



Sixth Sunday of Easter 2021

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **Rev Eric Wood** Ruth Ahaus from Elaine Ahaus

12:00 **Rev Eric Wood** Dennis Barron from Barbara Juengling & Family

Monday, May 10, St Damien de Veuster, Priest

12:10 Florence Joy Alatorre from Tom Perrino

Tuesday, May 11

12:10 Lucy D'Souza

Wednesday, May 12, Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

12:10 Michael Fritsch from The Family

Thursday, May 13

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Friday, May 14, St Matthias, Apostle

12:00 Gerstner Family from Larry & Carol

Saturday, May 15

12:10 **BW** Bill Clark from Sheila Hein

7:00 **BW** Pat Conners from Wendy & Mike Ferris

Sunday, May 16, The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Nancy Sauter from The Ryan Family

12:00 **BW** Terry Bolton from Sharon & Ray

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER for Saturday evening and Sunday masses at strosecincinnati.org

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

To join us for Live Streaming of mass go to our website STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

Here at St. Rose

Nolan Robert Snouffer and Samuel Donald Marks will be welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

ABIDE IN ME, AS I ABIDE IN YOU. ~Jn 15:4

Reflection. See Christ our Lord in all human beings.

In this way, you will be filled with respect and consideration for others.

~St. Teresa of Avila

Prayer. Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to see all human beings as potential persons in whom You might dwell. And let me respect them because of You, my Lord and Redeemer.

SAFEPARISH – NEW CHILD PROTECTION PLATFORM STARTING JULY 2021

The Safe Environment Office would like to start getting the word out to all parish volunteers about the upcoming switch from VIRTUS to the new child protection platform called SafeParish effective July 2021.

In commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the archdiocese has organized a 33-day Marian Pilgrimage beginning Sunday, May 16. The pilgrimage will span each deanery of the archdiocese, along a route of more than 300 miles, with stops at 36 parishes. Pilgrims designated as "Statue Guardians" will carry a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. There are many ways to participate – attend events, join us for a day of walking, or commit to being a Statue Guardian. **Those who sign up to be a Statue Guardian will have their name entered into a drawing for a free pilgrimage to the Holy Land next summer with School of Faith.** You can visit Mary2021.org for more information.

Sunday Sunshine

A little girl walked to and from school daily. *Though the weather that morning was questionable, and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.* The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. *She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along.*

At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. More lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

A reading from the first letter of St. John:

Beloved, let us love one another,

because love is of God;

everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us:

God sent his only Son into the world

so that we might have life through him.

In this is love:

not that we have loved God, but that he loved us

and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

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Opening Prayer

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

One of the most priceless human gifts is friendship. Small wonder, then, that in today's gospel Jesus calls his disciples by this most precious of names: "my friends." Drawn into and abiding in the mutual love of the Father and the Son, disciples are no longer called servants but friends.

The Johannine community was to live as friends and so, throughout his gospel, John introduces us to various occasions of friendship: John the Baptist, the precursor and "the friend of the bridegroom" (John 3:29, NRSV) who, like a best man, hands over the Bride Israel to Jesus; the family at Bethany, especially Lazarus, the friend for whom he wept at his grave and for whom Jesus was the Tomb Breaker (John 11:35-44); Pilate, who at a critical moment preferred to be a friend of Caesar rather than Jesus (John 19:12); the disciple beloved of Jesus (John 13:23, 19:26, 21:7); and Peter, the forgiven friend who will lead and shepherd the community of the forgiven (John 21:44ff). As we gather around the table of our eucharistic supper, we hear that we have been chosen by Jesus as his friends and commissioned to befriend the world in and with the love he has shown us.

The most startling, profound, yet simple naming of God is proclaimed in the reading from the First Letter of John: "God is love." The Letter is addressed to the "beloved," those with whom God has taken the initiative, who are parented by God's love, and this self-giving love is the source of human love. Like today's gospel whose heartbeat is love, so love beats strongly in this reading—named nine times in its four verses. It is love that is expansive and global, yet also intimate and personal, revealed most fully in Jesus, the Son of God and our brother.

Closing Prayer

Divine Love, even in your very being as Father, Son, and Spirit, you are an active and loving God. Love bursts forth from who you are and fills the whole world. So, too, help us to love one another, that we may resonate on earth that which you are in all eternity. Amen.

For Reflection:

• In the gospel, Jesus expresses his desire that "my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." Where do you find your greatest joy at this moment in your life?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will
remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's
commandments
and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may
be in you
and your joy might be complete.
This is my commandment: love one
another as I love you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you do what I
command you.
I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his
master is doing.



I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I
have heard from my Father.
It was not you who chose me, but I who
chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit
that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in
my name he may give you.
This I command you: love one another."

Readings for the week:

6th Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-45 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17	Monday Acts 16:11-15 Ps 148:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b John 15:26-16:4a	Tuesday Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8 John 16:5-11	Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 John 16:12-15	Thursday Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 16:16-20	Friday St. Matthias Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 118:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 John 15:9-17	Saturday Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 John 16:23b-28	Sunday Ascension Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-3 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mark 16:15-20
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