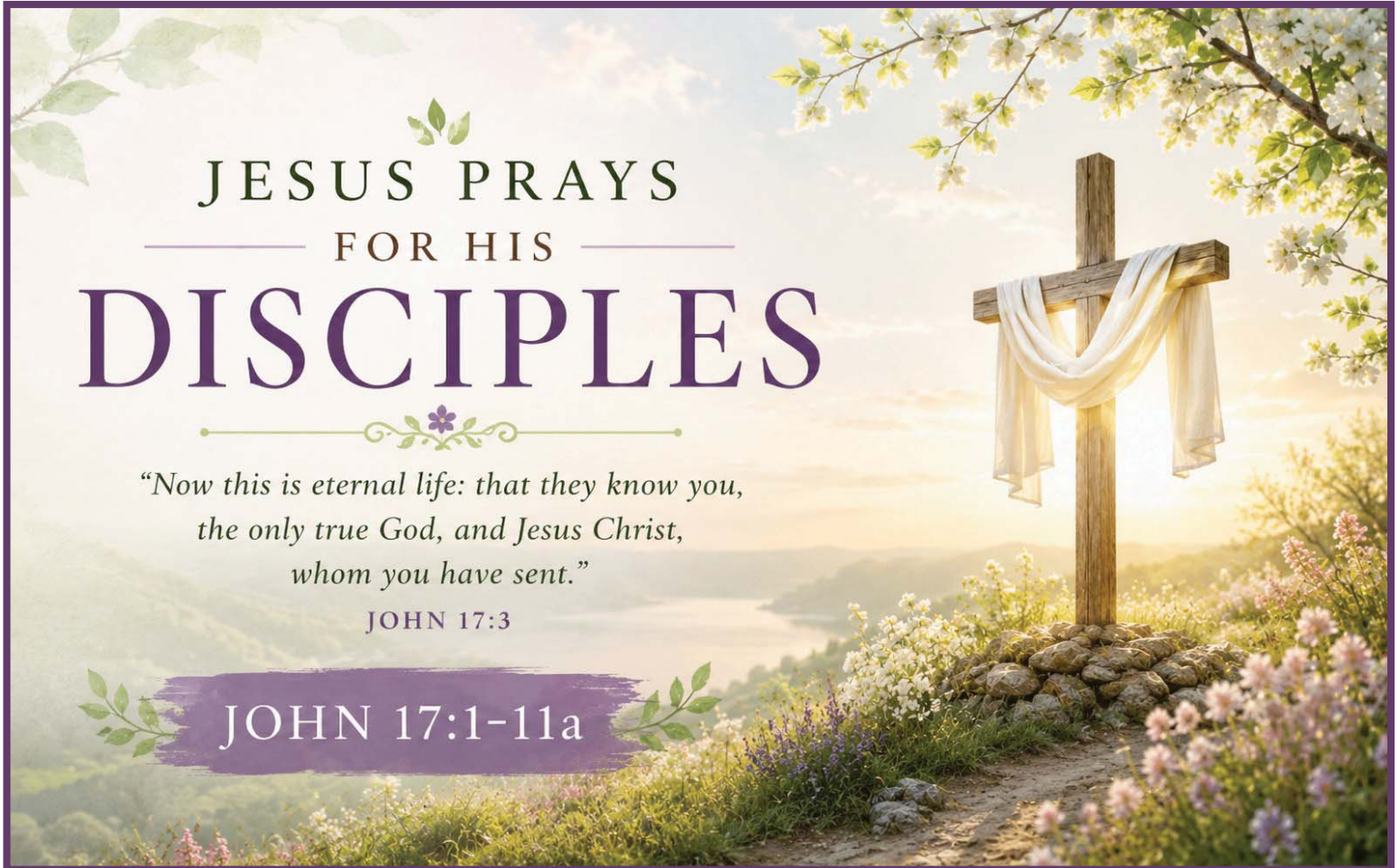




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“Now this is eternal life: that they know you,  
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whom you have sent.”

JOHN 17:3

JOHN 17:1-11a

### Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass** ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,  
preceded by **Daily Rosary** at 8:30am

**Weekend Masses** ~ Saturdays 4:00pm  
Sundays 8:00am 10:00am\* 12:00pm & 5:00pm

\*Family Mass

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**Staff Directory** ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

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**St. Mary's Cemetery** ~ For inquiries, please contact  
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**Anointing of the Sick** ~ Contact the parish office.

**Baptism** ~ Twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
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**Marriage** ~ Arrangements should be made six months  
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**Reconciliation** ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm  
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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** ~  
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**Bible Study** ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church  
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*"Let us not tire of preaching love;  
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*Dear Friends,*

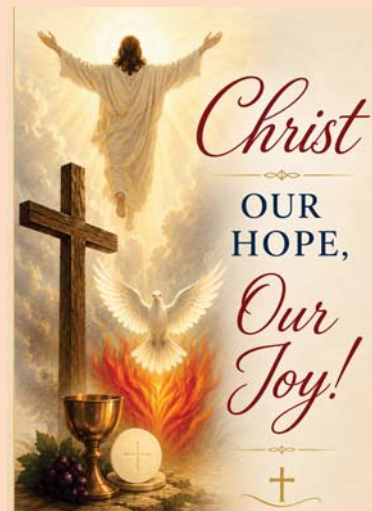
On Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension. **Next Sunday, May 24, we celebrate Pentecost.** As we prepare for the Easter Season's conclusion I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the palpable sense of joy that has been so evident in our parish community in recent weeks.

Holy Week and Easter liturgies were marked by full attendance and much reverence. Over the last two weekends, we celebrated four First Communion Masses and two Confirmation liturgies. Beautiful music, decorations, and thorough preparation were the common denominator of each spirit-filled event.

In a busy world, it is occasionally healthy to pause and be satisfied. As we learn from the Book of Genesis, at the end of the sixth day of creation, God paused and admired what he had accomplished.

On behalf of us all, I would like to commend the parish staff members, catechists, volunteers, and helpful hands whose efforts bore great fruit.

Please pray for the five men ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, May 16**, for our archdiocese by Archbishop Henning. The Mass of Ordination aired live on CatholicTV. Parishioners may check [CatholicTV](#) listings for additional opportunities to view the broadcast.



Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Tom*

### *Celebrating Our Fr. Mac Scholarship Recipients*

St. Oscar Romero Parish is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Fr. Mac Scholarship. This \$2,500 scholarship, awarded toward tuition at a Roman Catholic high school, is made possible through a fund established in loving memory of Fr. McLaughlin, as well as through the continued generosity of our parish community.

This year, we are proud to recognize **Juliana Noone**, an eighth-grade student at St. John the Evangelist School, and **Owen Viera**, a junior at Catholic Memorial High School. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Juliana and Owen for their accomplishments, and we keep them and their families in our prayers as they continue their educational and faith journeys.



We also extend our sincere gratitude to the members of the scholarship selection committee — Erin Sullivan from our Religious Education Ministry, along with parishioners Ed Mulvey, Mary Bocash, and Julie Ghostlaw — for their thoughtful discernment, generosity of time, and faithful service to our parish community.

The Fr. Mac Scholarship is awarded annually each spring by St. Oscar Romero Parish and is open to parishioners who complete the application process and have been accepted to attend a Roman Catholic

high school. Through this scholarship, we honor the legacy of Fr. McLaughlin by supporting young people as they grow in faith, knowledge, and service.



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Your generosity also blesses our own parish community. Each year, parishes receive a portion of funds raised beyond their assessment goal. Last year, St. Oscar Romero Parish received more than \$22,000 in returned funds, which helped offset significant heating and snow removal expenses during an especially difficult winter season.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to support the mission of the Church — both within our parish and beyond. If you would still like to participate in this year’s Catholic Appeal, donations may be made online through the Archdiocese of Boston website at [BostonCatholic.org](http://BostonCatholic.org).



Pentecost Is Often Called the “Birthday of the Church”

Next Sunday, the Church celebrates the great **Feast of Pentecost** — the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles fifty days after Easter. The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning “fiftieth.” On that day, the frightened disciples were gathered together when the Holy Spirit came upon them like a “strong driving wind” and “tongues as of fire” (Acts 2:1–11). Filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were strengthened with courage and sent forth to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Because of this, Pentecost is often called the “Birthday of the Church.”

The same Holy Spirit continues to guide and strengthen us today through Baptism and Confirmation, calling each of us to live as faithful disciples of Christ. You may notice the color red worn at Mass next weekend — a symbol of the fire of the Holy Spirit and God’s burning love poured in to our hearts.

As we prepare for Pentecost, this is a beautiful week to pray:  
*“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.”*



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you".  
 John 17:1

<p><b>Saturday, May 16</b>                  9:00am~Maeve McMahon, Memorial                  4:00pm~Helen McFadyen, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 17</b>                  8:00am~                  10:00am~                  12:00pm~James &amp; Beverly Marano Orest &amp; Lena Falcione, Memorial                  5:00pm~Deceased Members of the Farlo &amp; Porziella Families, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 18</b>                  9:00am~</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 19</b>                  9:00am~</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, May 20</b>                  9:00am~Rose DiNicola, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Thursday, May 21</b>                  9:00am~</p>

<p><b>Friday, May 22</b>                  9:00am~</p>
<p><b>Saturday, May 23</b>                  9:00am~Charles J. Lenhart, III, Memorial                  4:00pm~Henri Baum, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday</b>                  8:00am~                  10:00am~Amanda Corbie, Living Intention                  12:00pm~Seamus Quinn, Month's Mind                  5:00pm~</p>

*Prayers and Sympathy*  
 Claude Lee Gibson  
 Gertrude Fitzgerald  
 Mary McManus

*Please remember in your prayers all those who have entered into eternal life.*

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