QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY 17, 2026 | SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Welcome!

OUR WORSHIP SITES:

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

Masses:

Tuesday:	7:00 am
Thursday:	7:00 am
Sunday:	10:00 am

St. Eugene Church

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Friday:	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Masses

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass:	4:30 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

Confessions 3:30 pm on Saturday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction	5:45 pm



OUR MISSION

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE
In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

Today's first reading takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and sets forth the themes that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament.

His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostles to be effective witnesses to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.

Ephesus was an ancient city located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. Paul visited there several times.

Today's passage, which is near the beginning of the letter to the Ephesians, is a prayer asking God's blessings upon that community.

Many thoughts in this prayer are connected to today's feast of the Ascension.

For those who may be wondering why we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension this weekend and did not on Thursday, May 14th, it is because many years ago the ecclesiastical Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha, and Philadelphia chose to retain the celebration of the Ascension on its proper day, while all other Provinces, including Chicago, have transferred this Solemnity to the Seventh Sunday of Easter which would be today.

I'd like to congratulate our 8th graders who received their "Ribbons" after the 9:00 a.m. Mass this past Wednesday. We also had our school's May Crowing Ceremony on Friday, May 8th, which was both a tribute to our Blessed Mother and an honor for our eighth graders that participated in the May Crowning Court of Honor.

These events are all part of the end-of-the-school-year transition process for them as they prepare to take leave from grammar school while making their transition to high school – a time we all remember fondly. It won't be long now before they will be celebrating their Graduation on May 29th. Congratulations, Class of 2026.

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I have heard from many parishioners regarding their gratitude for the new large screen television that has been installed at Our Lady, Mother of the Church worship site. After months of waiting it has finally arrived and will now be able to assist us in a variety of ways at our weekend liturgies along with other opportunities as well. Thank you, Lisa Keeney, for getting this project completed.

I also want to thank, parishioner, Jerry Kolaski, for his creative carpentry skills in fabricating and getting the missing "t" replaced on the "Our Lady, Mother of the Church" sign located on Lawrence Avenue. Thanks so much Jerry!

Thanks also, to Ralph Cantal for keeping the plantings around the statue of the Queen of Peace watered regularly. Looking forward to the warmer weather and the additional plants that will be added to beautify our much beloved shrine area.

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I want to extend our parish's congratulations to Fr. Greg Rom as he celebrated his 51st ordination anniversary this past Thursday, May 14th. I also want to congratulate Fr. Robert Carlton who celebrates his 7th ordination anniversary this coming Tuesday, May 19th. May God bless you both with many more years of faithful service to His people!

Have a great week everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos



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Saturday, May 16, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Cook, Hummel & Johnnie Families
Antoni Gumkowski
Mario Rizzi

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church

50 Year Reunion Mass Class of 1976
Deceased Members of St. Eugene Class of 1976
Mirno Della-Santina
Wayne J. Greco
Martin & Katharina Hoog
Maria Makos
S.I. For Frank Pecora
Doreen Penkala
Lucille Salerno
Tom Szczech, Jr.
Vince Viverito

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Elzbieta Chojnowska - Birthday Remembrance
Giacomo & Maria Daniello
Giuseppe & Antonia Daniello
Antonio Di Brita
Vito & Giovanna Lieggi
Helena Mac
Francesco Salvatore Pagano
S.I. For Pawula Family
Grazyna Szkutnik

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Edward & Mary Walsh - 50th Wedding Anniv.
Alan Boesch
Walter & Lucille Boesch
S.I. For Chris Fabillon - Birthday
Ralph & Ralphy Ferri
Ben & Palmina Fiorentino
Donato (Donald) Parente
Jozef & Stefania Rebacz
Edward & Irene Scarleski
Nicola Troiano

11:30 am Mass at SE Church

Anna Battista
James Burns
Castello, Krzak, Miklewicz Families
Pearl & George Giovannoni
Wally Hyrc
Naomi Joseph
Hillard Mike Michalek
Michael Michalek
Stefania Mroczkowski
Anna Parente

Monday, May 18, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Marta Lazarczyk
Medinger, Hopkins & Webb Families

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Juan Diaz, John Nicosia
Thomas Hiatt - Birthday Blessings
Roman Jurka, Anthony J. Lupo, Sr.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Nicolo Bartolotta, Jerry Craven
Giuseppa Leo, S.I. For Adrian - Thanksgiving

Thursday, May 21, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Roman Godlewski, S.I. For Family Living & Deceased

Friday, May 22, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Wladyslawa Gorczyca, Anne Haftl
Adamkiewicz & Goncher Fam., Tony Parisi

Saturday, May 23, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Souls in Purgatory, Jude & Minn Families
Carlos Soul
Theresa M. Thurber - 1 month Death Anniver.

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church

Chris Ficco, Jadwiga & Waclaw Godlewscy
Alice Maestranzi, Doreen Penkala
Lorraine Martin - Birthday Remembrance
Celia Purificacion - Death Anniversary
Carlito Radaza, Robert Zimmerman

Sunday, May 24, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Anna Dolcimascolo, Elinor Greaves
Regina Lising, Michelle Neuhaus
Joseph Porada, Maria & Matthias Rempala
Wright, Connolly & Lekarczyk Families

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

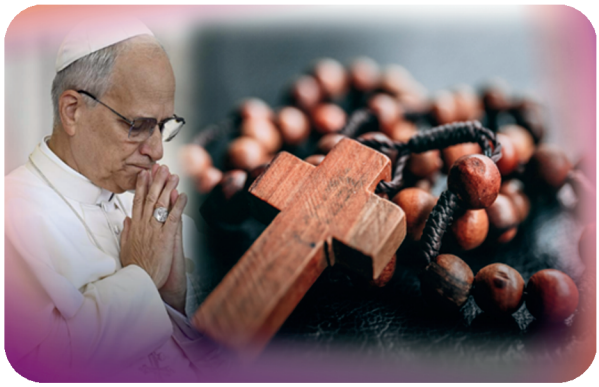
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Rev. Ed Pacocha, Barbara J. Smolinska-Pyrich
Tom Szczech, Jr.

11:30 am Mass at SE Church

Katarzyna Cabaj - 10th Death Anniversary
Jerry Craven, Dominica & Ernest Fiorente
Giovanni & Cristina Greco, Mary Kloss
Mark Nagel, Mary Lou Oberheim, Mario Rizzi
Anna Scola, Mavis Evelyn Willis

ROSARIES FOR THE POPE'S INTENTION; THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

"Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food." Please pray at least one Rosary this week for Pope Leo XIV's May prayer intention. Rosary Guild members include: Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S.



LIVING ROSARY

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Living Rosary, was beatified on May 22, 2022. Pray a decade of the Rosary every day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and also for the honor of Saint Philomena, patron of the Living Rosary.



Joyful Mysteries:
Annunciation - Lori G.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding the Temple - Mary M.

Luminous Mysteries
Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Terri K.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Mary M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

Glorious Mysteries
Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Spirit - Terri K.
Assumption - Camille C.
Coronation - Camille C.



ALL SCHOOL ROSARY

During the month of May, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as a school community in a special way. You are warmly invited to join us for our All-School Rosaries on the following dates at 2:15 p.m.: May 22 & May 29.

These prayerful gatherings are a beautiful opportunity for our students and families to come together in faith, reflect on the life of Christ, and grow in devotion to our Blessed Mother.

We hope you can join us for one or more of these meaningful celebrations.

May Crowning - a beautiful and prayerful tradition honoring the Blessed Mother. During the month of May, we especially recognize Mary as our model of faith, humility, and love, and we entrust our prayers and intentions to her in a special way.





ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mission Statement
St. Eugene School prepares and inspires students to achieve their full potential and lead meaningful lives, grounded in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Vision
To be celebrated as a school where we recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each child, which is affirmed through our instructional strategies, methods, and materials utilized to promote the continuous academic, spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development of the whole child.

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We are Verbum Dei, a Catholic Missionary Community in Chicago. We bear the Living Word of God through the charism of prayer and preaching. Our world is evolving so fast that there is an urgency to respond according to the needs of all walks of life. We provide the space for people to have a personal Encounter with Jesus Christ through the School of the Word, retreats and other initiatives. Our very diverse groups: English, Polish, Hispanic and Filipino communities, are very welcoming and will suit your spiritual needs. You'll never walk alone wherever you are. The Verbum Dei Missionary Family can be found in many parts of the world. We act on a global scale, but we respond on a local scale!
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Friendship Club Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 11am at OLMC. For more information about upcoming meetings or with any other questions, please contact Debra at dltimmreck@gmail.com or by calling 773-398-4472.

IN OUR HEARTS

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

† Dr. Thomas D. Wesley
† Franca Mugnaini



May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives.
We crochet:

- shawls,
- lap robes,
- baby blankets,
- crosses
- and even scarves
- and hats when there is a need.

We are meeting on 1 & 3 Wednesday of the Month from 12pm-3pm at Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

Please call Pam Hoffelt at 773-848-4586 for more info.



Bible Study

Please join us on Wednesdays in St. Eugene School-room 110 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net
Hope to see you there!



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Bulletin requests must be sent 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org. We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. Thank you.

Religious Education Program

Please contact St. Eugene School at 773-763-2235 for information about our Religious Education Program or go to the school website and click on the Religious Education Tab to read or register your child.

Please contact the Rectory Office for:

- Information about Sacraments of Baptism (Parents requesting Baptism for their child at Queen of Peace must be registered and active members of the Parish), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals.
- Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To register as a new parishioner.
- To schedule a Mass intention (Mass Intentions can be scheduled only in person at the rectory office).
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.

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A word of Thanks for all of you who helped the Social Concern Ministry collect over 2,000 personal items to assist those in need.
Please keep in mind that as of May 1, 2026 SNAP benefits have had major changes to them, so we will be collecting all through the summer in order to help our neighbors get the required nutritional needs for Children and Seniors. Specific dates and requested needs to follow.



Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio & Victoria Amelio
Patricia Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ronald Bertolini
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
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STEWARDSHIP

05/10/2026

4:30pm SE	$2,862.00
8:30am SE	$3,653.50
10:00am OLMC	$2,518.00
11:30am SE	$3,507.00
Online Collection	$5,054.01
Mail	$2,968.00
Sunday Total	**$20,562.51**
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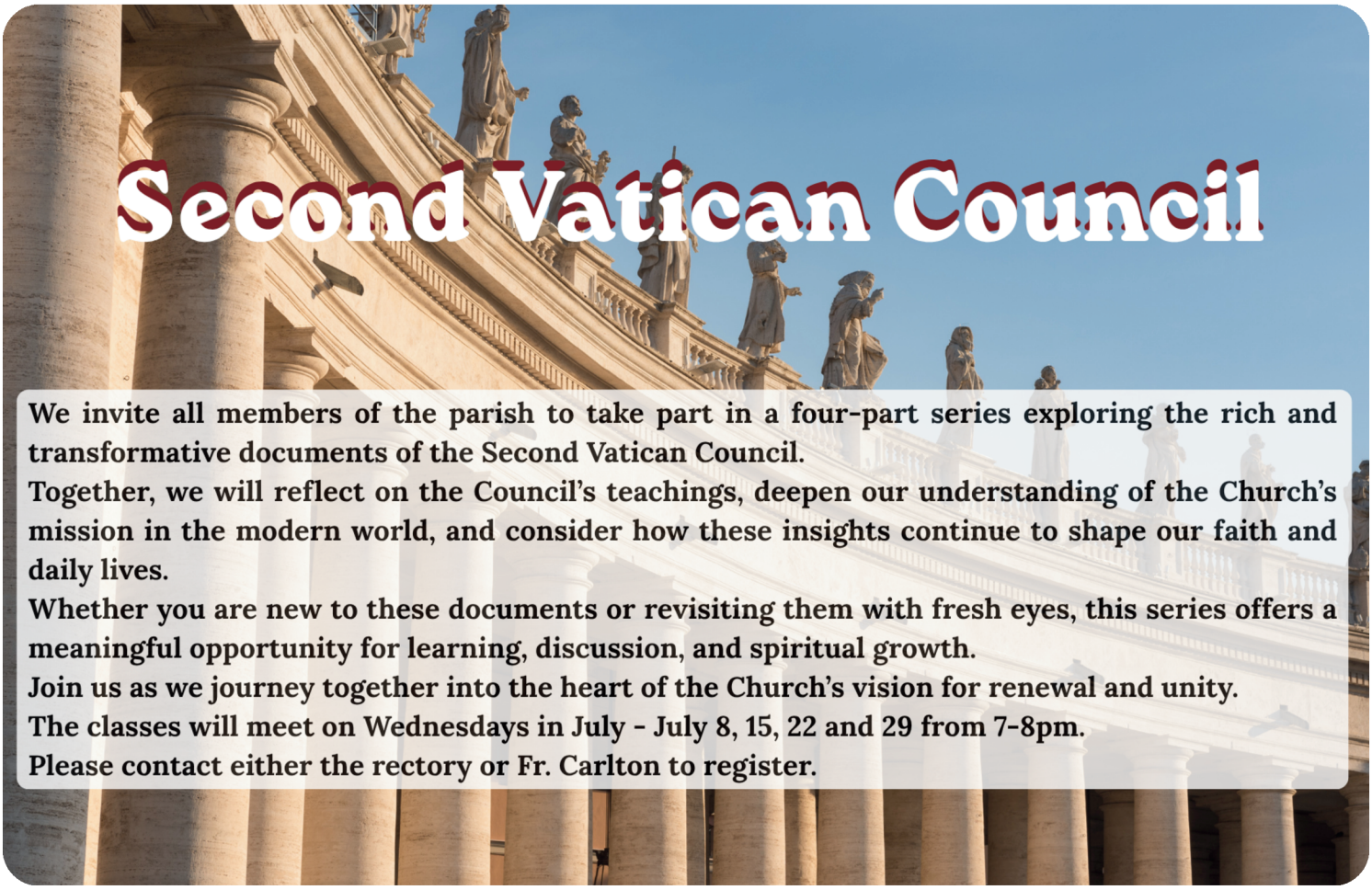
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May 17
School Support
May 24
Sacred Heart/St. Eulalia Sharing
May 31
Repair & Maintanance
June 7
Father's Day Remembrance

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Together, we will reflect on the Council's teachings, deepen our understanding of the Church's mission in the modern world, and consider how these insights continue to shape our faith and daily lives.
Whether you are new to these documents or revisiting them with fresh eyes, this series offers a meaningful opportunity for learning, discussion, and spiritual growth.
Join us as we journey together into the heart of the Church's vision for renewal and unity.
The classes will meet on Wednesdays in July - July 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 7-8pm.
Please contact either the rectory or Fr. Carlton to register.

Queen of Peace Young Adults

Spring Fling Dance

May 30, 6:00 PM–10:00 PM
St. Eugene Shaunessy Center
(5220 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago)

Semi-Formal Attire | Lesson at 6:15 PM | Food & Drinks | Games

Purchase tickets here or at door: https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/1409/event/42469

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
SATURDAY 05/23/26 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	L. Feist - WB R. Sparacino - B Rev. Carlton / M. Pollowy - C A. Cisek - O J. Noronha - WO D. Sulimowski - Cup - B M. Meo - Cup O	L. Parillo S. Martinez	C. Bobka
SUNDAY 05/24/26 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	P. Draniczarek - WB D. Duszynski - B Rev. Dada / J. Kolaski G. Fornek - O M. Egan - WO R. Kennedy - Cup B J. Fornek - Cup O	A. Czubek H. Wyzkowski A. McGovern	C. Mikucki
SUNDAY 05/24/26 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Sese - T J. Villanueva - T Rev. Rom / D. Calabro - C P. Vega - Cup T M. Marszalek - Cup A	M. Kosiek G. Pilch J. Pilch	S. Melendrez - 1st Reading C. Capps - 2nd Reading
SUNDAY 05/24/26 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	L. Feist - WB J. Nardi - B Rev. Yanos / J. Mroszczak - C D. Hernandez - O U. Pawlowski - WO P. Paetsch - Cup B S. Sparacino - Cup O	C. Brown C. Brown E. Switalla AJ Orlando	C. Giacalone

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CHURCH DECORATING

Decorating for Pentecost/Trinity Sunday and Ordinary Time

The Liturgical Decorating Committee need some "extra hands" to help change the sanctuary from the season of Easter to Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and back to Ordinary Time.

The schedule is as follows:

St. Eugene Church:

Friday, May 22, from 6:30pm until 7:30pm. Decorating for Pentecost.
Saturday, May 30, from 1pm until 2pm. Decorating for Most Holy Trinity & Corpus Christi.
Friday, June 12, from 6:30pm until 7:30pm. Decorating for Ordinary Time.

Our Lady Mother of the Church:

Thursday, May 21, from 8:30 until 9:30 am. Decorating for Pentecost.
Thursday, May 28, from 8:30 until 9:30 am. Decorating for Most Holy Trinity & Corpus Christi.
Tuesday, June 9, from 8:30 until 9:30 am. Decorating for Ordinary Time.

The more help we receive, the faster things will get done!
Your help with any of these dates is greatly appreciated.
Please call the rectory to leave your name, phone number and e-mail address and we will get back to you!

Thank you,

Rose Cosentino
708-457-1969

Sal Sparacino
630-768-8375

The Liturgical Decorating Committee

~ Singles Late 50s & Above ~

Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions?
Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat! The next weekend is on June 12-14, 2026 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL (southwestern suburb of Chicago).

For more info, go to www.RenewRetreats.org,
e-mail renewretreat.chi@gmail.com, or call (773) 849-3719.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
When they entered the city
they went to the upper room where they were staying.
(Acts 1:13)

Psalm:
I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,
just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." (Jn 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

Observances for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; *World Communications Day*
Monday:	St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Thursday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday



Virtues, *Explained!*

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. We are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church, and to the Christian way of life.

Blessing for Communications

Dear Jesus,
On this World Communications Day, bless each of us as we communicate, whether by conversation, email, text, post, letter, or phone. May our words bring peace, comfort, healing, promise, joy, and love. May we bring your blessing wherever we go.
Amen.

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

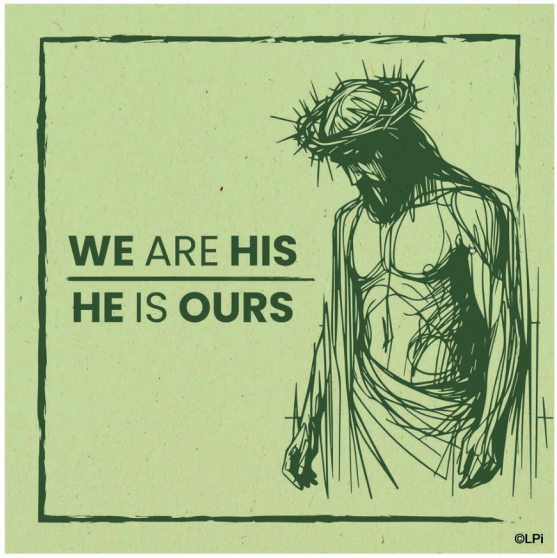
Friday:
Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

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

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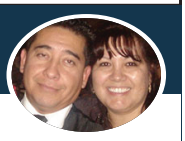
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