

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room. With them were some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus.



Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Christians are exhorted to rejoice in suffering because through suffering, they share in the life of Christ.

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

This is a continuation of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. He tells the Father that he has made his name known, that he has finished the work his Father has given him, and that he wishes now to share in the glory at his side.



**For the Week of May 24th through
May 31st**

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a
The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;
Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 or for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9;
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27;
Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

**REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:
Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:**

John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Betty Ann Strong, Joseph William, Benjamin Ellingsworth and all those whose names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.**



NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or mfrohlich@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

FLOCK NOTES: Do you want to know what's going on in our parish?? Sign up for Flocknotes. It's easy. You can choose what info you would like to receive – via email or text message and you can unsubscribe at any time. There are two easy ways to connect:



- *Visit flocknote.com/SHParish on your computer**
- OR**
- *Text SHPARISH508 to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are being sent directly to your home, bi-monthly. If you are not receiving envelopes and wish to do so, please contact Becky Davis at 410-778-3160.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

Ascension of the Lord – Matthew 28:16-20

Reflection for Parents

We don't need to go to the four corners of the earth to be missionaries. We are called as parents to the same mission as the apostles. We are the first and most significant teachers of our children. We bring them to baptism and show them the Good News. Not only our actions speak to our children about what we believe and how we hope they live Christian lives, but our efforts to prepare them for the sacraments and come to the Lord's table every week helps them know the full depth of our faith.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

During the past weeks we have been reminded often by Jesus that he will not leave us alone. Sometimes it's hard to explain to children where someone is who we can't see. Like the people in the early Church we have faith, but we also have doubt. As if it were a scavenger hunt, let family members look for places they find Jesus this week. In what way can your family help others know Jesus' presence?

Discussion Starters

1. I need Jesus with me especially when . . .
2. I know how the disciples felt when Jesus left them. I remember someone leaving . . .
3. I think I would have been a great missionary because . . .



MAY SAINTS

JOACHINA VEDRUNA DE MAS – MAY 19

As a young girl, Joachina believed she wanted to be a nun, but she married Theodore de Mas, a man from a royal family in Barcelona, Spain, in 1799, when she was only 16 years old. They had nine children before Theodore was killed when Napoleon invaded Spain.

Many people might think that the responsibility of raising such a large family alone was enough, but Joachina also found time to do volunteer work caring for people in need. She believed that the followers of Jesus are called to imitate his example.

In 1826, when her children were grown, Joachina decided to form a religious order called the Carmelite Sisters of Charity. This would allow her to lead others in living their faith through prayer and loving actions. The order cared for the sick, the poor, and anyone in need of an education. They built houses for the homeless and started schools in poor areas.



Joachina never neglected her own spiritual life. She believed that having a close relationship with Jesus filled her with the grace and strength to do Christ's work in the world. She grew closer to Jesus through the Eucharist and prayer.

She died in 1854 and was canonized in 1959. Joachina's life reminds us that all of Jesus' followers have a mission. St. Joachina is a patron of abuse victims, exiles and widows.

SUNDAY LITURGIES:

Sunday liturgies will be streamed on Facebook at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartforyou/>.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending 5/17/20 Week 47

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 05/17 Wk. 47	\$3,124	\$894	\$6,635	-\$2,617
YTD Wk. 47	\$209,896	\$86,568	\$311,845	-\$15,381

DIALOG: In addition to the newspaper edition of The Dialog that's available in church every two weeks, the newspaper's website, www.thedialog.org, is updated every weekday with stories from the diocese and around the world, including many that don't appear in the newspaper due to space considerations. Stay on top of national and international issues of concern to Catholics, each Sunday's Scripture reading commentaries by Dialog columnists and the work of the church in the nation and world by visiting www.thedialog.org.

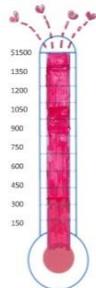


Thank you to all who have donated for Rise Against Hunger. **Despite these difficult times, generous donations have continued to**

be made and we have reached and surpassed the Sacred Heart Parish goal to raise \$1500 to help cover the cost of the Meal Packaging Event, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2020. A total of \$2007 was raised by the parish. Together we can do great things!

This will be the 6th year of our partnership with Christ United Methodist Church in sponsoring this event. More details will come in the fall.

For more information about Rise Against Hunger, visit their website www.riseagainsthunger.org.



Now, more than ever, let us not forget the hungry right here in our own community by continuing to support our local food pantries



SEEING CHRIST

IN THE FACES OF OTHERS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

Parish Announcements

May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal – Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to His disciples, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"*.

Scripture teaches us that serving Christ is a fundamental part of our Catholic faith and that serving the Lord means serving others. When we give of ourselves on behalf of others, the Holy Spirit works through us and Jesus is served.

In these continuing difficult times, it becomes clearer that our role as Church is more critical than ever in helping those in need. Bearing witness to poverty, illness and injustice and responding in the spirit of Christ are the hallmarks of the many ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdot.org/annualcatholicappeal. Be sure to view the brief video offering moving testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries. A direct link to video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.