

May 10, 2020

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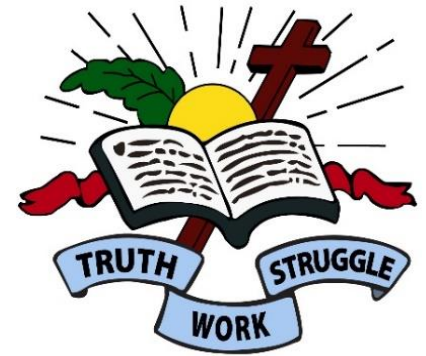
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

**HAPPY MOTHER'S
DAY!**

A Sabbath Thought

Like any building, our *living* church rests on a foundation. It is the cornerstone who is Jesus Christ. Risen from the dead, he gives us life, purpose and unity.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 6:1-7

The community moves to endow seven servants with the Spirit to carry out the ministry of the risen Lord.

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

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1 PETER 2:4-9

We have become a people of priests, a holy edifice built upon the cornerstone that is Christ, knit together in love by the Spirit.

JOHN 14:1-12

Christ is the way, the truth and the life. He gives us the power to do great things in his Name.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 27:7-9

V. Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. "Come," says my heart, "seek God's face"; Your face, Lord, do I seek!
Alleluia.

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior.
Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: John 6:45-46

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. It is written in the prophets: 'They shall all be taught by God.

Everyone who listens to My Father and learns from Him comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the One Who is from God; He has seen the Father.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

CANCELLED!

*Celebrated by the Clergy
for you, the people of God.
Please Pray along at home.*

TODAY – MAY 10th
Fifth Sunday of Easter

MOTHER’S DAY
Intentions for all mothers

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Bishop Joseph Padewski

This Sunday, May 10, 2020 marks the 69th anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski who died in prison in Poland at the hands of the communist leaders of Poland. Please pray for him and for all those martyred in the name of Christ Jesus.

SUNDAY – MAY 17th
Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

The Month of May

During the Month of May we give special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary after the service each Sunday this month as we beseech the Mother of Our Lord to intercede with the Father and her Beloved Son on our behalf. I urge each of you to spend a few moments each day in reflection, asking for her prayers and remembering her sacrifice.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Recited together in place of the reception of the Holy Eucharist)

Most loving Jesus,

I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially John Czechowski, John Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Donna Schalata, Joseph Ross, Stanley Sub, Bea Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Joe Brinsko, Walter Schilling, Bernice Biroscak, Isabella Mularczyk, Laura Kotula and Lt Colonel Fr, Andrew Bilinski, his colleagues and patients. For the repose of the soul of Frances Novak. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Masses, services and other events are cancelled until further notice. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Thank you and God Bless. Take care and stay well.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love, now and forever more. AMEN.

MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

You should have received a mailing containing a Member Information Update Form. Many of you have completed it and returned it to the church. Thank you for your prompt action. If you have not done so yet, please complete the form or forms and return them as soon as you can. There is a pre-addressed, postage paid envelope in the mailing to make this as easy as possible. We need to update our records in order to continue to serve you in the very best way possible so please help us to help you. If you need more copies of the form, you can find it on the website under “Bulletins”. Thank you and God bless you and yours.