



May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

.FOLLOWING JESUS' WAY OF LOVE

Throughout the Easter season, we hear the story of the earliest Christian communities in readings from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear how the people grappled with what it meant to place their faith and trust in the Lord, understanding that doing so called them to live differently—to follow Jesus' way of love. This is more than a history lesson for us. As we hear how the people were drawn to Christ and learned to follow Jesus, we are invited to ask ourselves how fully we are taking the gospel to heart. Is Jesus our way, truth, and life? Do our daily actions announce the praises of the Lord?

May and Mary

There have long been devotions to our Blessed Mother, but the dedication of the month of May to Mary is a more recent development in the long history of the Church. In the sixteenth century there were month-long Marian devotions, but they were not necessarily associated with May. In medieval times, various celebrations involving Mary occurred in May. But it wasn't until late eighteenth-century Italy that the idea of dedicating May to Mary began to take root. This notion flourished in the nineteenth century and began to foster daily devotions, frequent rosaries, and May crownings around the world. And so May, the lovely month of nature's motherhood, came to be dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

With Mary, the apostles and first disciples kept prayerful vigil for the Spirit's coming, the culmination of Mary's faith-filled lifetime. Mary's faith was shown forth in her acceptance of the angel's word at the Annunciation, her charity in the Visitation to Elizabeth, her trust in Joseph during the flight into Egypt, her steadfast vigil beneath her Son's cross. Throughout these joyful and sorrowful mysteries of her life, Mary's faith-filled heart embraced God's will, making her an instrument for the accomplishment of God's plan for our salvation, and a living model for us of trust and perseverance. For Mary's undaunted faith and the selfless love it inspired, all generations shall call her blessed.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
 Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
 Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21
 or Jn 17:1-11a

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
 that never was it known
 that anyone who fled to your protection,
 implored your help, or sought your intercession
 was left unaided.
 Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you,
 O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother.
 To you I come, before you I stand,
 sinful and sorrowful.
 O Mother of the Word Incarnate,

LONGING

The hand will not reach out for
 what the heart does not long for.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Wednesday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila
Friday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima

EXTREMES

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.

A workshop for the altar servers will be Wednesday-May 31st after Mass .Pizza to follow.

May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary next Sunday
 May 14th

May 21st will be our covered dish lunch after Mass bring favorite dish and join the fun

May 14th
 Lector Peggy
 Servers Marina & Jesus

April 30th 2023
Sunday collection
\$850.00
Catholic home mission
\$12.00