



MAY 14TH , 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE ADVOCATE

As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — May the whole world shout to God in jubilation (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21)

Saint Isidore the Farmer (May 15)

On May 15 of each year, the farmers in Ichocán, Peru, adorn their mules and their homes with the fruits of their harvest in honor of Saint Isidore the Farmer. The image of the saint is taken in a procession through the town to bless the work of the farmers. Many Latin American countries celebrate this feast in a similar manner. On a continent where agriculture represents the principal occupation, the importance of this Spanish saint of the twelfth century is not surprising. Saint Isidore has a background similar to that of many people in Latin America and many Latinos in the United States. Born in 1070, he was the son of working parents in Madrid, a poor and religious family. He did not go to school and became an orphan at ten years of age. He worked as a country laborer for a rich family and did agricultural work all his life.

He married a woman named Maria, who also became a saint. Together with their son, the three formed a holy family and were recognized as pious and generous persons. Years after Isidore's death in 1130, his body was discovered to be miraculously incorrupt. In 1622 Pope Gregory XV canonized this humble farmer together with such great religious figures as Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius Loyola, and Francis Xavier. Thank God that sainthood is not found only among the priests and religious. Married couples and fathers and mothers can also become saints.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday: St. Isidore the Farmer
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday); St. John I
- Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena; Armed Forces Day

LIGHT OF BELIEF

Every believer in this world must become a spark of light.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus,
forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to heaven,
especially those who
have most need of your mercy.
Amen.

May 21st

Lector Peggy

Servers Marina & Jesus

MOTHERHOOD

All mothers are working mothers.

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Remember In Prayer

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- Kaylee Bowling , Joy Williams ,
- James Ferebee , Michaëlle Box
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