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SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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.

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Readings for the Week of May 16, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/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
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Sunday, May 16

- 8:00am +Jacqueline Tucker
- 9:30am Anh Linh and Family
- 11:30am +Joan Brunner; and Deceased of the Martinelli and Brunner Family
- 8:00pm Pro Populo

Monday, May 17

- 8:30am Loretta Loughery

Tuesday, May 18

- 8:30am +Vito Baldini

Wednesday, May 19

- 8:30am +Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens

Thursday, May 20 *St. Bernardine of Siena*

- 8:30am +Buccino/Talarico/Mollinedo Family

Friday, May 21

- 8:30am +Suzanne R. Harkins (4th Anniversary)

Saturday, May 22 *St. Rita of Cascia*

- 8:30am The Wade Family
- 4:00pm +Josefina Mimo Goizueta

Sunday, May 23

- 8:00am +Thomas Shea
- 9:30am Harold Fries
- 11:30am +Bradford William Bossi
- 8:00pm Pro Populo



Our Archdiocese thanks almighty God for the gift of priesthood this weekend as Archbishop Perez ordains men for service in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Please continue to pray for all priests, asking the Lord to bless and guide them in their ministry.

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood.

You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church.

We pray for them in their daily work.

Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation

and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives,

which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.



Solemn High Mass in honor of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday, June 11th
7:00 pm

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RELIGIOUS ORDERS

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

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:

- OdeM -Order of the BVM of Mercy (*Mercedarian Friars*)
- 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*)



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