



May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Cf. Is 48: 20



- *I hope that you and yours remain well and protected. I know that I sound like a broken record, but we still do not know when we will open as I write this on Tuesday morning the 12 of May.*
- *I have been overwhelmed by your prayers and generosity during this time of crisis. Fr. John G. jgonzles@diocesetucson.org and myself sta5150@aol.com are hearing confessions in the courtyard by appointment. You can reach us at the above emails.*
- *We have tried to keep the church open daily at least between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you come, please distance yourself from anyone in the church and please do not come if you are sick—germs spread and stay on surfaces for a long time.*
- *If you have not visited the parish website, we have many videos available on YouTube which can link to off the website. When we finally do open, we will continue to have Masses on video on Sunday for those who are staying homebound.*

I keep you all in my prayers as I hope you keep us in yours.

Blessings,

Fr. John L.

****Outside Bulletin content is suspended until further notice ****

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Nothing planned until the middle of June. Remember our prayer list is now online on our website. Please add these people to your prayers.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MAY 16 - MAY 24

Saturday	1st Mass	- Patrick Rebarchak † - Mary Nelson †
Sunday 5/17	2nd Mass	- Paul Nelson † - Joan & Francis Williams †
	3rd Mass	- Richard Cappello † - Eric Gall †
	4th Mass	- James Weber †
Monday	8:00 a.m.	- Carmelina & John Nigro † - Ernie Chacon †
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	- Wanda Dever † - Lynn Braun †
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	- Lynn Braun † - Elizabeth Crino †
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	- James Weber † - Carmen C. Ochoa †
Friday	8:00 a.m.	- Eric Gall † - John Coates †
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	- John & Edith Lyons †
	1st Mass	- George Kenneth Anderson † - Tom Shelby †
Sunday 5/24	2nd Mass	- John & Alice Lynch † - Rose & Theodore Wurz †
	3rd Mass	- John J. Zahl † - Joanne Thomas †
	4th Mass	- Fr. John Gonzales

† deceased

* Mass intentions are being announced during the private daily Masses/weekend Masses that each priest is doing *

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No Masses until further notice

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. John I
- Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
- Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
- Friday: St. Rita of Cascia



Mass Intentions!

As of right now, the plan when we do open is to have early morning Masses Friday, Saturday and Monday that will count as Sunday obligations, these will use the 8:00 a.m. Mass intention on those days independent of when the early morning Mass takes place. We will also have one Saturday evening Mass and three Sunday morning Masses. The times for all these Masses are currently **TBD**.

Until September, we currently have 5 Saturday/Sunday Masses scheduled, one of which is For the People of St. Thomas. We will be taking the Mass intentions of those five and assigning them 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, having the For the people celebrated in the streamed version of the Mass.

What does this mean to your Mass intention? The time you originally specified may have changed and may now not be a good time. If so, please call the office any morning, Monday-Friday, and we will try to accommodate a change. These are exceptional times and we know that some may be disappointed as a result of these changes; but do know that no intention will be dropped - your loved one will still be prayed for at a Mass.

As a reminder, the 2021 Mass intention book is now opened.



I am convinced that it is still best that I speak the truth, even if it costs me my life.

Bl. Franz Jägerstätter

Austrian husband, father, and conscientious objector to the Nazis during World War II. He was sentenced to death and martyred at the age of 36.

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Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or Jn 17:1-11a.

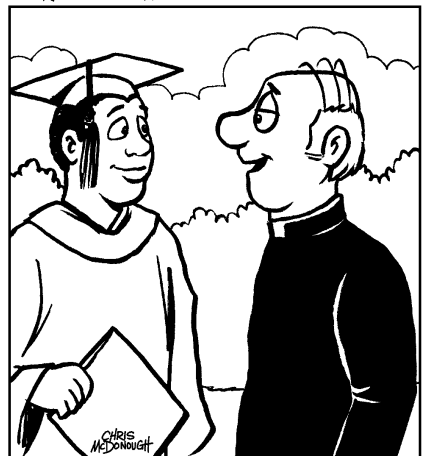
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THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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Some truth in humor!

“As W. J. Toms once said: ‘Be careful how you live; you may be the only Bible some person ever reads.’”

ST. THOMAS STAFF

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(Mid-September to May)

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Matthew Holter Director
Children's Choir 9:00 a.m. 1st Sunday
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Gregg Reynolds Organist/Pianist/Harpist

*If you are interested in joining one of the Choirs,
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