



RAISED HIS EYES TO
HEAVEN.

JOHN 17:1

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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:

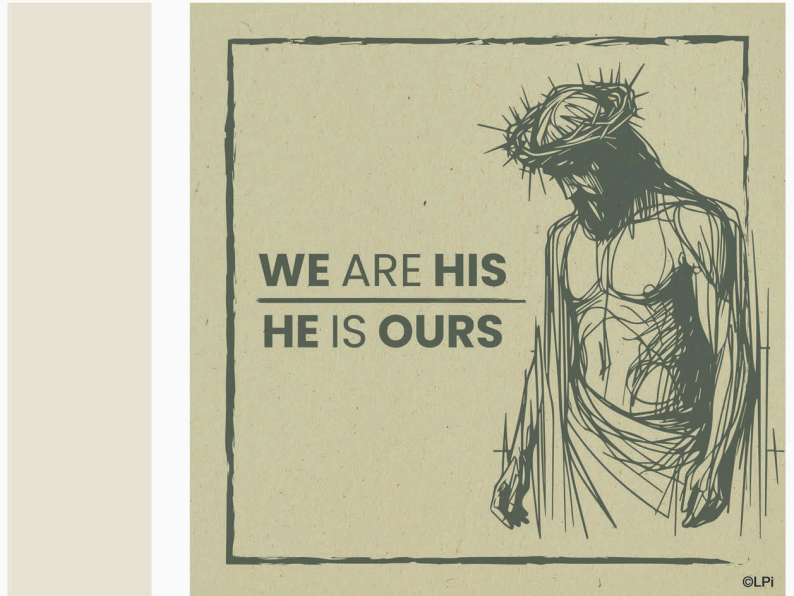
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/
Jn 21:20-25

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 and
35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-
39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary
for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-
11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, **"Consecrate them in the truth."** (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekday Mass

Wednesdays - 8 a.m.

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.

Livestreaming available on our Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass

Prayer Line: 508.924.5792 - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at Noon

Bible Study: 508.924.5792 - Thursdays at 6pm

Saturday, May 16, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

In Honor of: Fannie Ellis

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8 am

For: Our Parish Family and Families

In Honor of: Fannie Ellis

10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Souls of: Isaiah Preyan

For the Speedy Recovery of: Mary Bridget Lassere

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

For: The People of the Parish

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Repose of the soul of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Diane Austin, Joseph Bates, Jr., Loyce Bradshaw, Charles Braneon, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Augustine Cain, Dominique Carter, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Ginny Clark, Bernadine Coco, Dr. Charles Coleman, Joyce Coleman, Keith Coleman, Santiago Cooper, Myrna Daniels, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dix, Bonnie Easton, Cameron Fritz, Gilda Griffin, Godfrey Harris, Linda Harris, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Joseph James, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Jaylen Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Kaylen Johnson, Ruth Kennedy, Felicia Meyers, Keith Newton, Donna Phillips, Omar Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Calvin Preyan, Joyce Randolph, Deja Rawles, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Cindy Sims, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Marsha Washington, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How have I gotten to know God better through prayer? Will I take the time each day this week to note how prayer has changed or affected me?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 23

4p Vigil L. Coleman

Sunday, May 24

8a R. Mornay

10a T. Luke & A. Luke

Announcer: M. Green



Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
As Jesus prayed for His disciples, watch over us this week with Your love and protection.
Help us to remain faithful to Your Word, united in faith, and strengthened by Your grace.
May our lives glorify You in all we do.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SVdP RAFFLE** The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Fine Dining for a Year Raffle has begun. This year, two early-bird drawings have been added in May for a chance to win hotel accommodations plus restaurant gift cards. The third and final drawing will be on June 5, 2026. The total prize value for all three drawings is \$3,000. Tickets are \$20 each.
- **GRADUATION MASS** will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7th at the 10am Mass. Graduates from K - Professional, please submit your picture and accomplishment no later than this Sunday, May 17th. You should include your name, school, and accomplishment. Please also confirm or decline your participation in the celebration Mass. Email to bssjaparish@arch-no.org.
- **FISH FRY** will be sold on Friday, May 22nd from 11 am until sold out. Pick up at the Convent or order 5 or more for delivery Uptown. Share with your family and friends. Your support is appreciated!
- **SAVE THE DATE** We are joyfully celebrating our Pastor's 50th Ordination Anniversary on Saturday, June 13. Please see the bulletin for additional details, including how to submit photos. We also invite you to participate by purchasing a \$100 digital congratulatory message sponsorship. Kindly share this opportunity with your family, friends, and business partners.
- **CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION** Our Parish is seeking assistance from parish ministries quarterly to clean of our sanctuary weekly in preparation for Masses. Ministries will be scheduled on a rotating basis throughout the year. Ministries and parishioners willing to assist are asked to please sign up in the vestibule or contact Emile Pierre (504.236.7336) or John Salomone (504.307.4645).

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PARISH CALENDAR

MAY

8 Pastor's Birthday and Ordination Anniversary
 8 Fish Fry
 10 Mother's Day
 17 May Crowning
 20, 27 Holy Hour (Every Wednesday) 6pm
 22 Fish Fry
 24 Pentecost Sunday

COLLECTION TEAMS

MAY

3 Team 2 10 Team 3
 17 Team 1 24 Team 2 31 Team 3

If you are experiencing an emotional crisis, are thinking about suicide, or are concerned about a friend, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Immediately:



1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline



Fr. Chuck's 50th Anniversary Sponsorship

If you would like to send a congratulatory message as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary, please scan the QR code and share your message by uploading in the space provide in the QR Code. The message will be included digitally at the Celebration. Cost \$100. Messages are due by June 7th.

50th Anniversary Sponsorship

FISH FRY

Pre-Order yours today and pick up Friday, May 22nd at the Convent.



Fish Fry

PEW RALLY Support the continuing restoration effort by adopting a pew. Here is your chance to assist in the restoration of our church and commemorate someone special in your life. Your donation of \$1,500 will cover the cost of refinishing a pew. A memorial plaque will be placed on each adopted pew recognizing your gift. The adoption gift can be made in 1, 2 or 3 payments and can be split by two donors. Begin your adoption gift by scanning the QR code or following the email address listed in the bulletin. Thank you for considering a gift to restore our church to its original luster.



Pew Rally QR Code

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit all bulletin entries and announcements to the parish office by close of business (4:00 pm) on Wednesdays of each week.

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