



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

1 Pt 3:15–18

Jn 14:15–21

## What Is Your Hope?

**W**e have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope *that*, but hope *in*. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

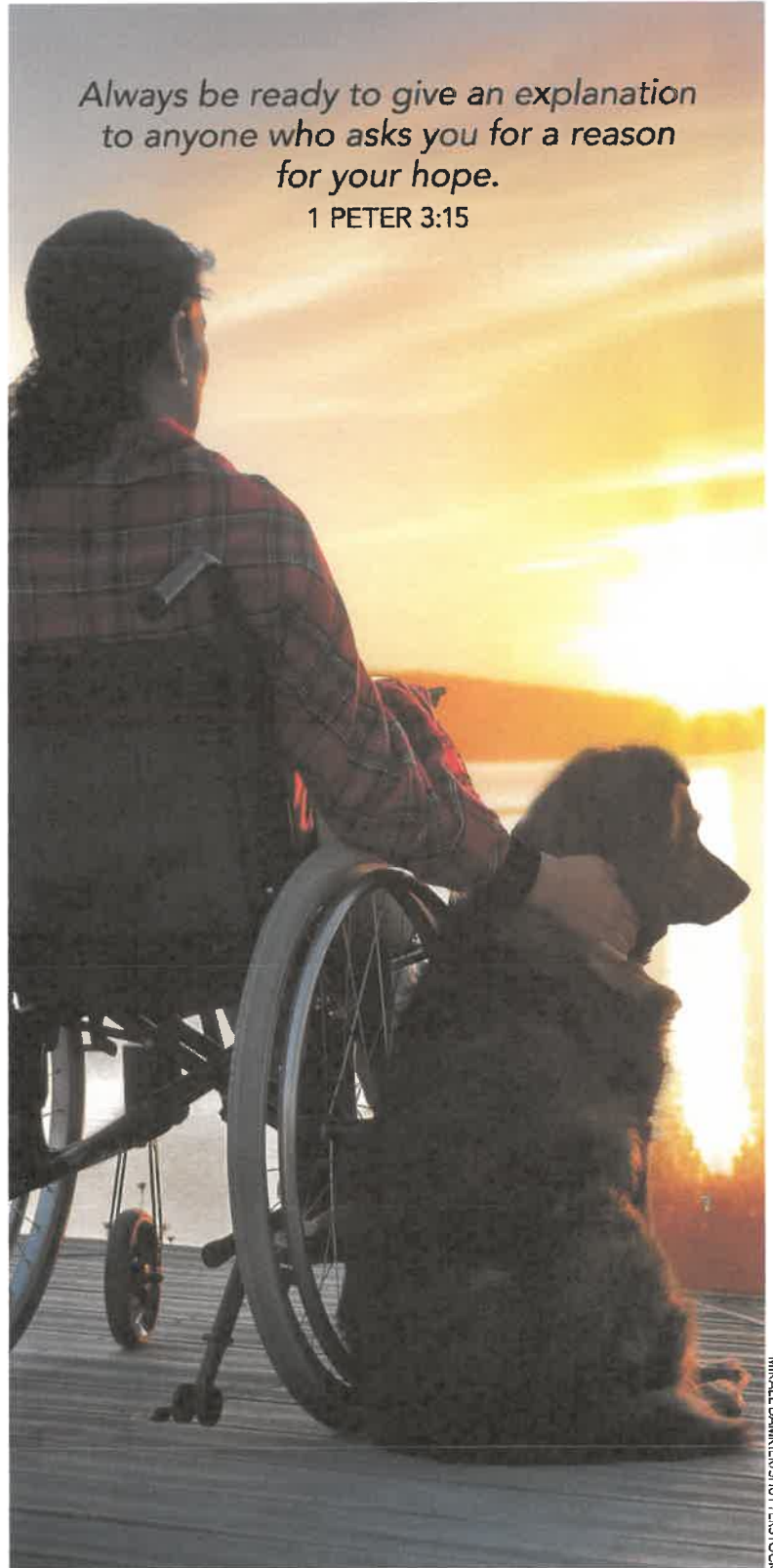
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Think of times when you were surprised by God's love.*
- ★ *Pray for the gift of genuine religious hope.*

*Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.*

1 PETER 3:15



MIKAEL DAMKIER/SHUTTERSTOCK

Blessed Sacrament + **St. Edward** + **St. Joseph**

**PARISH FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Sunday May 17, 2020**

**Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph  
Parishioners**

**Public Masses will resume with the listed  
protocols in this bulletin! See the orange sheet!**

**The week end of May 30th & May 31st  
Mass Schedule this weekend only  
5pm Saturday, Blessed Sacrament  
7pm Saturday, St. Edward  
8am Sunday, Blessed Sacrament  
9:45am Sunday, St. Joseph**

**Our weekend Mass schedule will change to the following  
The weekend of June 7th-September 27th  
5pm Saturday, Blessed Sacrament  
8am Sunday, Blessed Sacrament  
9:45am Sunday, St. Edward's  
11:30am Sunday, St. Joseph's**

**NOTICE OF CANCELATION OF ST. EDWARD'S CENTENIAL  
CELEBRATION**

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, St. Edward's is canceling the Centennial Celebration set for Sunday, June 28th, 2020 and will reschedule the celebration to happen the summer of 2021. Watch for details as to a rescheduled date. The history book is still scheduled for publication in June so please get your family history to Joanie Krantz as soon as possible. Email: [jkrantz@wiktel.com](mailto:jkrantz@wiktel.com) or mail to 505 Main St S, Karlstad, MN 56732 Thank you, Joanie

Blessed Sacrament will be live streaming the weekday Mass and weekend Masses. Go to our webpage: [www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com) or use this address: <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Parish Staff

**Father George Noel,**  
 Email: gnoel8@gmail.com Cell: 218-289-1735  
 Michelle "Shelly" Kern, Parish Secretary ...782-2467  
 Home: 782-2661 Cell: 218-689-8863  
 Email: michellebsc@wiktel.com  
*Her office hours Tuesday-Friday 8:00am-12Noon*

Jess Foss RE Coordinator: Cell: 218-556-6090 or call  
 the parish office 218-782-2467  
 Email: jessicafoss14@gmail.com

Marlene Pulczynski, All Parishes Bookkeeper .....  
 782-2467  
 Email: marlenebsc@wiktel.com  
*Her office hours: Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm*

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON**  
**If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com)  
 Live Stream Url:  
<https://ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

**PARISH PHONE: 218-782-2467**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at 12 Noon  
**Use of Parish Facility :** Call the parish office, 782-2467  
**BAPTISM:** To present your child for baptism, please call Fr. George for an appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** "Congratulations" Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your Marriage. Marriage Ceremonies will be no later than **2:00pm Saturday afternoons.**

**PASTORAL VISITATION:** If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office. We want to be part of your life.

**Public Masses will resume see protocols in this bulletin!**

## FOR THE WEEK OF May 18

**Tuesday, May 19**  
**5:30pm** **Blessed Sacrament**  
 +Edward & Leona Efta

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**NO LIFECARE MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Thursday, May 21**  
**10:00am** **St. Joseph**  
 +For our 2020 High School Graduates

**Friday, May 22**  
**5:30pm** **St. Edward**  
 +Birthday Blessings Alice King

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 23**  
**5:00pm** **Blessed Sacrament**  
 +Lambert Mlodzik & Raymond Schaller

**Sunday, May 24**  
**8:00am** **Blessed Sacrament**  
 +Louise & Leopold Foldesi

**9:45am** +John Wilebski, Sr **St. Joseph**

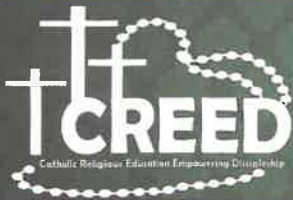
**11:30am** +For the people **St. Edward**

**RECONCILIATION....**  
**please contact Fr. George for an appointment. 218-289-1735**

## 2020 DAA Status as of May 1

|              | Goal       | Donated    | % of Goal     |
|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| BSC          | 13,818     | 17,074.50  | 127.31%       |
| St Edward    | 4,182      | 2,373.00   | 52.49%        |
| St Joseph    | 4,004      | 1,628.33   | 42.86%        |
| Diocese Goal | 900,000.00 | 706,945.13 | <b>77.47%</b> |





Serving the Parishes of:  
 Blessed Sacrament - Greenbush  
 St. Joseph's - Middle River  
 St. Edward's - Karlstad

## CREED CLASS NEWS

*Keep our Graduates in your prayers..*

**Blessed Sacrament:**

*Andy Dostal, Zach Evans, Ganon Kuznia,  
 Faith Novacek, Kyle Stauffenecker and  
 Kennedy Truscinski*

**St. Edward's:**

*Sarah, Lenhart and Kylie Shetler*

**St. Joseph's:**

*Michael Diaz*

**Scholarship Winners....**

**Fr. Don Braukmann:** *Kennedy Truscinski*

**Y.A.M. Scholarship:** *Kyle Stauffenecker*

**St. John Vianney:** *Andy Dostal*

*First Communion will be celebrated with our  
 students as soon as we can gather as  
 community. We will keep you posted right here!*

**FREE SACK  
 MEALS FOR ALL  
 K-12 STUDENTS  
 PICK UP  
 ANYTIME**

**8am-8pm in  
 Blessed Sacrament Church  
 Entryway. Beginning  
 Wednesday, March 18 until  
 School Resumes**

Brought to you by our Tri-Parishes:  
 Blessed Sacrament Church  
 Bethel Lutheran Church  
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**Blessed Sacrament  
 St. Edward - St. Joseph  
 Religious Education (RE) Committee**

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Elle Frislie       | Chairperson |
| Mary Stauffenecker | Secretary   |
| Jess Foss          | DRE         |
| Sarah Novacek      | BSC         |
| Rachel Lund        | BSC         |
| Tina Taus          | St. Joseph  |
| Lynette Cudnik     | St. Edward  |

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

### Prayer Line Contact:

Ann Novacek at 782-2749 or Kathy Schafer at 528-3241 get a prayer line requested started. Shelly Kern to start the email prayer line: 782-2467 office

### Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

Robert Truscinski Sharon Paquin

### St. Ann's Altar Cloth Laundry:

**February –May:** Joy Sand

### Memorials:

A memorial was received to the BSC Building Fund and Fr. Don Braukmann Scholarship in memory of Don Grabanski and Dena Pulczinski



## WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

### BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual Sunday, May 3

Fiscal Year Budget \$136,150.00

| Budget<br>as of 5/3       | Received<br>as of 5/7 | Difference |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| \$115,204.00              | \$121,285.00          | \$6,081.00 |
| <b>Adult Stewardship:</b> | <b>\$6,411.00</b>     |            |
| <b>Adult EFT Gifts:</b>   | <b>\$ 835.00</b>      |            |
| <b>Adult EFT April:</b>   | <b>\$1,275.00</b>     |            |
| <b>Easter Sunday:</b>     | <b>\$ 25.00</b>       |            |
| <b>Holy Land:</b>         | <b>\$ 500.00</b>      |            |
| <b>Holy Thursday:</b>     | <b>\$ 500.00</b>      |            |
| <b>Catholic Home Mis:</b> | <b>\$ 305.00</b>      |            |

## BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES FOR THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS

- 1. PROCLAIMER (wears a mask)**
- 2. COMMENTATOR (wears a mask)**
- 3. ORGANIST (wears a mask)**
- 4. SONG-LEADER**

**JUNE MINISTRIES WILL BE POSTED IN  
 THE SUNDAY, MAY 31ST BULLETIN**

## ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

**Prayer Line Contact:** Phyllis Blazek 222-3316

**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...**

No birthdays this week

### UPCOMING 100TH ANNIVERSARY FOR MIDDLE RIVER ST. JOSEPH:

Historical submissions are being requested for the 100th celebration of our parish on July 26 beginning with mass at 11:30. All parishioners, past parishioners, along with others are asked to send any photos, information, or memories/stories for publication in our

history booklet. Deadline for submissions is June 1.

Start searching now! This information can be submitted by Emailing: [Super33@wiktel.com](mailto:Super33@wiktel.com) or

[rachbuko7@gmail.com](mailto:rachbuko7@gmail.com)

Calling: 218-222-3767 or 218-688-0018

Texting: 218-689-2874 or 218-688-0018

Mailing: St. Joe History, Box 38, Middle River, MN 56737

Please help us celebrate this special occasion!

## ST. EDWARD CORNER

**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...**

Philip Krantz Larina Berggren Wendy Mooney  
Cam LeMoine Gianna Cudnik Kolbe Cudnik

### 100th Centennial .....**CANCELED**

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### WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

**St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual**

Sunday, May 5

**Fiscal Year Budget \$38,200.00**

| Budget<br>As of 5/3 | Received<br>as of 5/7 | Difference |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| \$32,323.00         | \$38,258.00           | \$6,195.00 |
| <b>Stewardship:</b> | <b>\$260.00</b>       |            |

### WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

**St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual**

Sunday, May 3

**Fiscal Year Budget \$34,500.00**

| Budget<br>As of 5/3     | Received<br>as of 5/7 | Difference |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| \$29,182.00             | \$30,689.00           | \$1,587.00 |
| <b>Stewardship:</b>     | <b>\$1,285.00</b>     |            |
| <b>Children's Coins</b> | <b>\$ 204.13</b>      |            |
| <b>Good Friday</b>      | <b>\$ 10.00</b>       |            |
| <b>Easter</b>           | <b>\$ 10.00</b>       |            |
| <b>Catholic Comm</b>    | <b>\$ 10.00</b>       |            |
| <b>Ascension</b>        | <b>\$ 10.00</b>       |            |

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# Dear Padre,

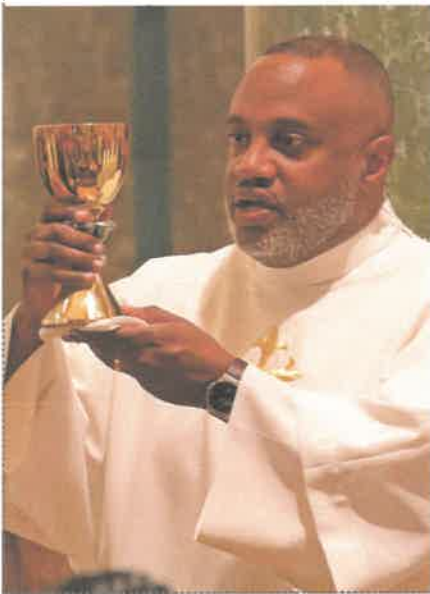
## After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?

**A**t baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSr  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*There are so many people waiting for us to go out and meet them and look at them with the tenderness that we have experienced and received from our relationship with God. That is where our power lies: not in our ideals and in our personal projects, but rather in the strength of his mercy.*

—ADDRESS TO THE ORDER OF AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS,  
OCTOBER 20, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:22–34  
Jn 16:5–11

### Wednesday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday  
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

### Thursday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:1–8  
Jn 16:16–20

### Friday

MAY 22

Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:9–18  
Jn 16:20–23

### Saturday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

### Sunday

MAY 24

The Ascension  
of the Lord  
Acts 1:1–11  
Eph 1:17–23  
Mt 28:16–20

Protocols for Public Masses  
(after May 18 until further notice)

From the Diocese of Crookston

The protocols include limiting the capacity to 25%, social distancing, wearing masks (not the priest celebrant), use of hand sanitizer by the public and ministers, distributing Communion in the hand, avoiding skin-to-skin contact, and sanitizing the church following each Mass. Bishop Hoepfner will continue to suspend the Sunday Mass obligation. Inviting people to attend Mass during the week could promote the safety of vulnerable elders and others with underlying health conditions, and help maintain 25% capacity on the weekends.

For Our Parishes

The Mass schedule will return as follows beginning Tuesday May 19:

Tuesdays: 5:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: Still **no Mass** at the Care Center

Thursdays: 10:00 am at St Joseph

Fridays: 5:30 pm at St Edward

Saturdays: 5:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament (Sunday's Mass)

Sundays:

8:00 am at Blessed Sacrament

9:45 am at St Joseph (**Note:** St Joseph and St Edward switch in June)

11:30 am at St Edward ( " )

Obviously, proper social distancing limits the number of people we can fit in our churches, though the separation is between households and not between members within one household, which helps a little. If we exceed our capacity, some folks will have to go to the overflow space, i.e. the social hall space. So please, consider attending a week day Masses if at all possible. If you have underlying health issues, considering calling me (Fr George) for an appointment, the option available to everyone since the beginning of the private Masses.

**Repeat for Emphasis**

If you are sick or have underlying health issues, stay home! Everyone, attend one of the weekday Masses instead of the weekend Mass if at all possible. Know that this sacrifice is pleasing to God. Social distancing and the wearing of face masks for everyone over 2 years old are necessary to make this work. **Also be assured, receiving Communion in the hand during this time, if this is not your custom, is an act of humility that is pleasing to God.**

By prudent use of these new protocols, we can hopefully avoid a reimposition of the lock-down and private Masses. Let us all do our part to make this work.

Saint Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us.

+Fr George

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## The Advocate

Heavenly Father,  
Sanctify our hearts with the gift of  
your Spirit.  
Empower us to continue the ministry  
of Jesus—  
to speak the truth with joy and gentleness,  
to comfort others in their sorrow  
and suffering,  
to withstand evil in all its forms.

Reveal your Son's enduring presence within  
and around us.

Help us reveal him to others in all that we do  
so that your love may be known  
and embraced by everyone  
and the world brought to new life  
in your Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 17, 2020

For the Family



*Today's Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21.* In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus refers to multiple commandments, but he gives only one: love one another. To love people—and we would add, to cherish all of God's creation—is to love the Risen Lord and, through him, the Father. That love first flowed the other way, from the Father, through the Son, to the world. Love for and from God pulls the world back together. The Advocate, God's own Spirit, unites people and assures them that they are and always will be God's children.

The Advocate also empowers believers to act as Jesus did. Philip fulfills this commissioning perfectly: he pro-

claims Christ, expels demons, and heals people. Then, when the Samaritans accept the Gospel, centuries of enmity are overcome as Jews and Samaritans are bound together by Baptism and the Holy Spirit. They become sisters and brothers of Christ and part of the new family of God, the Father.

Our Second Reading urges us to act as Christ did, both for our sake and for the sake of others. People will not always be as receptive to us as the Samaritans were to Philip. Only by responding intelligently but peaceably will we persuade people of the enduring joy that comes from following Christ. By speaking and acting with gentle and patient persistence, we will be brought to life in the Spirit.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 18

#### Journeys

The Advocate that Jesus promised has unmistakably filled St. Paul. For the rest of the Easter season we will hear about Paul's extensive travels and missionary work. Paul takes every opportunity to tell others about Christ and to enter into fellowship with them. Make a map of your Christian journey. What significant moments are on that map? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

### Tuesday, May 19

#### Revealing Righteousness

Jesus promises to send an Advocate who will reveal whether a person is ultimately righteous or sinful. In Acts, the jailer recognizes that Paul and Silas are righteous despite their imprisonment. The jailer is so impressed by their behavior that he listens to them and is baptized. Are there people you don't listen to because you are certain they are wrong? Do they have some words of truth to offer you? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

### Wednesday, May 20

#### A Gospel for All

Jesus helps his disciples prepare for his death. He also promises that the "Spirit of truth" will give them insight into future events so that they can act in his name. This Spirit is active in Paul as he preaches in Athens, a city renowned for its diversity. Paul's ministry in that city anticipates the spread of the Gospel to the wider and still more diverse world. Today, the Gospel is lived and expressed in countless ways. What are some Catholic practices unique to your area or culture? *Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

### Thursday, May 21

#### The Ascension of the Lord

In ancient texts, revered people were sometimes shown being taken up into heaven. Their ascension was a metaphor for divine approval. Luke draws on this imagery to show that God approves of Jesus but also that Jesus shares God's power. Having ascended, Jesus is no longer physically constrained but is spiritually and sacramentally present in those who are baptized. *Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.*

### Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

In Acts, we're reminded that Paul did not work alone but counted on other people for material and emotional support. When the disciples learned of Jesus' forthcoming death, they also would have turned to one another for support. Who is a source of strength and comfort for you? *Today's Readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

### Friday, May 22

#### Everlasting Joy

Jesus insists that his disciples will soon be filled with a joy from God that no one can take away. This promise seems to clash with the passage from Acts where Paul is unjustly treated by a mob and those in authority don't care. Paul, however, compelled by love and gratitude for Christ, continues his ministry. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

### Saturday, May 23

#### Our Every Need

Jesus tells his disciples that soon God will give them whatever they ask. Often, however, we receive without asking. Apollos receives much needed instruction about the Christian faith. The Christian community then receives in Apollos a well-formed and compelling preacher. Surprise someone by doing something helpful but unexpected for them today. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*





# MEMORIAL DAY TAKE-OUT MEAL!

BBQ  
Chips  
Bar & Drink



**Monday, May 25th**  
**Blessed Sacrament Church, Greenbush**  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Place your order in the Parking Lot  
or Call, Text or order Online at  
[bit.ly/memorialdaylunch](http://bit.ly/memorialdaylunch)  
for quick pick-up! 218-556-6090

Pick-up will be on the  
southwest side of the  
church. Watch for signs.

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