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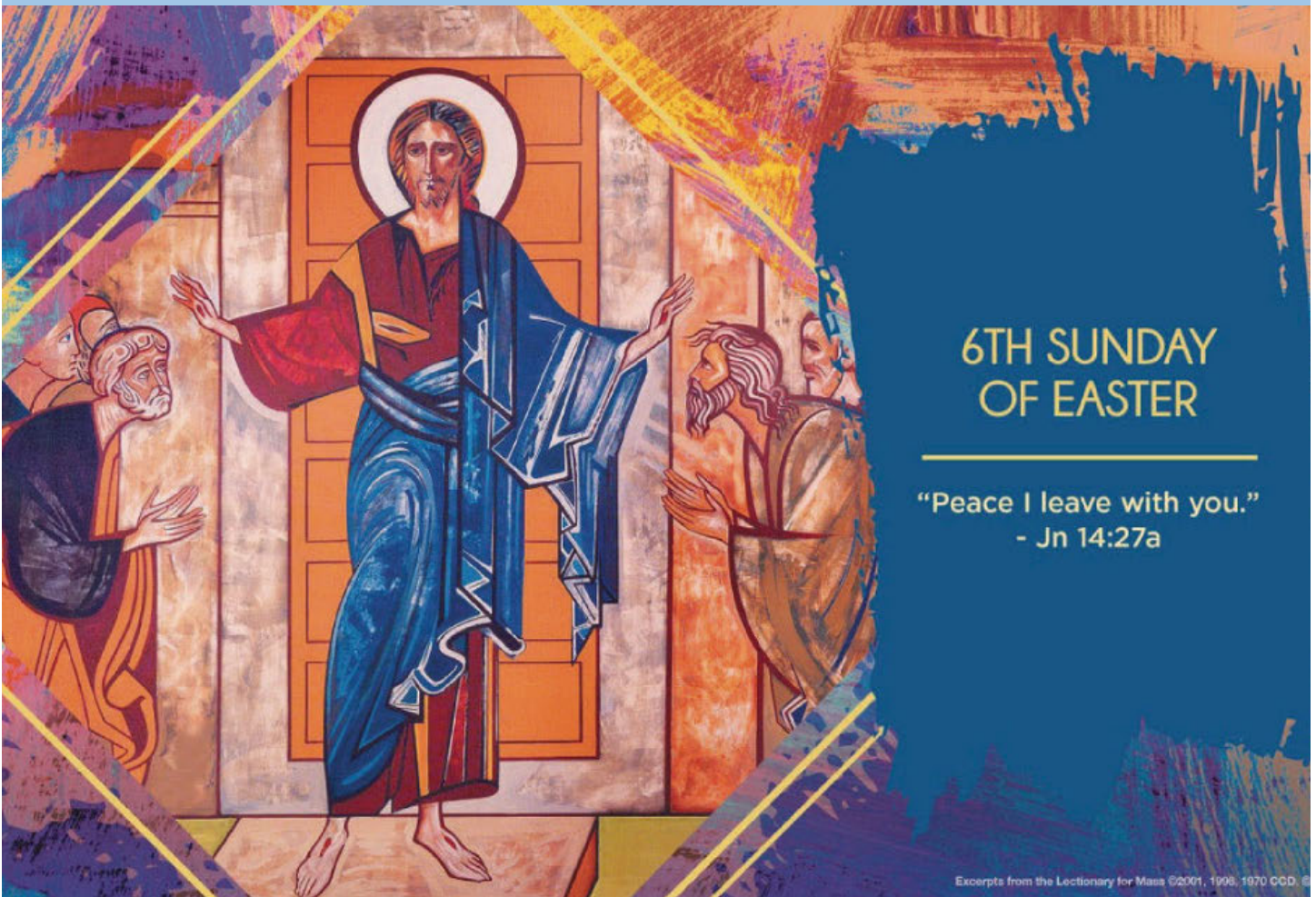
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6TH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you."  
- Jn 14:27a

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Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We invite

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

If you keep free of these,  
you will be doing what is right. (Acts 15:29)

### Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it,  
for the glory of God gave it light,  
and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 12:23)

### Gospel:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27)

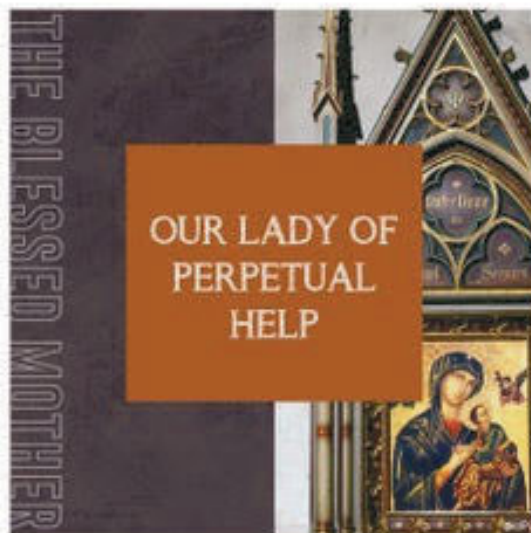
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

## Observances for the week of May 25, 2025

|                     |                                                                                                |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 6th Sunday of Easter                                                                           |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | St. Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop                                                            |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses);<br>St. Paul VI, Pope |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary                                                      |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | The Ascension of the Lord;<br>7th Sunday of Easter;<br>World Communications Day                |



## Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is both a title of the Blessed Mother as well as a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages, both of which present Mary as a source of strength and comfort for Christ and his followers.

## Prayer for Peace

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as  
you promised in Your word.  
Peace in our comings and goings,  
Peace that You are working and  
moving,  
Peace for what has happened, the  
places we find ourselves today,  
and in the future to come.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of May 25, 2025

### Sunday:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

### Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and  
9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

### Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/  
Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/  
Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 16:16-20

*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
(6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/  
Lk 24:46-53

### Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 16:20-23

### Saturday:

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3,  
4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

### Next Sunday:

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 17:20-26

*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
(6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/  
Lk 24:46-53



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27)**. His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

— Father John Muir

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Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

We hear how the church in Jerusalem resolved their conflicts through dialogue and compromise. When has your faith community had to resolve a conflict?

### Second Reading:

As John's final vision continues, he sees the splendor and glory of God lighting the city of Jerusalem. Can you think of a time when you felt really close to God?

### Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit will be sent to believers to teach them and remind them of his words. Can you share a time when you have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit?



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## Prayer

Dear God, change my heart so that I want to put you and other people first.

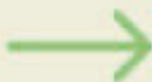
## Mission for the Week

I will invite a friend over to play. I will share and take turns.

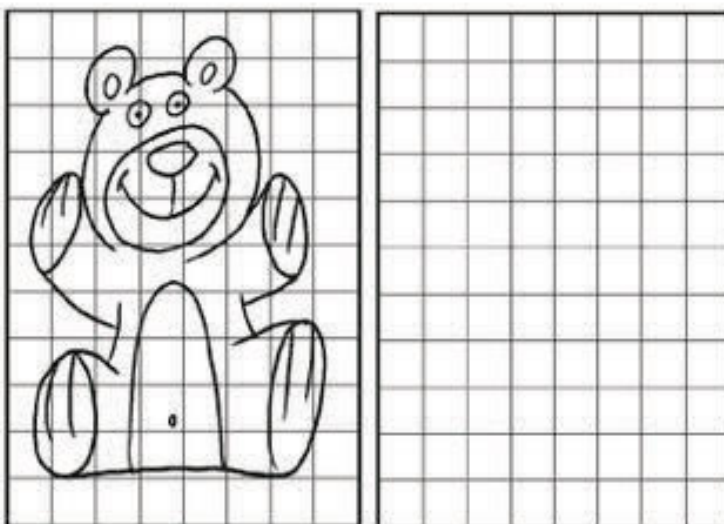
## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus wants you to love him so much that you will always do what he asks. Jesus knows that if you put God first, you will have peace. Instead of wanting more toys, you will be happy to share them. Instead of wanting to get your own way, you will enjoy taking turns. You will feel good helping other people.

Now color the picture!



Copy the picture square by square.



**Mass Intentions for the Week  
Saturday, May 24**

**5:00 p.m.** Matthew Escajeda & Beatriz Lopez may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Claudia Diego. Thanksgiving to Jessicalina & Andrew Blackney

**7:00 p.m.** Lino Jimenez, Simon Hernandez, Martha Esther Valdivia, Enrique Alvarez, Felipe Diaz & Elodia Lopez ,may they rest in peace Intercesiones de toda las almas en purgatorio.

**Sunday, May 25**

**6:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Modesta Zaragoza & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Danny Iljay, Alejandro Torres & Jose Luis Torress

**8:00 a.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Jose Luis Navarrete, Jovita Ponce. Intención Especial de Guadalupe Ceja

**10:00 a.m.** Papa Francisco. & Juan Leonardo Munoz may they rest in peace. Happy Wedding Anniversary to Julia & Peter Thomas, and Don Virginia Garravillo

**11:30a.m** Eva Kardouni, Rahmon Kardouni, Carmen M. Cisneros may they rest in peace

**1:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Pasqual Ramos O., Felipa Martin, Maria Esther Valdivia e Robeto Ramos.

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Petra Reynaga, Simon Hernandez, Lino Jimenez, Justin Contreras. Feliz Cumplaenos de Gregorio Hernandez

**Monday, May 26**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Simon Hernandez, J Concepcion Macias & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Virginia Garravillo

**6:00PM** Para El Eterno Descanso de Carlos Actuis, Emma Herrera Munoz, Pau Parra e Lino Jimenez, Intercesiones de toda las almas en purgatorio.

**Tuesday, May 27**

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Simon Hernandez, Matthew Escajeda , Lino Jimenez & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercession to all souls in Purgatory . Special intetnions of the Garravillo Family

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Ana Veronica Arias, Nadia Arias, Carlos Acutis e Lino Jimenez

**Wednesday, May 28**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Lino Hernandez, Simon Hernandez & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Carlos Acutis, Cecilia Ledesma e Lino Jimenez

**Thursday, May 29**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Simon Hernandez ,Maria de Jesus Sanchez, Alex Enriquez & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Lino Jimenez, Pablo Garcia, Carlos Acutis. Feliz Cumplaenos de Elizabth Quintefro

**Friday, May 30**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Simon Hernandez & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Jason Bricino

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Lino Jimenez, Fernando Avila Sanchez, Carlos Acutis, Jose Luis Navarrete, Jovita Ponce. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, May 31**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Lino Jimenez Ernesto Maldonado Jr.& Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercession to all souls in purgatory, Special Intention of the Flores Family



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## DID YOU KNOW?

### **Age-appropriate curiosity in school-aged children**

Last week, we covered young children and natural curiosity about their bodies. This week, we will explore natural curiosity behaviors in school-aged children (around 7-12 years old). It's important to understand the difference between appropriate and inappropriate, as inappropriate behaviors could a sign of abuse. Common curiosity at this age includes playing games with same-aged friends like "family" or "dating," or wanting privacy. Children at these ages may also begin to take an interest in members of the opposite sex and ask questions about relationships. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior" [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

### **Curiosidad de niños de edad escolar apropiada para su edad**

La semana pasada hablamos sobre los niños pequeños y la curiosidad natural de su cuerpo. Esta semana hablaremos de la curiosidad natural de los niños en edad escolar (entre 7 y 12 años) y de los comportamientos apropiados para su edad. Es importante entender la diferencia entre lo apropiado e inapropiado, ya que el conducto inapropiado podría ser un signo del abuso. La curiosidad habitual a esta edad incluye jugar con amigos de la misma edad que son "familia" o "novios", o querer tiempo solo. Los niños de estas edades también pueden empezar a interesarse de los miembros del sexo opuesto y a hacer preguntas sobre las relaciones. Para más información, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "Saber la diferencia entre la curiosidad apropiada para la edad de la conducta sexual peligrosa" (Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior) en <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



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Daily Mass: (Monday –Saturday) 7:30 a.m.

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**Reconciliations :**Wednesday & Fridays: 7:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Saturdays After 7:30 mass

**Baptisms:** Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m.

**Weddings:** 6 months Advance notice.

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