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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Mon. through Fri. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Weekday:** Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.  
8:30 am followed by the Rosary.

**Adoration:**  
**Thursday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Thurs Confession: 7:15 pm - 7:45 pm**

**Sat Confession:** 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

**Baptisms and Weddings:**  
Please call the office at (603) 924-7647  
to schedule the date.

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

*"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.  
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may  
be consecrated in truth." - Jn 17:18-19*

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter- May 16, 2021**



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'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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# Readings of the Week

## Readings for the Week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: *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: *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



The Sanctuary lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:

May 16 - 22, 2021 Henry & Yolanda Taylor

Please call the office at (603) 924-7647 to schedule a Mass intention or to arrange for the sanctuary lamp to be burned in memory of your loved one.

# MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., May 17 - 8:30 am - Alice McKenna

Tues., May 18 - 8:30 am - W. James Mack by Ruth Bohn

Wed., May 19 - NO MASS

Thurs., May 20 - 8:30 am - Bob Sherman by Brule Family

Fri., May 21 - 8:30 am - In thanksgiving of St. Anthony & his findings

Sat., May 22 - 5:00 pm - Donald Gendron by Paula & Martin Rounds

Sun., May 23 - 8:00 am - For all Parishioners

10:30 am - Jasz Rogers by Lauren Martin



## Adoration

### Thursday 7:00 pm -8:00 pm

Please join us for Adoration this Thursday at 7:00 pm. Praying in the Lord's presence will draw you closer to Jesus. He will bless your life, your work, and your family. Praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament will provide you with the strength to deal with the circumstances of daily life and to share with others this sacrament of love. All you need to do is "show up." God does the rest!

## Seventh Sunday of Easter



### Offertory for May 8-9, 2021

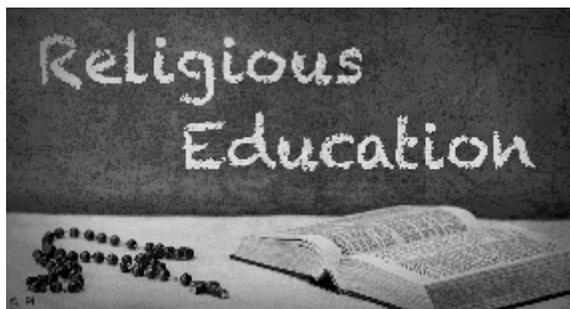
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### The Youth Group has Returned!

The Youth Group will begin meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on May 30, 2021. The youth group is for young adults from grade 7 to college. Our first activity will be a "Capture the Flag" tournament. Come and have some fun!



### Religious Education Signups

As we prepare to begin our Religious Education classes this fall, we ask that you help us in our planning by registering your children early for their classes. You can register after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sundays. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**May 16, 2021**

## Seventh Sunday of Easter



### Catholic Vs. Protestant Bibles

#### Question:

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

#### Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament. ©LPi

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