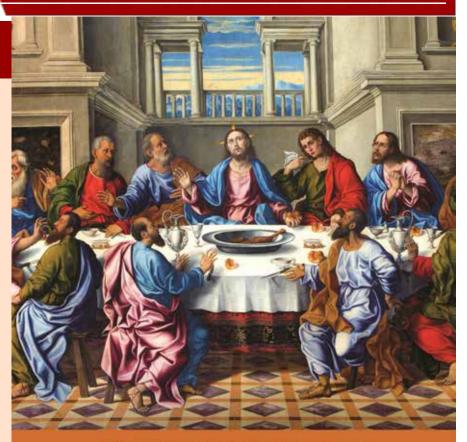
# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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#### Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm In the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

#### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**RCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670** 

#### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?**

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone

By calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Weekdays -7am Mass (Monday thru Friday) Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

#### **TALLer Tales**



On Vacation with Family: As I mentioned in last week's TALLer Tales, at last year's School Gala, my mom was one of two winners of a 2week stay at a

home in Naples. The live auction item donation was through the generosity of the Emmerich Family. Not knowing how the whole festival weekend would emerge, I committed to being in Naples with my mom and sister Jackie for only the first week. My sister Cindy and two of her kids, Adam and McKenzie, joined the fun for the second week. Initially, I wasn't going to be in Naples when Cindy, Adam, and McKenzie arrived, but I ended up having to extend my time two extra days, so there was some overlap. It was good to have those two additional days to be with everyone.

I'm not sure if everyone has the same experience as I do, but there are ALWAYS stories to be told when our family travels together. When you travel with friends, you may not pick on each other's idiosyncrasies as often as you would with family. Oh my, we love calling each other out on all of our quirks!

Now I have to describe the beautiful home we were staying in. When you walk through the front door, the main bedroom and connected bathroom are to the right of the main living/dining room. The kitchen and the family room are to the left with a separate wing, if you will, with another bathroom and two guestrooms beyond the kitchen. For the first week, I was in the "guest side" of the house while my mom and sister Jackie were in the other "wing." So, I had my side, and they had their side!

My sister Jackie is a cleaning fanatic. Her idea of a family gathering is that you serve and clean simultaneously! If she had it her way, she would be following behind you with a vacuum and Clorox wipes! When you travel with her, it's like having a built-in housekeeper 24/7. She swoops in and cleans even as you're making a mess!

The first morning we were in Naples, I emerged from my "wing" just after taking a shower. I was prepping to get my coffee, and my sister was already wiping down the kitchen counters with Clorox wipes. Before I could even pop my K-cup in the Keurig machine, she asked, "Did you wipe down the shower and bathroom?" "DID I

WHAT?" I then thought to myself, "I'm on vacation. Where in the house rules does it state I had to wipe down the shower and bathroom the nano-second I emerged. Good heavens, soon she'll want to know if I made my bed!" I don't go on vacation often, but there must be some international law about not having to make your bed or wipe down a shower when you're on vacation!

While Jackie is the cleaning fanatic, I like running errands and doing the grocery shopping. The best part for me is that I ALWAYS come back with much more than what I was asked to get. I like scoping out different stores! You would think they would catch on, but I always come back with a variety of junk food and chocolate items! Sure, I get the real food items eventually, but what would a good vacation be like without all the other stuff! We also knew that we had to get the "junk food and chocolate cravings" out of the way before my sister and her kids arrived because they are the health fanatics and the CrossFit gurus. They will be running every day, enjoy going to a CrossFit class or two, and eating tons of fruit and healthy stuff! In fact, when I sent them a picture of us eating one day before they arrived, my niece immediately texted back and wanted to know where all the fruit was hiding! Oh, it was hiding alright ... at the grocery store! I was on vacation! I guess the apple in the Apple Fritter from Dunkin Donuts didn't count toward my fruit quota for the day. I was going to do the shopping because if the CrossFit gurus were left to do the task, they'd come home with some imitation plant-based Chocolate Milk and make me drink it! I'm on vacation!

On the first night that everyone was together (last Saturday), we ventured down to Tin City in Naples and had dinner at Pinchers on the Bay. It was a spectacular evening; you couldn't have asked for better weather! We had a super excellent waiter who was very diligent at keeping up with his tables. The place was super packed! When he finally took our dinner order, one of my sisters asked for Thousand Island dressing for her salad. He looked puzzled and then said with a bit of laughter, "You guys must be from Michigan or Ohio ... no one else but from Michigan or Ohio ever seems to ask for Thousand Island dressing around here. Nope, we don't have that!" Then my nephew piped up, "I guess we shouldn't ask for Vernors then!'

But one of the funniest moments happened when we were returning from that dinner at Tin City. One of the issues with our family is that we have some very directionally challenged family members. Even with all the technology in the world at their fingertips, these family members can still get lost. We were in two cars. My mom and I were in one car; my sisters and my niece and nephew were in another vehicle. Once we got moving, they followed behind me. A few minutes later, I noticed they got in the left lane and were about to turn left at this major intersection. I had no clue what they were doing or where they were going! Big brother knew they were going the wrong way! So I asked my mom to call them and figure out what they were doing. She put them on speakerphone and asked the question. My sisters responded in unison as if their big brother was questioning them or was making fun of them for something already (okay, he was ... but they didn't realize it yet), "We're following YOU!" "Oh NO, you're NOT," I shouted. "You mean the car in front of us, isn't you?" "NOOOOO," my mom said back. Then the laughter began! I could only roll my eyes! Some things never change ... even on vacation!

Raffle 2022: Thanks again for all of your support of this year's raffle. Please remember that you have until Sunday at 4:30 PM to get your raffle tickets in on time for our 5 PM drawing. You can drop your tickets off at the Parish Center or in the collection boxes in Church throughout the weekend; if the office isn't open, drop your completed tickets in the mail slot. The drawing will take place at 5 PM in Church. If you want to be there live, join us. Otherwise, we will stream the drawing at 5 PM at livestream.stjoan.church. Good Luck. AND THANKS for your support of our 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Raffle!

Food Truck Festival: Don't forget about the Food Truck Festival this weekend. You'll be supporting SJA when you buy food this weekend because a portion of food truck profits will be given back to SJA. Elsewhere in the bulletin, you'll notice a full-page flyer with a complete listing of all the food truck vendors on site. We have something for everyone! And, as a bonus this year, we've added a bunch of seating and a tent so you can enjoy your meal and chat with others on-site!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

gmb gmb@sjascs.org



May 22, 2022

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Written by FAITHFUL

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In the reading from John's Gospel today, Jesus eases into the message he has for his disciples - a message he knows they don't want to hear: He has to leave them. But Jesus tells his disciples that if they love him and keep his commandments, he and the Father will "make their dwelling" within them. He then assures them they will not be alone: The Advocate will come to not only remind them of all he taught them, but also teach them everything they need to know in the future. Finally, he offers them peace, the peace that comes only through the Spirit and draws them closer to God. Though Jesus knows they are broken-hearted that he is leaving, he tells them to rejoice if they love him, for he is returning to his Father. Jesus' words to the first disciples ring true for every disciple throughout the ages. He does not leave anyone who loves him alone. He sends his Spirit to dwell in us, to teach and remind us of his love and how to love one another. The Spirit guides us, encourages us, and sustains us - always. We are never alone.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The first Christians, guided by the Holy Spirit, shared this message with the Gentile communities to whom they were ministering: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities." This is a profound moment in the Church as it shows first, the power of the Holy Spirit working in and with the Apostles; and second, the importance of faith (not ritual circumcision, or other human laws) for salvation. The Gospel is intended for all, without exception, and the Holy Spirit is our help and our Advocate in our own lives of faith, and in our sharing of that faith with others. Let us seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit in all we do, that we might be a blessing, not a burden, for everyone seeking the glory of God's light.

STUDY The Acts of the Apostles is an amazing account of how Jesus' followers grew from a small group of frightened people into the courageous and zealous missionaries who founded his Church. Read the catechism from 687-747 to learn more about the Holy Spirit and pray for the grace to let him work in and through you for the salvation of all who seek him.

#### St. Joan of Arc Men's Fellowship

OUR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP INVITES YOU TO

DISCOVER THE MESSAGES

GOD HAS FOR YOU THROUGH

The Prophets

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING

THOMAS SMITH

**BEGINNING MAY 23** 



The St. Joan of Arc Men's Fellowship meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm.

All men in the parish are invited to join in our study, faith sharing and prayer.

Call: Patrick Adamcik at 586-775-3385 or Larry Kreszowski at 313-882-9369 for more information.

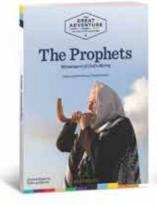
St. Joan of Arc

God sent prophets at critical times to call the people back to their covenant relationship with him. Prophets proclaimed the consequences of continued sin, called people to repentance, and declared God's faithful love. They also spoke of the future to shed light on current events and to reveal God's plans and purposes.

In The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy, discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him, as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

I love this study! ... Now we know where they were when they said it, why they said it. Thomas was so clear. He illuminated it so well that it was easy to understand.

—Celesta D.







#### Misc. Announcements

#### Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month St. Joan of Arc

> The meeting will now be from 6:30pm—8:30pm

May Meetings will be on 5/11 and 5/25

We hope that you can join us!

#### SJA Senior Card Club

The Senior Card Club is trying to determine interest in regular monthly play.

The group will start with monthly games the first Tuesday of the month from 11:30 am −1:30pm.

June's Card Club date is June 7th.

The Club will meet in the St. Peregrine.

If you have questions please call Denise at 248-431-6406.



#### St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

The SJA Knitting Group will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

The group will meet from 12pm - 3pm in the Mother of Mary Conference room in Church. May meetings will be on the 11th and the 25th all knitters are welcome.

If you are interested in joining or have questions please call: Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



St. Joan of Arc Pilgrimage June 17-26, 2022

Stay in Monasteries while visiting St. Joan's 'Deep France'

God willing, next June we will again lead a St. Joan of Arc pilgrimage/retreat to France. This will be our thirteenth opportunity for taking a group on this fascinating journey. Our travel philosophy remains the same - one of going back to the essentials, of simplicity, of quality time in some places instead of 'rush-rush' in many. Although we will indeed see and do much, we hope to travel first of all as spiritual travelers, rather than as consumers. Consequently, we will again purposely remain a small group. Each day we will gather for some combination of the following: prayer/meditation, information on activities of the day, addressing questions, Question du Jour discussions. Come and experience many of the places where St. Joan lived, visited, and prayed.

Sites will include: Orléans, Troyes, Domrémy-la-Pucelle, Vaucouleurs, and Reims, with quiet stays at monasteries in the heart of France. Please visit our website with more information and photos: www.pilgrimwitnesses.com.

For any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or email:

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#### Misc. Announcements



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#### St. Vincent de Paul



On behalf of the members of St. Vincent de Paul, we want to thank everyone who participated in our Lenten collection.

Through the support of Principal Amy Pattie, Assistant Principal Charles Kaiser, the teachers and students of St. Joan of Arc collected \$410.00. This money along with food and paper products throughout the year are invaluable to our mission.

This Lenten season the Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners donated \$3,700.

Please know that without your assistance, we would not be able to help those less fortunate and struggling in our area.



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## MAY 20, 21 & 22



**18 TRUCKS** 

WITH A VARIETY OF FOODS AND SWEETS

**9 PLACE** 

GREATER MACK & OVERLAKE ST. IN ST. CLAIR SHORES

#### Friday, May 20 | 5-9 pm

BBQ Daddy, Estia, Raquel Cocina, Deutsch Troit, Missy Hitz Ice Cream, Aruba Freeze, Wing Snob, Detroit Black Coffee, Whoa Chinese, Phatrob

#### Saturday, May 21 | 12 noon-9 pm

BBQ Daddy, Estia, Grampy's Clam Shack, Raquel Cocina, Deutsch Troit, Phatrob, Detroit Mini Donut, Papelon Arepa Bar, Missy Hitz Ice Cream, Aruba Freeze, Polish Mania, All City Dogs, Wing Snob, Detroit Black Coffee, Kona Ice, Batter Up Waffle, Tim's Good Food

#### Sunday, May 22 | 12 noon- 6 pm

BBQ Daddy, Estia, Raquel Cocina, Deutch Troit, Phatrob, Detroit Mini Donut, Papelon Arepa Bar, Missy Hitz Ice Cream, Aruba Freeze, All City Dogs, Kona Ice, Whoa Chinese

Raffle tickets for our \$10,000 and other prizes will be available. Drawing is May 22 at 5 pm.

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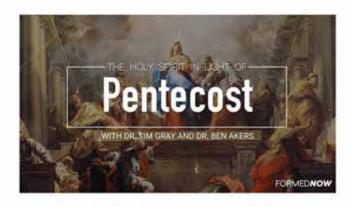
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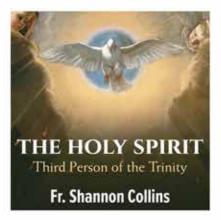
This week we celebrate St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome. To a Rome ravaged by war and wearied by the decadence of the Renaissance popes, St. Philip Neri came as an unlikely reformer. Mystic, hermit, prankster, and effortless leader of men, Neri had a great sense of humor and an even greater heart.

LEARN

## FORMED NOW: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN LIGHT OF PENTECOST

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.





## THE HOLY SPIRIT: THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY BY FR. SHANNON

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers and how this "sweet guest of our soul" seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

LISTEN

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#### Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

#### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### Monday, May 23rd

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Tuesday, May 24th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Wednesday, May 25th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Thursday, May 26th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 pm Baptism of Roman C. Osaer

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### Friday, May 27th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Saturday, May 28th

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Baptism of Avery K. & Ian J. Bachert

1:30 pm Baptism of Cecilia J. Cottone

4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

#### Sunday, May 29th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass- Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

#### Words on the Word

#### May 22, 2022 – Flying the Flag

One wonders just how far things will go, as the nation becomes increasingly combative and divisive.

National headlines were made a few weeks ago when the Satanic Temple formally requested to have its flag fly over Boston City Hall.

The organization did so after the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled "that the city violated the free speech rights of a conservative activist seeking to fly a Christian flag outside the downtown building," according to a story in *The Detroit News*.

The logic, according to a spokesperson, is that government restrictions on "civic capacities" results in a diminishing of our freedoms under a democratic republic.

Where this battle ultimately goes remains to be seen. But, in a very real sense, we as a society already fly the flag of the enemy, in a sense, when we fail to love one another:

When we act with prejudice ... when we engage in violent rioting ... when we shout each other down in the public square.

All of it is an affront to the flag under which all people of goodwill should strive to conduct themselves – the flag of Christ's love.

And any society that allows flag flying of such ill intent – whether literally or figuratively – is operating in marked contrast to the vision painted in today's second reading.

"The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God," we hear in Revelation.

"It gleamed with the splendor of God ... The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb."

May we all strive to wave the banner of love, and to live in its light.

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Mass	Intentions $/$	' Weekl	y Readings

#### Mass Intentions

Monday May 23, 2022 Easter Weekday (White)

7:00 a.m. Erveil Mozingo and Kathleen H. Doak

Tuesday May 24, 2022 Easter Weekday (White)

7:00 a.m. Beatrice Ketelhut and a Special Intention for

Curtis Ketelhut

Wednesday May 25, 2022 Easter Weekday, Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of

the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

(White)

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Stephanie Nagy and for

Christina McGuckin

Thursday May 26, 2022 Saint Philip Neri, Priest

(White)

7:00 a.m. A Special Intention for the Rogier & Dettloff

Families

Friday May 27, 2022 Easter Weekday, Saint

**Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (White)** 

7:00 a.m. Sue Krolikowski and Barbara Gaines

Saturday, May 28, 2022 Easter Weekday (White)

4:00 p.m. Hugo Calisi, Peter & Louise Sarra, Sam &

Grace Valenti, Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, Sophie & George Rupinski, Bonnie Batche,

Gerri Doak, Ralph Gasperoni, Tony Signorello and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family

and for the Salvador Family

6:00 p.m. Ivan DeClercq

May 29, 2022 Ascension of the Lord Sunday

(White)

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc

**Parishioners** 

10:00 a.m. Lewis & Charlotte McQuillan

12:00 p.m. William R. Richer, Michael Carollo, Helen

Scallen, Frank Bradley, Stella Durda

#### Daily Readings

Monday, May 23 Friday, May 27

Acts 16:11-15 Acts 18:9-18 John 15:26-16:4a John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 28 Tuesday, May 24

Acts 16:22-34 Acts 18:23-28 John 16:23b-28 John 16:5-11

Sunday, May 29 Wednesday, May 25

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 26

Acts 18:1-8 John 16:16-20

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53



#### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

> Anna Fazi **Audrey Weekley Robert Vlasic** James Moffitt (Father of Mark Moffit) **Betty Radatz (Aunt of Bill Radatz)**

"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



#### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

#### Readings for the Ascension of the Lord

## St. Joan Arc

#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 29

#### Reading One - Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

#### Responsorial Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

#### Reading Two - Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might: which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

#### Gospel - Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

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#### Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Tire Tracks Right Through The Tech: I guess it was inevitable. As Monsignor Mike says, frequently, "Of course, it's

St. Joan!" I should not have been surprised. It was the Saturday that Monsignor was leaving for Florida. I had asked all the questions I thought I needed to cover the bases for the week he was going to be gone. And yet one thing was troubling the back of my mind. On Friday evening, I had been up to the choir loft, for some reason. I noticed that all the livestream monitors were turned-off. And in the middle of the table was an unplugged power cord. "Hmmm..." I thought, "I haven't seen this plug sitting there before," and I've never seen all the monitors powered down before either. Any correlation? "Hmmm..." Knowing that Fr. Rich was doing all 3 baptisms Saturday afternoon and I was operating the cameras, and that I had a funeral on Saturday morning, I texted Kristine Hass and essentially said, "please make sure after the funeral that the monitors are left on tomorrow, or I'm in trouble!" I know how to operate the cameras, but not how to fire-up the system if it's switched-off.

Kristine made sure that was the case. and everything looked good when I came out of confessions and went up to the choir loft before the first baptism. Fr. Rich baptized the baby, I filmed it; all seemed good. I came back to the gathering space to help greet the second family as they arrived. Then I headed back to my "perch" to livestream the second baptism. Before we began, Kristine arrived in the choir loft. Apparently, Monsignor was getting texts that the previous baptism had not gone out online, so Kristine came in to troubleshoot the issue. "I knew it!" I said, "it's that plug!" No, it wasn't the plug, but Kristine set about trying all kinds of solutions, including my standby, turning it off and on again.

None of these were apparently fixing

the issue. A second, "of course" was that our external tech wizard, Rob, was also on vacation that week.

Since the system was still recording, we went ahead with the baptism, even though it wasn't going out live, that way the family would still get a copy of the video. And for the third baptism, same again.

All this time, Monsignor was midflight to Florida. He was also working on the mass intentions on his phone. Then Dina texted me during the third baptism to say that Monsignor was having trouble with printing the mass intentions to the PC printer, so she had printed them. I reassured Dina that I'd already picked them up between baptisms. Then Msgr texted me to say that there were some edits from what Dina had printed. So now I wasn't sure which copy had failed to print and which one I had picked-up, the original or the edited copy. Then Msgr texted to say he'd printed them only 5 minutes ago, so I now knew I had the wrong version. But he said it wasn't the easiest of endeavors from a phone so they needed to be looked through for errors. I went back over to the PC to collect the new copy and asked someone else to check through it as I got set-up for m ass.

Somehow, the livestream system thought about its bad behavior and decided to turn over a new leaf. It behaved itself for the 4pm and 6pm masses. But since the twists and turns of my day frequently provide the material for my dreams, yes, on Saturday night, I actually had a nightmare about that plug sitting on the table in the choir loft!

On Sunday morning, I assumed all was now well on that score. The 8am mass appeared online just fine, but after 10am mass I was told the whole system had gone down again, where it remained for the 12 pm mass too. Only on Sunday afternoon did I notice that not only had the 10am and 12pm mass failed to go out, the 8am mass had no sound.

So there we have it: Mother's Day Weekend 2022—forever known as:

"The One When Fr. Andrew Broke The Livestream!!"

Taping The Raffle: Continuing on the theme of tech adventures, that Monday afternoon we held the early bird raffle drawing. Monsignor asked that the drawing be videoed, so it could be sent out by email. I knew that somewhere Monsignor probably had several iPhone tripods, but I wasn't about to go looking through his office for one. So Dina and I were trying to rig something together that was designed for a camera, but not a phone. I think I started to lose Dina when I asked if she had some scotch tape....

Then I remembered I had a phone holder on an extended arm that used to sit on the dash of my last Jeep. I had taken it and screwed it to a 4x4 wooded block to film my tractor last summer and it was still in my garage. I went next door to get it, only to be reminded that when I had been in need of a 4x4 for my weather station, I had re-commissioned that same piece of wood, but in the process, broken the plate that had been screwed into the wood, so there was no way of attaching it now. Well, kind of no way, unless you are a resourceful, low -tech adventurer like me. Never forget, for most jobs, there's always duct tape! (Technically, it's fake orange duct tape from Hobby Lobby, the day I forgot to buy duct tape at Home Depot and was too lazy to return). So I strapped the broken phone holder to small wooden shelf with the fake duct tape and "hey presto!" - a "tripod".... with one arm, but no legs.

Dina found a step-ladder and we put the shelf on the ladder. Perfect. Where's there's a will there's a way. Low-tech, not pretty, but functional! Just don't look behind the camera.

I hope Monsignor enjoyed his time away... because after reading this he may never dare leave again!

You are in my prayers this week.

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# Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) May 22, 2022

## Interpreting Christ's Teachings Today

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The passage of Acts in Sunday's readings shows us something about the early Church that we often overlook. Paul, Silas, and the other apostles felt a responsibility to preserve the true doctrine passed on to them. When they understood that certain Christians were teaching demands that didn't come from the Holy Spirit, they corrected that doctrine by sending a letter and endorsing the true interpretation.

Even in the earliest Church, there was an evolving hierarchy that interpreted what was God's will for the Christian

#### **Sunday Readings**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It is the decision of the holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.

#### Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light.

#### John 14:23-29

[Jesus said,] "The holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you." community. This charism of the proper interpretation of Christ's teaching continues in today's Catholic Church through the pope and the bishops.

Jesus declared to the apostles at the Last Supper that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all he told them. Jesus gave this gift to the Church, and it's something we should value. How often do we search a subject online to learn about it and then trust what a few articles say? Yet, are we as quick to look up what the Holy Father and the bishops say on different subjects in order to be guided by that light?

We are not sheep without a shepherd but have bishops and priests who preach the word of God and lead us toward the truth. When the bishops, in communion with the Holy Father, exercise their teaching office (the magisterium), they help us understand God's revelation in faith and morals. This is the way the early Church developed and the way the Church still lives today. +

Even in the earliest Church, there was an evolving hierarchy that interpreted what was God's will for the Christian community.

#### A Word from Pope Francis

[J]esus says that true authority is when one performs service; it is in serving, not exploiting others. The vineyard is the Lord's, not ours. Authority is a service, and as such should be exercised for the good of all and for the dissemination of the Gospel. It is awful to see when people who have authority in the Church seek their own interests.

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- Are there things I can let go of to make my home more peaceful?
- Are there attitudes I can let go of to make my heart and mind more peaceful?

## Spring Cleaning

By Paige Byrne Shortal

In my part of the world, May is not a time to think about personal self-improvement and other interior matters. We do that in January, in Lent, maybe in September, but not in May. In rural Missouri, May is when the weather is reliably warm. It's time to raise the storm windows and let in the fresh air. It's time for spring cleaning the house, for throwing out the accumulation of winter.

It's astounding what we hold on to. The shirt we never wear but might someday. The books we never read but might someday. The platters, plastic storage containers, pots with no lids, lids with no pots, that old brown purse, the shoes that never fit, unused tools, halfcompleted projects, that cluttery stuff!

It's too much! Let's go yard-sale-ing instead. Sale signs are popping up everywhere along with the violets. There might be some good deals. But first, what about the cost of too much stuff?

In our house we try to control too much stuff by adhering to the wisdom of designer William Morris, who said, "Have nothing in your homes that you do not know to be useful and believe to be beautiful." My husband is better at it than I am. He has a rule for himselfwhen something comes in, something must go out. Give him a shirt, he gives a shirt away. He has one small closet, one bureau drawer. I cheat. I put clothes in a cedar chest so I can decide later what to do with them.



Here's a sobering fact. The self-storage industry claims over 39 billion dollars in annual revenues and construction spending on self-storage has increased by 584 percent from January 2015 to January 2020. Self-storage is an apt name. For we give a little bit of ourselves to each thing we own-our time and energy to buy it, clean it, walk around it, store it, wonder what to do with it. And someday, someone we love will inherit all this. Lucky them.

A home can hold only a few beautiful and useful things. Too much and they cease to be beautiful or useful. The same is true for our hearts and minds. We can only hold so much. If our homes are cluttered, chances are our hearts and minds will be cluttered, too.

In the Easter stories, we hear about the disciples hiding in the upper room or walking on the road to Emmaus or meeting Jesus on the shore. Keeping a low profile, they would have traveled light, and they were feeling empty inside after the death of their friend and teacher. Each time Jesus appeared to them, they didn't recognize him-who would? He was dead!-but they had room for him and his words. Their eyes were opened, their hearts burned within them, and his words changed their lives.

Do we have room for life-changing words? Do we have time for the risen Jesus? For Jesus to rise in us, anything that is not of Jesus has to go. Let's do what comes naturally in May. Let's spring clean. But while we're cleaning out the closet, let's let go of whatever is holding us back from being the person we're meant to be. As we jettison the outgrown clothes or unused kitchen items, let's also surrender the grudges, anxieties, selfishness, envy, pessimism, cynicism, anything and everything about which the Spirit is whispering in our ear: "Oh come on, you don't need that. Let it go. Trust me." +



Risen Lord, your death and resurrection brought peace to the world. Help me to be an instrument of your peace to others.

From Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

#### **WEEKDAY** READINGS

May 23-28

Monday, Easter Weekday: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / Jn 16:12-15 Thursday, St. Philip Neri: Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20

Friday, Easter Weekday: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, Easter Weekday: Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28



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