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Readings for the Week of May 11, 2020

- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; 1Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14: 1-12
- Monday:** Acts 14: 5-18; Jn 14 21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14: 15-21

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Note from Bishop Coyne

Following Governor Scott's recent order for a phased restart of Vermont's economy that balances the need to improve overall social and economic wellbeing with the need to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 outbreaks, our churches will be open for individual devotion and personal prayer beginning this Monday, May 11. No public assemblies of any type will be allowed in the buildings. Unfortunately, this means no public Masses, regularly scheduled sacramental celebrations, assemblies, or group devotions may be celebrated at this time.

For the safety of everyone, please follow the "social distancing" protocols and the guidelines that are posted on the church doors. Most especially do not come in if you feel sick or rundown or if you are in a "vulnerable group" - those who are over 70 years of age or have a pre-existing medical condition that puts them at risk. Please continue to "stay home and stay safe."

Bishop Coyne

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima—May 13:

"Every Catholic devotion, when stripped down to its bare elements, is directly or indirectly aimed at finding the Child with Mary his mother (cf. Lk 2:12). These two are inseparable, the two hearts are intimately allied. This explains why Our Lord, as Lucia of Fatima was instructed to tell us, wishes his own Eucharistic Heart and that of his mother to be placed alongside each other and jointly honored. In this way it comes about that we meet the alliance of hearts in all Marian sanctuaries. There, along with God's mother, we offer our homage and adoration to him who was the fruit of her shining faith as much as of her womb. For she is called blessed because she believed (Lk. 1:45). And now in turn Mary helps pilgrims to believe ever more strongly especially in the sacrament of her Son's loving presence. (Fr. R. Foley, S.J.)

also in would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going. Thomas said to him, Lord, 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, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him. Philip said to him, Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied. Jesus said to him, Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who 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 in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday May 9	RIP	Carrie Lynch By: her family
Sunday May 10	RIP	William & Helen Peschl By: Warren & Mary

Daily Masses

Monday May 11		
Tuesday May 12		St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday May 13	RIP	Michael Shaughnessy By: Sean Doyle & James Jones
Thursday May 14		St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday May 15		St. Isidore

Next Weekend

Saturday May 16	RIP	Jane Purdy (death rem.) By: Marquise family
Sunday May 17	RIP	Vincenzo Ruggiero (death rem.) By: his family

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F ke, Lois
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Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mearthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elysse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

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Guidelines and Safety measures from the CDC, about the COVID-19 Virus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Please note:

Regular online and phone office hours are open from Monday - Thursday from 11:00-4:00 PM to answer the phones and receive emails. Please dial 802-463-3128 for emergencies.



A MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons, and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

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USCCB Prayer for healing and protection from COVID-19

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.