

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MAY 5, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday.....	4:00 pm
Sunday.....	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday.....	7:00 am
1st Friday-Pine Haven.....	10:00 am
2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....	10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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Please contact the Parish Office to:

1. **Join the Parish**
2. **Schedule a Baptism**
3. **Schedule a Mass Intention**
4. **Any other questions or concerns**

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Rich Tauferner Norma Horne

Nick Cinquepalmi Paul Gami

Rita Gast Carol Marksteiner

Rick Michaletz

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

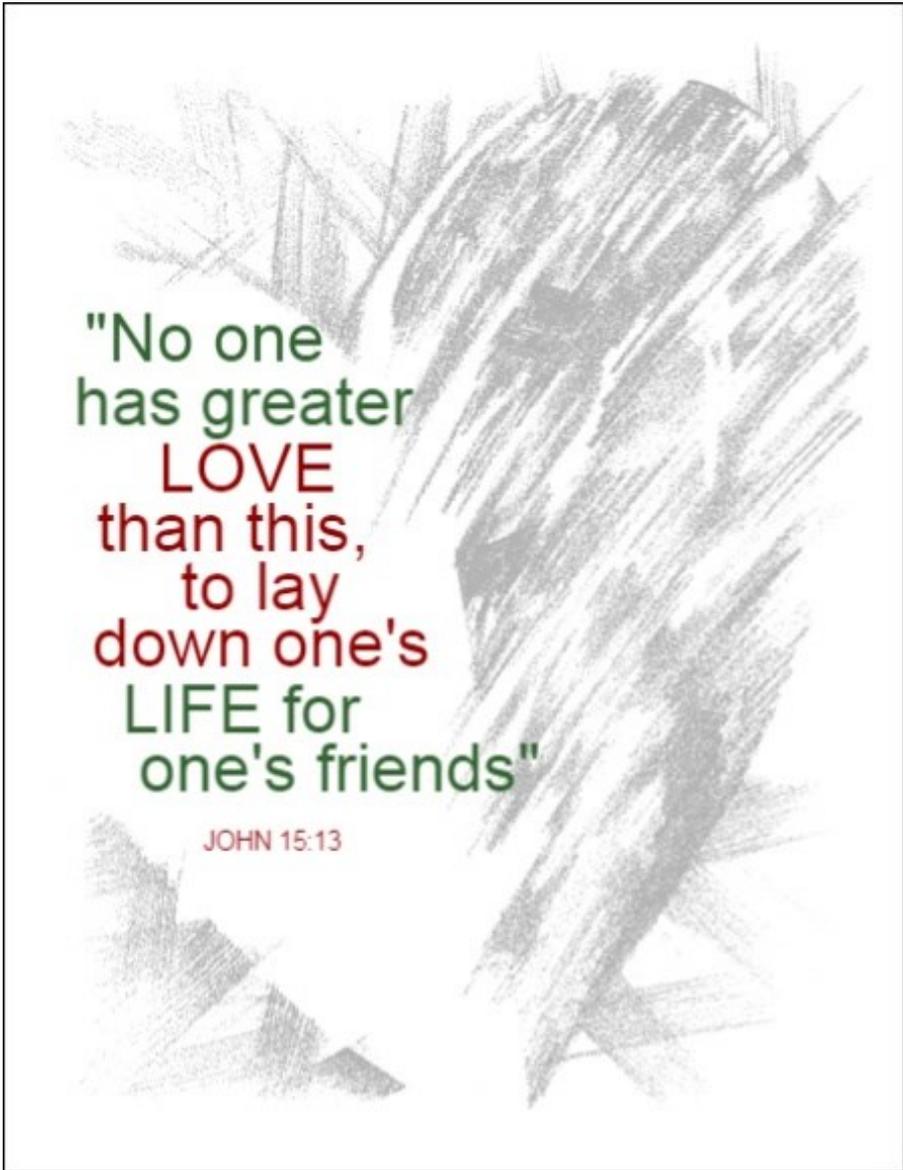
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



"No one
has greater
LOVE
than this,
to lay
down one's
LIFE for
one's friends"

JOHN 15:13

Bulletin Submission Deadline: All requests for bulletin articles must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Any articles received after that will be included as space permits. For holiday weeks, the deadline may change. Thank you for your understanding.

From Justin Spaeth:

The Word of God is as clear as can be in today's Gospel: "This I command you: love one another". I would like to reflect on the great freedom there is in this command. Notice it is not preceded or followed by a long list of things that must be done. God calls each of us to use the gifts He has given us in service to one another. The response to His gifts and His call manifests in so many different and beautiful ways! We need only to read about the lives of the Saints and their witness of living this great command to love one another, to find such beautiful variety of lives lived for Christ!



Note also that this command: Love one another, frees us from thinking too much of ourselves! How trapped and enslaved we make ourselves by focusing so inwardly on our own well-being! What great purpose and freedom we find in life by allowing ourselves to serve others. Of course, we need our time alone to be filled up each day with the strength that God gives us through prayer and particularly the sacrament of the Eucharist. However, we need to remember that we receive from Him in order to give to others. Grace that is held onto is lost given Jesus' great command in today's Gospel. When we deny others our love, we enslave ourselves in pride and deny ourselves a life in Christ.

Diaconate formation has four areas of focus: Intellectual, Human, Spiritual, and Pastoral. Pastoral formation can happen through lectures, but it is something that happens best when we are out serving the community. Each year a new ministry placement is given to each of us in our communities so that we can learn how to love others through service. I am always amazed at how commonplace these ministry placements can be! I have this vision of service as some grand parade of healing the sick and preaching the Gospel on the street corner, however, service is never filled with outlandish show. As I have learned, service is simple small acts of charity done with a humble heart. It is as simple as actively listening to someone's story, taking time to do ordinary tasks that people cannot do themselves, or praying for someone whose life seems out of control. Sometimes, the best thing one can do on a given day is simply to be present and show others that they are not forgotten or alone. These simple acts of charity allow us the opportunity to free ourselves from a central focus on the self and to focus instead on living Jesus' command to love one another!

In Christ,
Justin Spaeth



ROSARY LEADERS: The month of May is the month of Mary. The rosary is prayed 20 minutes prior to each weekend Mass. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to lead the Rosary:

Sunday, May 5: No Rosary (First Eucharist/Communion)

Saturday, May 11: Lorrie Free

Sunday, May 12: Peter Guske

Sunday, May 19: Rick Michaletz

Saturday, May 25: Susan Vavra

Sunday, May 26: Rich Tauferner

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 4	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Edwin & Delores Sabel and Jane Ornelas by Family, †Kyle Wagner by Mom & Dad
Sunday	May 5	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	May 5	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†John & Alena Markgraf by Paul Morgan Family, †Stephen Voitek by Mike & Chris Nett
Tuesday	May 7	St. John's	8:00 am	No Mass
Tuesday	May 7	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	No Mass
Wednesday	May 8	St. John's	7:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	May 9	St. John's	8:00 am	†Robert Wester by Wagner Family, †Fr. Howard Kayser by Donna Plageman
Friday	May 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dick Schaez by Paul & Christine Stenklyft
Friday	May 10	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Anthony Mallmann by Betty Mallmann
Saturday	May 11	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Ed & Alice Waldoch by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Sunday	May 12	St. John's	9:00 am	†Chuck Graf by Mel & Lorrie Free
Sunday	May 12	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, May 11 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, May 12 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR MAY 11/12

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Bill Moffatt Gerry Loth	Diane Hart Paul Garni
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil



SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD PANTRY: Please

continue to bring **non-perishable** goods for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. Special reminder from Heidi O'Neill: "The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry appreciates the many donations that are made to us throughout the year. However, we are unable to accept any outdated items, as this poses a possible risk to our clients. Thank you for your understanding and thank you for the many donations that you make to the pantry." **Next Delivery: Monday, May 6, 2024: Jenny Grose.**



FATHER SCHMECKEL'S FAREWELL PARTY: Will be held at Lost Woods Park in Kohler on Sunday, June 16 from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

MONDAY, MAY 6

6:30 - 7:30 pm Bible Study

TUESDAY, May 7

8:00 am Mass
8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
2:00 pm Bible Study

FRIDAY, MAY 10

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 11

3:00 pm Reconciliation
3:40 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:00 am Reconciliation
8:40 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass

MASS OF THANKSGIVING: On **Monday, May 20 at 5:30 pm** at Holy Name of Jesus in Sheboygan, Deacon Charles Luke will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving. Please pray for Deacon Luke and his classmates as they prepare to be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 18 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee.

Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation
invites you to

Young Adult Mass & Social at St. John the Baptist Plymouth, WI

Join other Sheboygan County young adults in their 20s and 30s for Mass followed by dinner and games! Bring a side to share, and a friend! The main course and drinks will be provided.

Date:

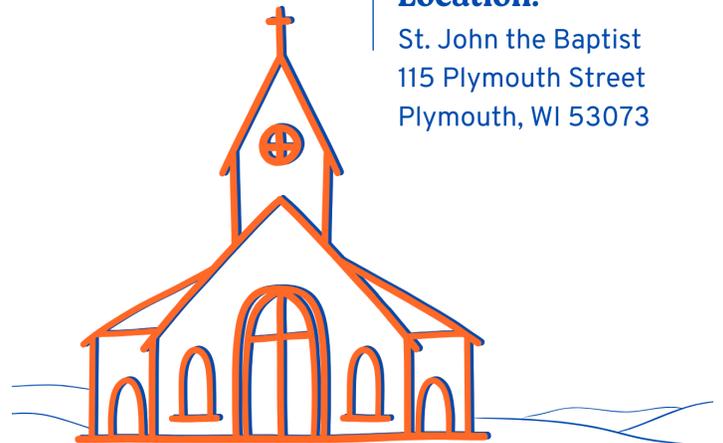
Saturday, June 8th

Time:

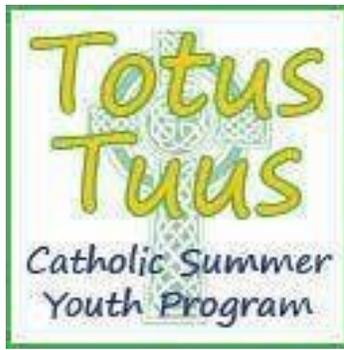
6:30 PM Mass
Social to follow

Location:

St. John the Baptist
115 Plymouth Street
Plymouth, WI 53073



TOTUS TUUS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED - JUNE 23-28: We are looking for **2 HOST FAMILIES** to provide sleeping arrangements, a morning continental breakfast, a light meal on Sunday evening and possibly some snacks for four College-age Students who will be leading our Totus Tuus Summer Vacation Bible School Program. The team needs two "host homes," one for the young men and one for the young women. Housing of team members takes place from their arrival Saturday afternoon until their departure the following Friday evening or Saturday morning. The interaction at host homes is valuable for both the team members and the families. Because of the team's schedule and their daily work in the parish with our children/teens, however, they will be gone for most of the day and may occasionally be late getting home due to their evening work. Each team will provide their own transportation to and from the parish. To volunteer to serve as a HOST FAMILY or for more information please contact: Jeanne Bitkers jeanne@btsje.org or the St. John Evangelist Parish Office 920-452-9623.



TOTUS TUUS - New Summer Program for Children and Teens -June 23-28:

Many of you may remember a time when Vacation Bible School at St. John Evangelist Parish was a yearly event and a great success, thanks to the wonderful efforts of previous parish staff members, volunteers, parents who supported the summer program and the many children who participated. Now, after a fairly lengthy absence, we are delighted to tell you that we will once again have a Religious Education related Summer Program!

St John Evangelist Parish was recently selected to be one of seven sites in the Archdiocese to host a week-long County-wide program in June for children and youth in Grades 1-12 called Totus Tuus. Activities during the week will include catechesis, prayer, and many fun activities. Four trained college-age students, called "missionaries", will teach and facilitate the program that is divided into two parts: a day program for children in grades 1-6 and an evening program for teens in grades 7-12.

The phrase "Totus Tuus" was Pope John Paul II's motto of "Totally Yours," signifying a desire to give oneself to Jesus through His Mother Mary. The goal of the Totus Tuus Summer Program is to help all who are involved to grow in their understanding of Jesus Christ and strengthen their faith in Him and His Mother, Mary.

During the week of June 23, children and teens will have an opportunity to be involved in inspiring, interactive learning-times, as well as skits, songs, and games. Daily Mass and opportunities for Adoration, the Rosary and other Worship experiences will also be provided.

Elementary school children (children entering grades 1-6) will attend during the day beginning on Monday, June 24- Friday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and we will offer nightly "youth group experiences" for Middle and High School age students (youth entering grades 7-12) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Sunday, June 23-Thursday, June 27th. Trained college students will serve as group leaders for all sessions.

If you are a parent, grandparent or godparent or have special children in your life who live in the area or are visiting this summer, don't miss this great opportunity for them to grow in faith with their friends this summer. More information and the Totus Tuus registration form can be found on the St. John Evangelist Parish website. Children from other Catholic Parishes are also invited and encouraged to attend, so please help us spread the word.

Please note: A number of adult, and middle/high school volunteers will be able to help with the Totus Tuus program. For more information or to volunteer please watch the bulletin, e-mail jeanne@btsje.org or call the Parish Office: 920-452-9623.

Thank you to all who have already offered to help. Please say an extra prayer for Totus Tuus and for all those children, teens and adults who will be involved in any way during this summer of 2024!

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6

FIRST COMMUNION: This Sunday, May 1, our St. John Evangelist Parish Second Grade children are celebrating the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time at the 9:00 AM Mass. A special thank you to these children's parents and families and to Catechist Eve Michaletz who worked together to prepare them for this special occasion. Thank you to Fr. Schmeckel who worked with parents and children as well.



We congratulate all these children:

Graysen C.
Grace G.
Margo H.

Cecilia S.
Emilia S.
Benjamin Z.

who are receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the very first time and their parents, and pray that they will always have faith in God and that, with God's help, the example of his Son, Jesus, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they will continue to appreciate and to use the many gifts that they have been given!~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6

FINANCIAL: APRIL 27/28: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,874.65.

ST. STANISLAUS ANNUAL HOLY HILL PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE: Will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Holy Hill (1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus). Full Pilgrimage begins at 8:00 am in the lower parking lot and will be shuttled to the beginning of the trail. Mass will be held at the trail head at 9:30 am. Following Mass, walk the 4.5 miles along the Ice Age Trail to the lower parking lot and meet up with the Partial Pilgrimage people. Rosary begins at 1:00 pm with Benediction at 2:00 pm. After Benediction, join fellow pilgrims for a picnic including food and drinks for a free will offering. More information and to online registration can be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFB6leVI-41xoc0-GVDVjbGzdWJd4zkfjaEKJutXcem07UA/viewform> or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY - THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: Enter into the Mysteries of the Rosary and Rediscover its Power! An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of each of us. The call to pray is urgent. Please join us in the church at Blessed Trinity Parish for each half-hour episode, and then stay to pray the Rosary with us, as a community, afterwards! Seven episodes on seven evenings: **Mondays May 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th** starting at **6:00 PM. Saturdays May 4th and 18th, and Saturday June 1st, following the 4:00 PM Mass (approximately 5:15 PM).** ~Jim O'Neill



CLC Calendar

April 2024



- April 2 -CLC Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 3 -**Divine Mercy: Proclaim this Message**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 4 -**Service Project: Making Cards for Meals on Wheels**, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- April 4 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 5 -First Friday Coffee after 7:00 am Mass in SJE-GS
- April 6 -**CLC Open House** after 4:00 pm Mass at BT, 5:00-5:45 pm, CLC-MR/ AR
- April 8 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 9 -**Spring Potluck**, 12:00-1:00 pm, SJE-GS
- April 10 -**Divine Mercy: Fatima**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 10 -Movie Matinee, *Sully*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- April 11 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 14 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: Preparing for Sacrifice**, after 9:00 am Mass, SJE-Classroom
- April 15 -**Sheboygan County Historical Research Center Tour and Education on Researching Families**, 518 Water Street, Sheboygan Falls, 3:30-5:00 pm, **Registration required.**
- April 16 -**Make a Flower Mug Bouquet**, 9:30-11:00 am, CLC-MR, Registration required.
- April 17 -**Divine Mercy: The Secret of Divine Mercy**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 18 -**Tiny Saints Story Time**, 10:00-10:45 am, SJE-Classrooms
- April 18 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 18 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 20 -BT/SJE Senior Social 55+ after 4:00 pm Mass at BT, CLC-Cafe
- April 21 -**CLC Open House** after 10:30 am Mass at BT, 11:30 am-12:15 pm, CLC-MR/ AR
- April 22 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 23 -**AARP Driving Class**, 12:30-4:30 pm, CLC-MR, Registration required.
- April 24 -**Divine Mercy: God's Master Plan**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 25 -**Service Project: Making Cards for Pine Haven**, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- April 25 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 28 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: The Real Presence Creates Communion**, after 9:00 am Mass, SJE-Classroom
- April 30 -**St. Thomas Aquinas: The Theologian**, A Pivotal Player Film by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:15 am, CLC-MR

Upcoming Dates

- June 14 -Bus Trip to Our Lady of Good Help, Champion, WI

Register for events or call with questions – Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext 314.



CLC-MR, CLC-AR, and CLC-PMR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room, Assembly Room, and Parish Meeting Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR and SJE refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.

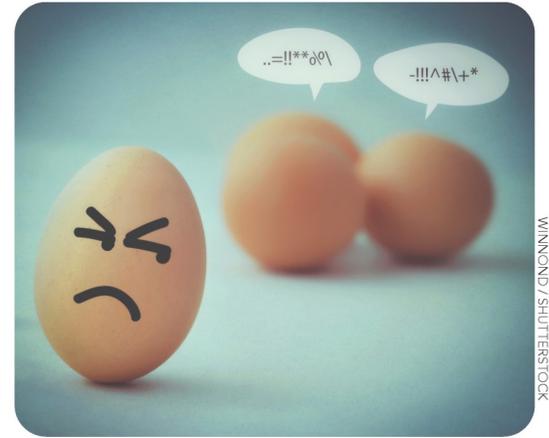
Dear Padre,

**Please clarify for me what the Church considers as “gossip.”
Is it that bad?**

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are “detraction” and “calumny.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is “without objectively valid reason, disclosing another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them.” Calumny occurs when a person, “by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
Acts 16:11–15 Jn 15:26–16:4a	Acts 16:22–34 Jn 16:5–11	Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Jn 16:12–15	Acts 18:1–8 Jn 16:16–20	Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23	Acts 18:23–28 Jn 16:23b–28	Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23 or Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13 Mk 16:15–20



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously....Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 2021