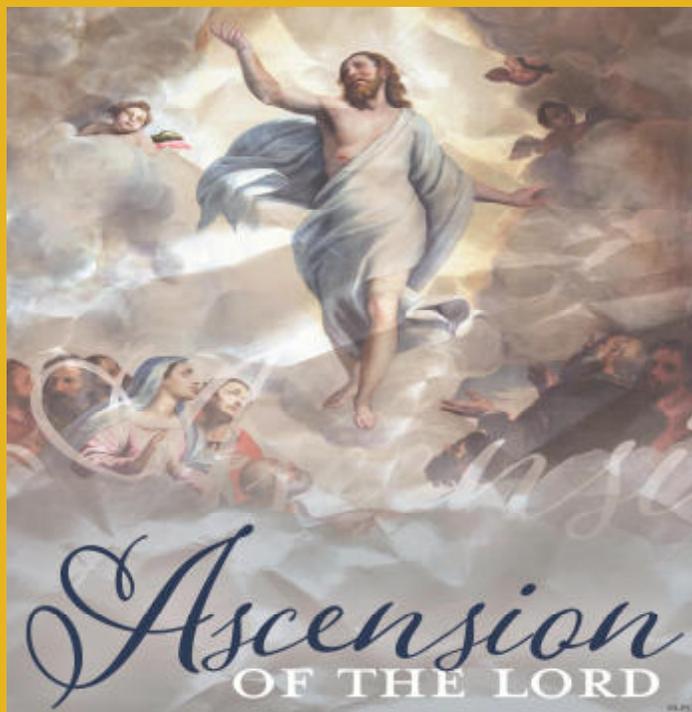


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MAY 16, 2021



SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 10:30AM

(Following all safety precautions. Masks and social distancing required.)

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:15 PM

(Enter by Chapel entrance - door B.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Scheduled on an individual basis by appointment, subject to COVID-19 precautions.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact a Priest or Pastoral Associate at least six months before the proposed wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required in the Archdiocese of Boston.

CARE OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY:

According to the Archdiocesan policy home visits are only for those in danger of death.

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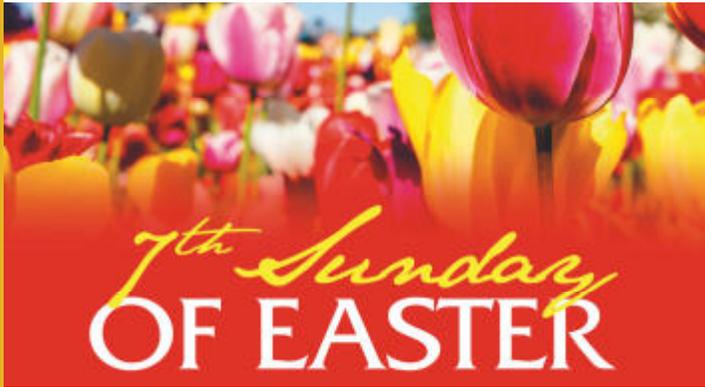
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(All bulletin items are due Monday by 12:00pm)

May 16 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Listen closely to today's gospel. It is as if we are eavesdropping on Jesus at prayer. Notice that he is praying for you! He is asking God to protect you, to keep you from the evil one and to consecrate you in the truth. Take some quiet time today to listen again to Jesus prayer for you. Have confidence that God hears Christ's prayer, that he is with you and strengthens your discipleship.



Archdiocese has indicated that we will need to keep windows open for ventilation during Mass as a precaution.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help sanitize and usher during this difficult time.

I would also like to express a word of gratitude to those who have been so faithful in supporting St. George Parish during this critical time. As you might imagine, the offertory collection, which we depend upon to meet our expenses, has dropped dramatically this year. As you know parishes depend upon the support of their parishioners. I am mindful of these difficult economic times but I would ask you to be generous in supporting your parish as your circumstances permit.

I understand that many (particularly those in a vulnerable situation) may not feel comfortable joining us at this time. Cardinal Sean has continued the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation so feel free to remain at home.

You may watch the Sunday Mass on Catholic TV at 10am or 7pm and on Comcast Channel 56 at 8am.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 3:15pm. Because of COVID-19 precautions, the reconciliation room cannot be used. Please enter by the door for the chapel (lift entrance) - door B on the lower level. Stand in front of the clear plastic curtain. If someone is ahead of you, please wait outside the door.

BULLETIN CHANGES & DEADLINES

Please note that all bulletin notices are to be submitted by **Monday, noontime**, to the following email only: bulletin@churchofstgeorge.org

According to the Directives from the State and Archdiocese

1. Church capacity (which is 100): Maximum 40% of the church occupancy permit; actual number must take into account the need for social distancing. Once this number is reached no more people will be allowed to enter. There will only be one entrance so that the number of people can be determined.
2. There are arrows on the floor concerning traffic direction. Misalettes and hymnals had to be removed and holy water fonts emptied.
3. Social distancing needs to be observed. Keeping 6 feet between people. The pews are marked with blue tape. Families of course may sit together.

A. WHAT ABOUT MASKS?

Parishioners should wear masks, except:

- *Children under age two should not wear masks
 - *Children between age two and age five should wear masks at the parents' discretion
 - *Anyone who has some medical reason not to wear a mask can exempt themselves and does not need to provide documentation
- Priests, deacons, lectors and cantors need not wear masks in the sanctuary but must observe social distancing

Those distributing communion must wear masks

B. WHAT ABOUT DURING MASS?

- *No gatherings before or after Mass
- *No processions
- *No altar servers
- *No choirs
- *No congregational singing
- *No passing of the basket for the offertory.
Baskets can be at the entrance.
- *No holding of hands during the Our Father
- *No Sign of Peace

C. THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- *Some may not feel comfortable receiving Holy Communion - this is expected
- *The communicant and the priest both need to be wearing masks (with the exceptions above noted)
- *Neither the priest nor the communicants should wear gloves
- *The priest will drop the consecrated Host in the communicant's outstretched hand, avoiding touching if possible
- *If contact accidentally happens the priest will sanitize his hands

Mass Attendance Contact List

You may provide your name and contact information upon entry to the church. If an attendee tests positive for COVID we will notify those on our contact list and post on the parish website and in forthcoming bulletins. Information posted will not include the person who tested positive.

If you have tested positive for COVID and attended Mass at St. George please contact the rectory at 508-877-5130.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 15th

4:00pm Joanne Quirk

SUNDAY, May 16th

10:30am People of our Parish

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:26)

Psalm:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. (1Jn 4:11)

Gospel:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11b)

REFLECT

First Reading:

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' ascension, and as a means for healing within the group, Peter and the apostles discerned Matthias as the replacement for Judas. What are some areas in your faith life that need healing in order to feel whole?

Second Reading:

John testifies that his community has "come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." Do you think your faith community shares a similar conviction of faith in the love of God?

Gospel Reading:

We hear Jesus' prayer to his Father for the protection of the disciples, especially against "the evil one" in the world. Where do you personally experience evil in the world today?

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CATHOLIC TV DAILY & SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Live at 9:30am, rebroadcasted at 7pm & 11:30pm

Sunday Mass: Airs throughout the day at 10am, 4pm & 11:30pm

To print out **SUNDAY READINGS** go to www.usccb.org and click on calendar date.

Sunday Mass readings and prayers are also available using apps on your smart phone or tablet.

EWTN is available through TV, Radio, Internet and Mobile Devices. Go to ewtn.com for more information and a schedule of programs. Come join EWTN in helping you celebrate Pentecost Sunday and much more in May!

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

- Sunday:** *Ascension:* 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
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 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:** *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* 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
Extended Vigil: 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/Ez37:1-14/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
Day: 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:**
- Tuesday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Friday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

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CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2021 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at St. George. Together, we have raised **\$21,233** toward our parish goal of **\$35,018**. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated, especially during this difficult year. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at St. George.

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our parish Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

Seminary Collection 5/23/21

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

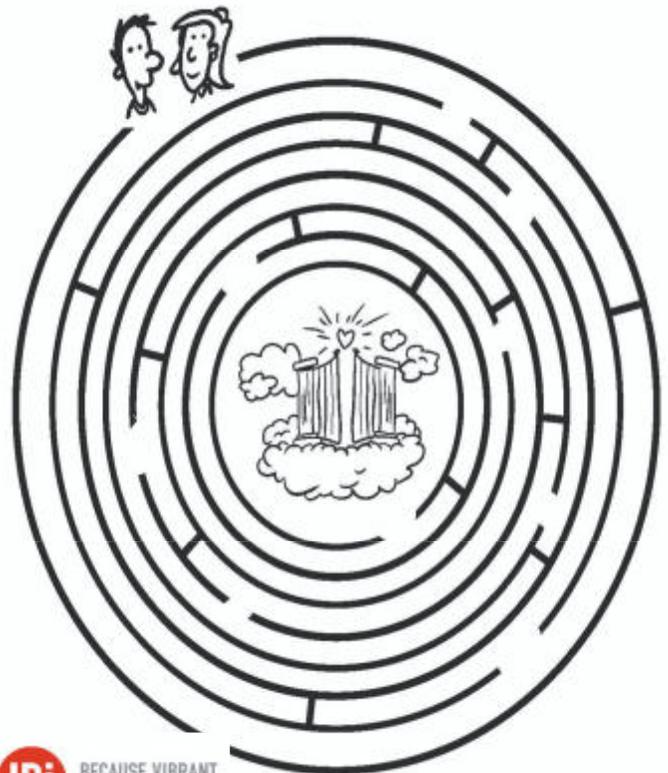


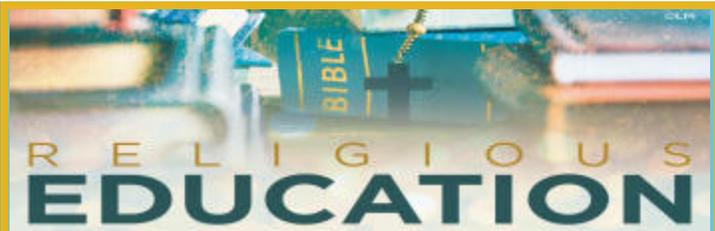
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To set up your online giving account with **WeShare** please visit www.churchgiving.com. When you sign up for **WeShare** please call the rectory, and let us know to cancel your envelopes, at 508-877-5130.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. George
Catholic Faith Formation

New to Saint George Parish? WELCOME!

If you want to register for Catholic Faith Formation (CFF)/ Religious Education please contact the CFF office. Email: cffsaintgeorge@churchofstgeorge.org or call 508-877-1950 (#2 if you get the answering machine).

Thank you for your patience and understanding! We hope that you are staying safe and healthy!



Place To Turn

Because of a caring community, A **Place To Turn** has been able to remain open during this pandemic. March 12th marked one year since we began distributing food, diapers, and personal care items outside of our building. We have been able to serve with the support of amazing community foundations, local businesses, religious and civic organizations, and the many generous individuals who donated. **THANK YOU** - I know many of you have been there for us.

We are reaching out to parishioners at St. George with a donation **wish list**. A Place To Turn accepts donations on Mondays from 10am - 12noon, when we have our van set up in our parking lot for socially distant drop off. Our food pantry needs **jelly, pasta, canned fruit and size 5 and size 6 diapers** at this time.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and others are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are:

Thursdays/Mondays June 3rd - 24th

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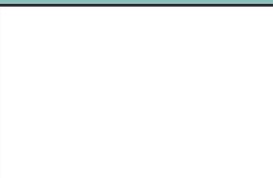
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