



**God's love knows no barriers. St. Pascal's...where all people matter.**

Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here.

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**MAY 7, 2023 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS...**

*to our beautiful parish children who celebrate their First Eucharist this weekend:*

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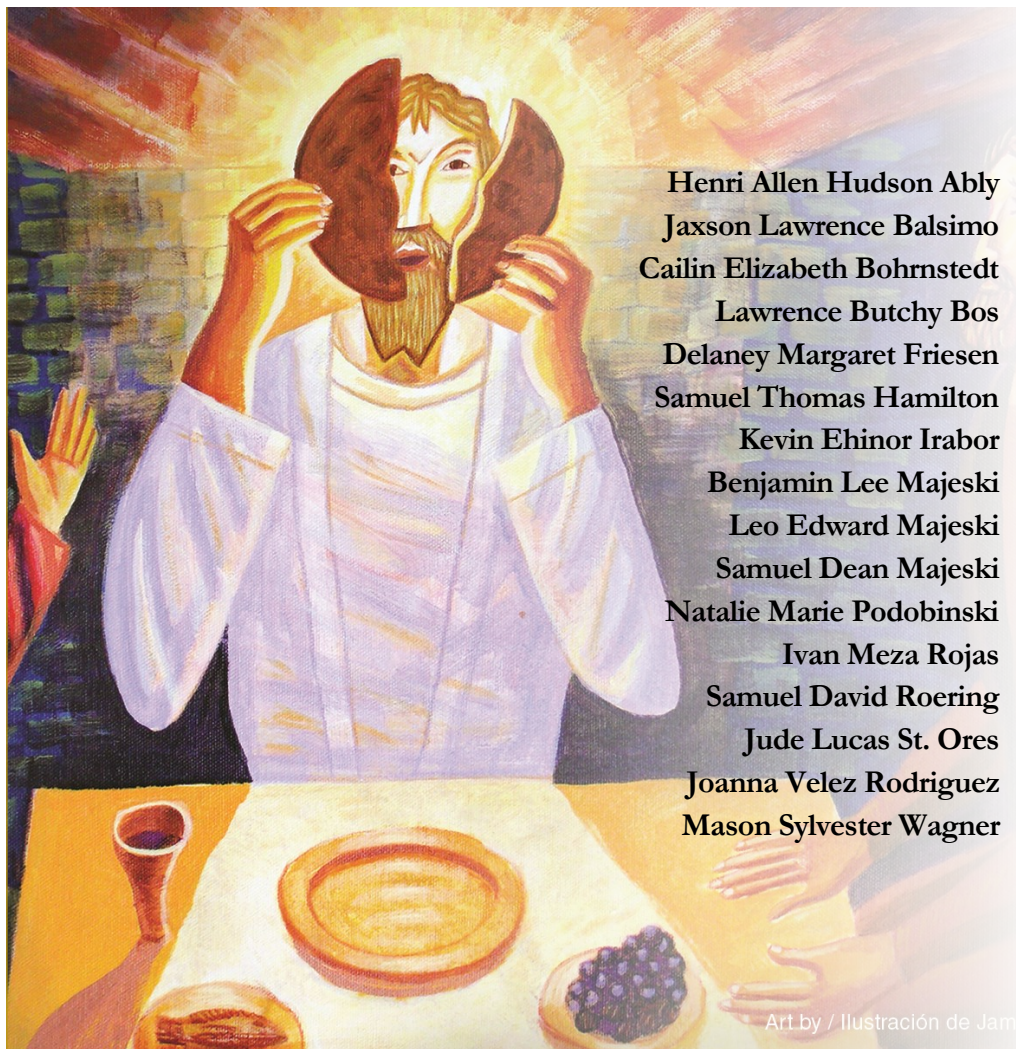
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Jude Lucas St. Ores  
Joanna Velez Rodriguez  
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### **Mass Times**

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM; Wednesday 9:30 AM

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Welcome to our children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

As we see our children's joy and excitement to receive the Eucharist for the first time, we are renewed in our appreciation of the gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we are more closely united to Christ and to all the faithful in one body, the Church. The Eucharist renews, strengthens and deepens our incorporation into the Church, already begun in our Baptism. Our reception of the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us also calls us to recognize Christ in his brothers and sisters, especially in the poor. In addition, the Eucharist forgives our venial sins and helps preserve us from serious sins in the future. Furthermore, receiving the Eucharist "sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints" (Catechism, 1419). There is so much to learn and love about the Eucharist. We are blessed to have a lifetime to celebrate the joys of the Eucharist.

**Good news! We received a rebate check of \$1100.06** from the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) last week. After adding the \$1100.06 to the \$294.00 rebate check we received in March, we have received a total of \$1394.06 in CSAF rebates this spring. The \$1394.06 represents 25% of the excess funds collected by our parish for the CSAF in 2022 versus 2021. Thank you!

**Would you like to travel to the Holy Land in 2024?** I am leading a pilgrimage through Magi Travel company to the Holy Land of Israel from *September 16-27, 2024*. We will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Nazareth, Cana, Mount Carmel, Mount Tabor, the Dead Sea and Galilee. We will be accompanied by a full-time expert guide, stay in four-star hotel accommodations and celebrate Mass daily. Pricing is \$3,995.00 plus airfare. If you are interested in going on this pilgrimage, please talk to me, call, or email me (651.432.4955 or [john.mitchell@stpascals.org](mailto:john.mitchell@stpascals.org)), and I will put you on a list of people who will be given the first opportunity to register.

**You are invited to nominate yourself, or someone else with their approval,** to serve on the Parish Council or Finance Council starting July 1, 2023. We are looking for new members to replace members whose terms are ending. *Nominations are due by May 15. Please send completed forms to Fr. John at the parish office or via an email message to: [john.mitchell@stpascals.org](mailto:john.mitchell@stpascals.org).*

### 2023 Nomination Form for Parish Council or Finance Council

I would like to nominate myself for membership on the:

\_\_\_ Parish Council                      \_\_\_ Finance Council

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and/or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate \_\_\_\_\_

who has approved me to nominate them for membership on the:

\_\_\_ Parish Council                      \_\_\_ Finance Council

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May 2023: *For church movements and groups.*** We pray that church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

## — SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

### Faith in Action

#### Unlock the Metro: More Keys Needed

The collection of old keys—especially house and apartment keys—continues. Deposit your keys in the box in the Gathering Space. These keys will be presented to the Metropolitan Council to represent unhoused individuals and families in need of rent vouchers. The Unlock the Metro Campaign seeks to urge the Met Council to designate more project-based vouchers that are needed for deeply affordable projects like Gladstone Crossing. Gladstone Crossing, housing for young families with children, will be built in Maplewood.

#### Reminder: Food Box Packing

The food box packing at Progressive Baptist Church is now taking place on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM-noon rather than Fridays. We welcome new volunteers, even if you are only able to come periodically, as well as those who must arrive a bit late. St. Pascal parishioners also help distribute food on the first and third Saturdays at Progressive from 9:00 AM-noon. For more information email Ann Karner at [akarner24@gmail.com](mailto:akarner24@gmail.com).

#### May Collection: Brittany's Place

During the month of May, items will be accepted in the parish donation closet for Brittany's Place, an emergency shelter in St. Paul for girls and young women who have experienced commercial sex trafficking or are at high risk for sexual exploitation. Personal care items, craft and activity supplies, and NEW twin sheets sets, blankets, and pillows are needed. Find a complete list on the Social Justice and Caring Committee page at [stpascals.org](http://stpascals.org).

#### Thank You

Thank you to all who donated cereal and canned soup during the April collection for the Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf at Progressive Baptist.

#### Grocery Bags Needed

The Merrick Food Distribution at St. Pascal's and the Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf at Progressive Baptist have had a lot of visitors recently, so our supply of grocery bags is very low. Leave donations of paper, plastic, and reusable bags in the donation closet.

## — In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

*Olivia Clarke*

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul's eternal peace.

## — REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

### Enroll Today at St. Pascal Regional!

There are still spots available in many of our classrooms from preschool through 8th grade. We asked our current families what they love about St. Pascal Regional, and these are some of their answers:

- ♦ Christ-centered learning
- ♦ Strong student-teacher relationships
- ♦ Small class sizes
- ♦ Opportunities for hands-on learning
- ♦ An education that emphasizes a strong mind, heart, and body

If these are things you are looking for in a school, we invite you to take a closer look at St. Pascal Regional Catholic School. Visit us today at [www.stpascalschool.org](http://www.stpascalschool.org) to learn how your child can be a part of our amazing community!

### St. Pascal's Women's Book Club—Monday, May 8 at 7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month—you can come as often as your schedule allows.

On May 8 we will discuss *The Sentence*, a novel by Louise Erdrich set in Minneapolis. Next month, on June 12, we'll have a chance to visit with the author of *Seven Aunts*, Staci Lola Drouillard. Watch the bulletin and *Pascal's Pulse* for more information!

### "Thanks Mom for Life" Mother's Day Flower Sale—May 13 & 14 after all Masses

Honor your Mom or another special person in your life with flowers this Mother's Day.

Orchid Corsage: \$10.00 | African violet: \$9.00 | Birthright rose: \$5.00.

*Proceeds will go to MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life), Options for Women East and Birthright.*

### St. Pascal's Class of 1973: You Are Wanted for a 50th Reunion!

Thursday, June 1 at 6:00 PM at the Crooked Pint (1734 Adolphus St. in Maplewood).

RSVP to [mariejoseph651@msn.com](mailto:mariejoseph651@msn.com), or call Ann Karschnia at 763.226.8425.

### Part-time Help Wanted: Welcome Desk Receptionist

**St. Pascal's is hiring for this vital role on the parish team.**

Representative duties include: Answer phones for parish offices, monitor exterior doors and allow appropriate access to those needing entry, greet and direct visitors and other parish guests, welcome funeral-goers to the building, know the parish calendar and assist parishioners in finding classes and programs, assist with bulletin stuffing and worship aids including funeral programs, assist with sacramental recording, assist with administrative duties for parish events as needed, regularly attend staff meetings, understand and respect Catholic culture and traditions.

Qualifications for this position include: Attention to detail, a friendly, welcoming professional demeanor, knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, willingness to learn the parish database program, fluency in English, understanding of ministry and the importance of welcome, commitment to the mission of St. Pascal Baylon Parish, appreciation and respect for the many and diverse people who visit and worship at our parish, respect for confidential information.

Please send an email with cover letter and resume to: [theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org](mailto:theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org) by May 15.

### Friends & Family—We Have Twins Tickets Available!

**The Twins vs. the Texas Rangers on Sunday, August 27 at 1:10 PM.**

If you're a Twins fan or if you are looking for a fun way to spend an afternoon with some fellow St. Pascalites, we have a deal for you. As part of the parish's Friends & Family event, we were given a block of tickets for \$5.00 each. Don't wait—these tickets sell quickly!

All the money goes directly to St. Pascal's! If you would like to purchase some Twins tickets, email Mike Kelleher in the parish office at [mike.kelleher@stpascals.org](mailto:mike.kelleher@stpascals.org).

## — WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS —

### The Plants are Coming, the Plants are Coming!

Just a reminder if you ordered plants and/or plant cards from the St. Pascal's Women's Club, they will be available for pick up before and after Masses NEXT WEEKEND (May 13 & 14).

### Spring Serenade

Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

Don't miss our Spring Serenade Brunch for all men and women of the parish! It will be a fun morning/early afternoon with musical entertainment, Legacy Award tribute and door prizes. Cost is \$20.00 per person. To RSVP, please pay after all Masses on May 6/7 and 13/14 or on the parish news page at [stpascals.org](http://stpascals.org). All reservations must be made by May 14.

## C O N T A C T U S

### Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585

Email [church@stpascals.org](mailto:church@stpascals.org)

For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing), call 651.774.1585 and dial 1.

### Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Holidays as announced

### St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

Phone 651.776.0092

Email [icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org](mailto:icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org)

### School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### Parish Councils

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Ann Karner, Chair ([akarner24@gmail.com](mailto:akarner24@gmail.com))

#### Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 5:30 PM

Mike Aeling, Chair

### Sacramental Information

#### Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:45-4:15 PM  
or contact Fr. John in the parish office  
Communal celebrations as announced

#### Baptism

One pre-baptismal session is required.  
To register for a pre-baptismal session or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

#### Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

### Parish Prayer Line

8:00 – 10:00 AM 651.735.0004

Mary Butler-Levine

4:00 – 6:00 PM 651.342.8879

Pat Kackman

### Parish Communication

#### Bulletin Notices

Due 5:00 PM Monday  
[thea.munoz@stpascals.org](mailto:thea.munoz@stpascals.org)

#### Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday  
[keri.mader@stpascals.org](mailto:keri.mader@stpascals.org)

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## Mass Times & Intentions

## Readings

May 7, 2023

### Tuesday, May 09

8:00 AM + Edward Graw

### Wednesday, May 10

9:30 AM Women's Club

### Thursday, May 11

8:00 AM The people of the parish

### Friday, May 12

8:00 AM The people of the parish

### Saturday, May 13

4:30 PM + Don Hensel

### Sunday, May 14

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Jim Stach

### Use Your Smartphone to Make a Donation to St. Pascal's!

1. Scan this QR code with your phone.
2. Open the secure link and follow the prompts.
3. Thank you!



**Sunday:**  
Acts 6:1-7  
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

**Monday:**  
Acts 14:5-18  
Ps 115:1-4, 15-16  
Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:**  
Acts 14:19-28  
Ps 145:10-13ab, 21  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:**  
Acts 15:1-6  
Ps 122:1-5  
Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:**  
Acts 15:7-21  
Ps 96:1-3, 10  
Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:**  
Acts 15:22-31  
Ps 57:8-10, 12  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:**  
Acts 16:1-10  
Ps 100:1-3, 5  
Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:**  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20  
1 Pt 3:15-18  
Jn 14:15-21

## THE WEEKS AHEAD

### Sunday, May 7—1st Eucharist Weekend

After Mass Women's Club Board Meeting: Brioschi Hall  
2:00pm Piano Recital: Church

### Monday, May 8

6:30pm Piano Recital: Church  
6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall  
7:00pm Women's Book Club: Staff Lounge

### Tuesday, May 9

No scheduled events

### Wednesday, May 10

8:45am Rosary: Church  
9:30am School Mass: Church  
6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus  
7:30pm Men's Club Softball

### Thursday, May 11

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

### Friday, May 12

1:00pm Men's Club Social Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen  
5:30pm Men's Club Volunteer Social: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

### Saturday, May 13

8:00am Women's Club Spring Plant Delivery: Brioschi Hall  
After Mass Women's Club Spring Plant Pickup: Brioschi Hall  
After Mass MCCL Flower Sale: Gathering Space

### Sunday, May 14—Mother's Day

After Masses Women's Club Spring Plant Pickup: Brioschi Hall  
After Masses MCCL Flower Sale: Gathering Space

### Monday, May 15

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall  
6:30pm AFF Meeting: Zoom

### Tuesday, May 16

6:30pm Beacon Team Meeting: Zoom

### Wednesday, May 17—Feast of St. Pascal Baylon

8:45am Rosary: Church  
9:30am School Mass: Church  
7:30pm Men's Club Softball

### Thursday, May 18

9:30am Visitation for Mary Carrigan: Gathering Space, Chapel  
10:30am Funeral & Lunch for Mary Carrigan: Church, Brioschi Hall  
6:00pm Cub Scouts: Old Church

### Friday, May 19

9:00am Women's Club Brunch Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

### Saturday, May 20

10:30am Women's Club Spring Serenade: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen  
After Mass Fellowship: Brioschi Hall

### Sunday, May 21—Ascension of the Lord

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen  
2:00pm Recital: Church

### Finance Council Meeting Update

#### On April 27, 2023 the Finance Council reviewed and discussed:

March income from envelope collections were down compared to budget and from last year at this time; overall operating expenses are higher than budget and last year but are being monitored closely; YTD snow removal is much higher than budget due to record snowfalls; parking lot cleanup and repair was discussed; status of repairs from the water leak damage was reviewed; results from the Fund-a-Need and Friends & Family event were reviewed; 2023-24 preliminary budget was reviewed; recruiting for new members for Finance Council and Pastoral Council will be after Masses on April 29 & 30.

### Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

#### March 2023

##### Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 51,871.34	YTD Giving	\$ 565,333.60
Budgeted	\$ <u>67,168.74</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>622,538.22</u>
+ / -	\$ -15,297.40	YTD + / -	\$ -57,204.62

##### Mortgage Reduction (as of 03.31.2023)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,840,032.49
Principal:	\$ 12,497.65
Interest:	\$ <u>8,963.40</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 21,461.05

YTD Collected Donations	\$ 212,869.38
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>201,149.45</u>
+ / -	\$ 11,719.93

Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 186,753.13
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# of payments from Reserve: 8

**Thank you for your support!**



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ARE INVITED TO

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# SPRING SERENADE

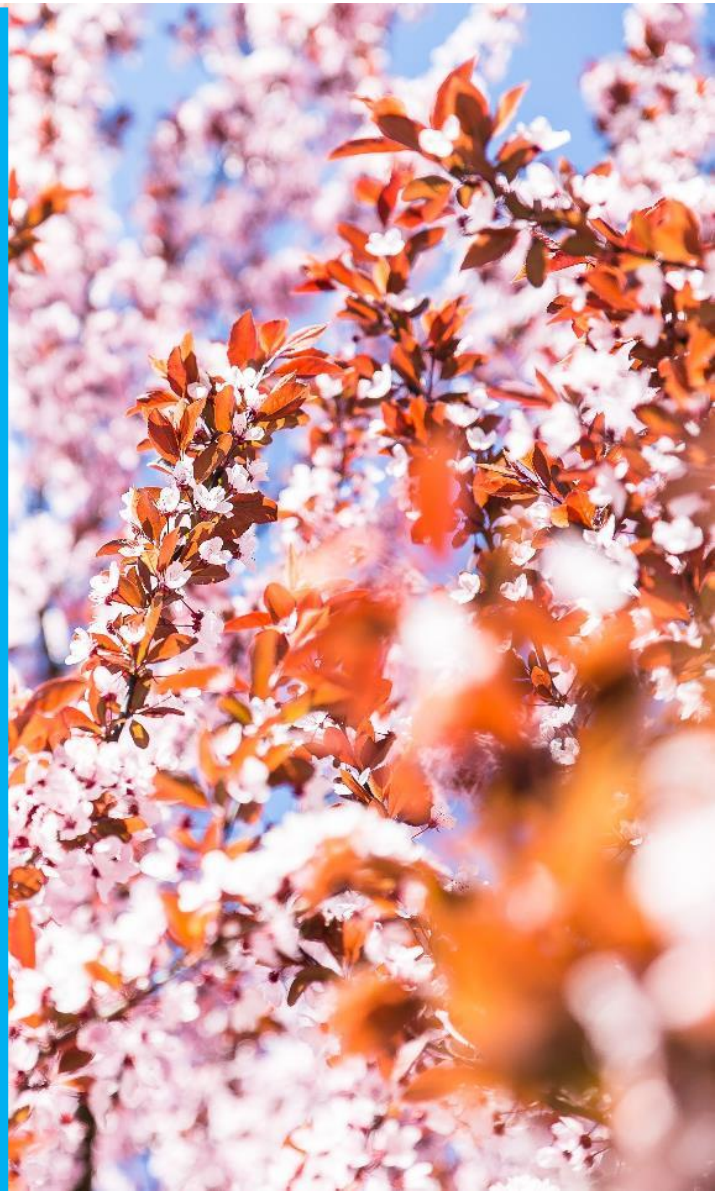
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SATURDAY MAY 20

10:30-1:00

Brioschi Hall

Cost: \$20



There will be a Delicious Brunch, Musical Serenade, Legacy Award Tribute and Door Prizes. Come join the fun!

Brunch Menu: Champagne Chicken, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Pasta Salad and Dinner Roll.

For more info, contact Cindy Reisdorf at 651-734-8937 or [jjreisdorf00@msn.com](mailto:jjreisdorf00@msn.com).

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**To reserve your spot  
please pay \$20 after  
Masses on May 6-7 or 13-14  
or pay on the parish  
website. All reservations  
must be in by May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Sponsored by  
St. Pascal's Women's Club  
(There will *not* be a Young At  
Heart Meeting this month.)**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## The Way

Eternal God,

you sent your Son to become one of us  
and teach us how to be in relationship  
with you.

Thank you for showing us the way  
to you through Jesus.

He is the great gift of our lives.

Help us remain close

to one another in Christian friendship.

Strengthen the bonds of love in  
our family.

Unite us as one in our faith community  
and assist us as we seek

to show others the way, the truth,  
and the life.

Through Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

The Way, The Truth, The Life

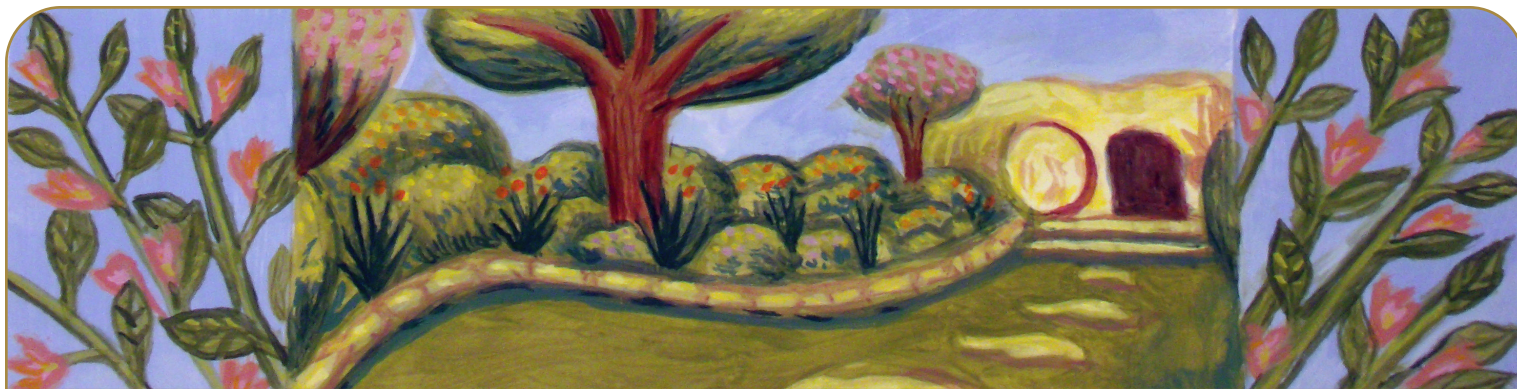


*Today's readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.* When we read the words of Jesus with two thousand years of salvation history in our rearview mirror, it all seems clear. Jesus repeatedly tells the disciples exactly who he is, who sent him, and where he is going. He promises his disciples, whom he loved with human and divine power, that they will remain close for all eternity. Human death will not destroy the bonds of love and relationship.

This promise, first spoken to the disciples shortly after Jesus washed their feet, extends to believers across the generations as well. He offers a compass so that we can always stay close. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). There

it is: we remain close to God by remaining close to Jesus. Last Sunday, Jesus told us that he is the gate. Today he tells us he is the "way" and the "truth" and the "life." Follow his way. Believe his truth. And you will have life eternal.

At that moment of revelation, the disciples responded with questions and confusion. But with the advantage of knowing the full story, we can proceed with confidence, faith, and trust. In the opening prayer for Mass today, we ask God to "constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us" that we baptized Christians may "bear much fruit" in our lives and eventually "come to the joys of life eternal." Persevere in following the footsteps of Jesus, confident they lead to eternal joy with him.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 8 God First

Our message for today is captured in the response to Psalm 115, “Not to us, LORD, not to us / but to your name give the glory” (115:1). Across all time people fall into the trap of worshipping false gods and the temptation has only grown with the emergence of social media and celebrity. The first commandment that God gave so long ago spells it out clearly. The first disciples and all those who follow are called to point the way to the Triune God. Attend to how you spend your time today and where you place your energy: Who or what do you place first in your life? If not God, is it time for realignment? *Today’s readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.*

### Tuesday, May 9 Be Persistent

Paul and Barnabas demonstrate unstoppable persistence in their single-focused mission to bring the good news to all who will listen. They tenaciously give witness to all the ways God has accompanied and supported them through trials and tests. Our primary call as baptized Christians is to live in such a way that we are constantly giving glory to God. Small gestures count as much as large gestures. How do you give glory to God in the small details of your day? *Today’s readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab 21; John 14:27–31a.*

### Wednesday, May 10 Remain

God deeply desires to be close to us. Jesus reveals this desire when he proclaims the he is the vine and we are the branches. Read John 15:1–8 carefully and count how many times Jesus uses the word *remain*. Jesus ardently implores his disciples and all of us to remain close to him. We can see the closeness of God in the new spring growth of branches, leaves, and flower buds. Jesus uses the familiar image of the vine and

the branches to help us visually comprehend the closeness he desires. He is the vine, we are the branches. Look for the signs of God in creation. Can you see them? *Today’s readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

### Thursday, May 11 Love and Joy

Jesus’ words to his disciples read like a Christmas card. He encourages them to know and feel the love of God that he knows with his Father. Place yourself in the room with the disciples. Jesus wishes this knowledge of love for each of us. Receive it as a gift and allow it to unwrap great joy in your heart. Follow his example and tell someone you love them today. *Today’s readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.*

### Friday, May 12 Love One Another

Jesus’ words move from invitatory to commanding. In this next passage from John’s Gospel he tells the disciples straight out, “This is my commandment: love one another” (John 15:12). Parents say it to their children. Marriage counselors say it to husbands and wives. Pastors say it to parishioners. We are called to stick together as a family with love as the binding agent. Tack the commandment on a note card where you will see it over and over again. *Today’s readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.*

### Saturday, May 13 Called and Chosen

When walking as a disciple feels hard, remember the assurances Jesus offered to his followers in John 15:19, “I have chosen you.” God calls and chooses us to be joyful and courageous witnesses in the communities where we are planted. We are not alone; God walks with us. Look for an opportunity to share your faith with someone new today. *Today’s readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*

