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SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: *"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."*

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else. Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.



Everyone wants to experience peace. When we look to the world to provide this for us, we can easily get disappointed. We associate peace with an absence of war and conflict, good relationships between neighbors and coworkers, the achievement of success and even the absence of noise! While all of these are worthy endeavors, pursuing them exclusively as a path to experiencing peace sets us up for failure. When we look for peace outside of ourselves, it will never be found. True and lasting peace is something that comes from within and not something we can produce on our own or receive from others. Peace is discovered when we experience an inner wholeness and harmony. It is born of a sense of connectedness with a God who is larger and greater than ourselves, gifting us with His presence. It is the only the peace offered by the Risen Christ that can settle our hearts and calm our fears. Regardless of the degree of turmoil around us, this sense of completeness that Jesus gives anchors our boats and prevents us from sinking.

**Readings for the Week of May 22, 2022**

- Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20  
*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/ Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26



**Sunday, May 22**

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Anh Linh Family
- 11:30am +Gina and Graziella Ferri
- 8:00pm Robert Jimmo

**Monday, May 23**

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

**Tuesday, May 24**

- 8:30am In Thanksgiving

**Wednesday, May 25 *St. Bede the Venerable***

- 8:30am +Kathleen and James Baker

**Thursday, May 26 *The Ascension of the Lord***

- 7:00am +Robert Williams
- 8:30am Evelyn Alguire
- 12:00pm Francis Burkhalter
- 7:00pm +Leigh Pinheiro

**Friday, May 27 *St. Augustine of Canterbury***

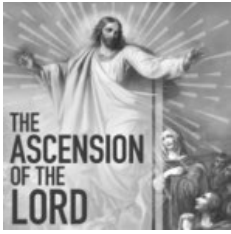
- 8:30am Bruno Haselbarth

**Saturday, May 28**

- 8:30am My Brothers and Sisters
- 4:00pm +Edward and Marie Loney

**Sunday, May 29**

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Thomas Fries
- 11:30am +Giovanna and Domenico DiPilla
- 8:00pm +All Souls in Purgatory



Pope Francis states, "The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is now in the Lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us." God is present in every space and time. There is nowhere that God cannot be found and nothing that God cannot use to reveal his presence and intent to us. The neighbor who gets under our skin, the demanding coworker we see every day, the person at the supermarket who is rude to us, the elderly person we met on our daily walk who seemed so disheveled, the perfect sunrise that greeted us in the morning, and the wonderful aroma and taste of our first sip of coffee. All can be used by God to awaken us, humble us, and bring us to a heightened sense of His presence. We are given opportunities, always and everywhere, to live in the fullness of Christ. With hearts enlightened by these "God moments," we can anticipate that day when we are all fully and eternally one with Christ. This promise is what allows us to live with joyful hope!

**Holy Day Mass Schedule on Thursday, May 26, 2022**  
7:00am, 8:30am, 12:00pm, and 7:00pm

As we celebrate In-Pew Weekend for the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal, I ask that you consider helping those most in need in the Greater Philadelphia Area. I thank all of those who have given and I ask those who have not given yet to prayerfully consider helping those individuals in need by supporting the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal.

This weekend we are honored to hear from Anne DeSantis, speaking on behalf of the Catholic Charities Appeal and the impact it has on the most needy in the Greater Philadelphia Area. Please consider a donation to support the mission of the CCA. Please visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your donation.



*Congratulations to the children celebrating their First Communion this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers.*

**First Communion Prayer**

Dear Jesus,  
through bread and wine at the Last Supper,  
and by your holy word,  
you gave the Eucharist to your church.  
You transformed common food and drink  
into your Body and Blood,  
and offered us a share in your life  
in ways we still cannot fully understand.  
Grant now that these young people  
will always treasure the gift they have in you.  
Give them the grace to be faithful to you  
and to remain in communion with your church.  
As they receive their first Communion,  
the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation,  
make them always aware of the hope they have  
for eternal life in you. Amen.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM**

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

**REMEMBER OUR SICK**

*Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Lafty, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marci Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Samantha Johnson, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, David and Gay Cooper, Jack Weber, Miguel Pulido, Matthew Pulido, Alex Julius Wade, Bernadette Sanchez, Kaela Marie Davis, Catherine Joseph*

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St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows. Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.







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