



**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Jesus The Way

Jesus' words and deeds in this Gospel speak love at every turn. He demonstrates absolute, total, and universal love in his varied responses to those who approach him.

Jesus' life, teaching, and behavior do indeed present people with "an authentic vision of human existence," that is, a model of the way human life ought to be lived.

If one lives like this, one will definitely encounter God, who is Love.



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| Sat | 05/6/2023 | 05:30pm |
| | Wedding Anniversary of leopaldo & Nellie C. bate | |
| Sun, | 05/07/2023 | 09:00 am |
| | Catherine Khun | |
| | 05/07/2023 | 11:00 am |
| | Charlotte Horning | |
| Mon, | 05/08/2023 | 07:00 am |
| | Robert Ibrahim | |
| Tue, | 05/09/2023 | 07:00 am |
| | H&WB Margarete Victor | |
| Wed, | 05/10/2023 | 07:00 am |
| | Tom Scalea | |
| Thu, | 05/11/2023 | 07:00 am |
| | H&WB Jean Michelin | |
| Fri | 05/12/2023 | 07:00am |
| | Theresa Person | |
| Sat | 05/13/2023 | 08:30pm |
| | Antonio & Annunziata Sica | |
| Sat | 05/13/2023 | 05:30pm |
| | For All Our Mothers | |

| AVAILABLE DAYS FOR MASS INTENTIONS May 2023 | |
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| Mon | 22nd, 29th |
| Tue | 16th |
| Thu | 25th |
| Fri | 19th, |
| Sat | 8:30AM 20th, 27th |
| Sat | 5:30PM 27th |
| Sun | 11:00AM 21st |



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May 7, 2023



REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

1. As the early church grew, problems arose and were addressed. For instance, the Hellenists neglected widows. Do you see areas of negligence today that the Church might help find solutions for? Environmental protection? Homelessness? Immigration? Looking into reasons behind why some groups are more affected by a pandemic?

2. “The Hellenists complained. ... So the Twelve called together the community of disciples. ... ” Today, does the Church make changes to meet the needs of our times? Is there a benefit in involving the “community” in making changes? How important is the ability to make changes? Is anyone you know making changes like the leaders in this Reading did, to meet the Church’s needs of our times

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

1. St. Peter says that we are “a chosen race a royal priesthood and holy nation, a people of his own.” Do you “announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light”? Regularly? Sometimes? With words? With works?? Who? How do you feel about it?

Gospel

John 14:1-12

1. The disciples didn’t know where Jesus was going. And they certainly did not want him to leave. Can you relate to this desire to be with someone you love? How is human love a reflection of divine love? Or a participation in it?

2. Pope Francis says that God’s love for us is madness. The Father loved us so much he sent us his son to guide us on the way! Does Pope Francis’ message below, about Jesus pitching his tent in our midst, help us know The Way? The Truth? Does it help us know the Father?

In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father: Jesus is love incarnate. He is not simply a teacher of wisdom, he is not an ideal for which we strive while knowing that we are hopelessly distant from it. He is the meaning of life and history, who has pitched his tent in our midst. Our Father is patient, he loves us, he gives us Jesus to guide us on the way which leads to the promised land. Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness.

Midnight Mass Homely of Pope Francis

#2.#3 December 24. 2013

Anne Osdieck

Lord God,
 You loved this world so much,
 That you gave your one and only Son,
 That we might be called your children too.
 Lord, help us to live in the gladness and
 grace
 Of Easter Sunday, everyday.
 Let us have hearts of thankfulness
 For your sacrifice.
 Let us have eyes that look upon
 Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
 Help us to walk in that mighty grace
 And tell your good news to the world.
 All for your glory do we pray, Lord.
 Amen.



Preparing To Go

First Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Obviously they are upset, so it is a kindly directive. And second, he elaborates the reason they should not be upset, which is the essence.

His initiating statement is this: “You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

Notice the two levels of meaning: *The first* is practical: trust me, I am your friend. But *the second* requires much more consideration: I am so much at one with God that you can believe in me in exactly the way you believe in God!

Jesus then uses one of his parable-like stories to clarify.

The Father has a house somewhere with a whole lot of rooms in it. Jesus has decided to go there and prepare a spot for each of the disciples. He will come back and take them to that place so that they and Jesus will all be together again. This is a supremely consoling image, isn't it?

But not to the disciples, who at this point are not ready to do without Jesus even for a few moments. Remember when Jesus had asked them if they were going to leave him, and Peter had said, “Where would we go—you have the words of eternal life”? Now Jesus himself is the one leaving.

Again, two levels of meaning: *First*, where are you going? *Second*, you are so close to God that your death itself will be a going home to God. Help!

READINGS

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Reading I: Acts 6: 1-7
Psalm: 33: 1-2,4-5,18-19
Reading II: 1 Peter 2: 4-9
Gospel: John 14: 1-12

So he tries another explanation, extending the image. He says, “Where I am going you know the way.”

Ah, at last a practical statement that even doubting Thomas can deal with. Thomas says, “Sure, we could find a map and locate a path and follow it. But look, we can't even know where you are going! Be practical”!

Jesus' statement was a play on words, not “practical” in Thomas' way. Jesus himself is “the way (the truth and the life).” This meaning is much deeper. The way to the Father is not a literal roadway but rather the person of Jesus!

Philip barks out, “Look, Master, just show us the Father and we will be satisfied”! Jesus answers, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

The apostles, practical and broken-hearted, hear mainly the *pragmatic level*. But Jesus coaches them on to the *spiritual level*.

And they are left as “ships passing in the night.”

Don't you wish he could have said it more plainly, more simply?

Ok, but we are listening to the deepest mystery of the whole Christian faith—the way God can become a complete human being without ceasing to be God or human.

Jesus did his best to show it to the disciples in Sunday's Gospel, with images, story, and description. Maybe it is now up to us to cling to him in prayer and contemplative listening, so that we too can move toward the answer.

Even when we are not allowed to go to Mass!

John Foley, SJ

ORATIO IMPERATA AGAINST THE COVID-19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the Covid-19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

Grant them health in mind and body, strength in their commitment, protection from the disease.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health.

Protect those who care for them.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died. Give us the grace in these trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need.

May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Mother Mary, help of all Christians, pray for us.

*St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.
St. Roch, pray for us.*

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