



5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

- The early church faced tension between cultural groups (Hebrews and Hellenists) over the distribution of resources. In what ways do we experience tension or perceived favoritism within our parish and how can we work to overcome this?
- How is the spiritual gift of "fear of the Lord" (awe/reverence) different from being afraid of God?

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

- As Catholics, how do we "sing a new song" to the Lord in our daily lives, particularly when we are struggling?
- What challenges exist in daily life that prevent you from being so content in God that you can say, "I lack nothing"?

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

- What phrase or image in this passage strikes you the most and why?
- Peter calls believers a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (v. 9). How does this align with the Catholic understanding of the common priesthood of the faithful received at Baptism?
- In what ways can you, as a "living stone," contribute to building up the Church community?

Gospel: John 14:1-12

- How does Jesus' statement "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (v. 6) differ from "I am a way, a truth, and a life."
- In a pluralistic world, how do you interpret Jesus saying, "no one comes to the Father except through me" (v. 6)? How can this be understood as both exclusive and inclusive?
- In what area of your life do you need to stop letting your heart be troubled and start trusting in Jesus as your "way"?



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PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

Amen.

