

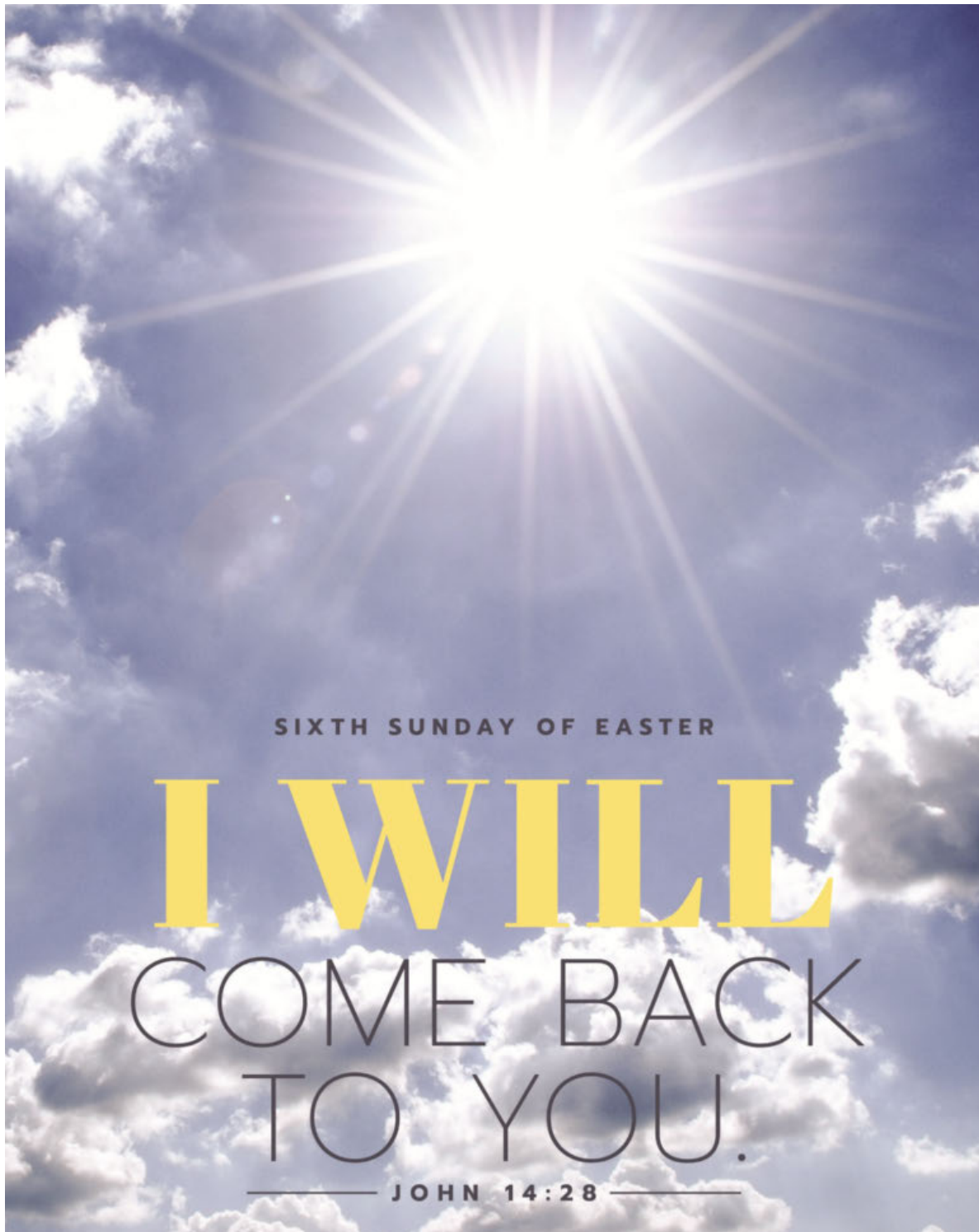


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MAY 25, 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

MAY 25, 2025 / SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29/ Revelation 21:10-14,22-23/ John 14:23-29

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all that he told them. But Jesus had not addressed every matter that would arise. Twenty years later, in the scene at the center of the first reading, the apostles need to decide what to do about uncircumcised Gentiles who want to be baptized as Christians. Some said, “Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved” (Acts 15:1). But Paul and Barnabas dissented. So they returned to Jerusalem to meet with the apostles and elders. There, guided by the Holy Spirit about this question Jesus never addressed, they decided a minimal number of Mosaic practices were necessary to follow and that circumcision was not one of them. Twenty centuries later, we hope to allow the Holy Spirit to guide church leaders as they debate contentious issues for which the best answer is uncertain.

Question of the Week: What resentments, jealousies, or ambitions do I have in my heart that interfere with the presence of peace? How can I overcome these?

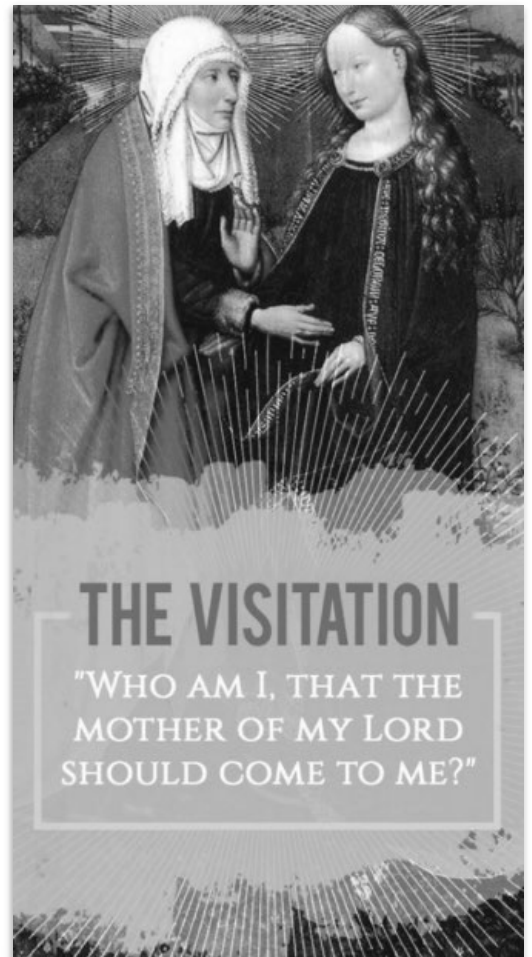
Gospel Meditation

Jonathan Haidt’s 2024 book entitled “The Anxious Generation” argues that today’s kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called “meaning crisis” all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I’m a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus’ peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

– Father John Muir
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Prayer for Peace

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word. Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving, Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 24	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
MAY 25	9:00 AM	RAYMOND POWERS
MAY 25	9:00 AM	MICHAEL BRISSON
MAY 25	9:00AM	DANIEL GILLIGAN
JUNE 1	9:00 AM	ROBERT NADEAU
JUNE 1	9:00 AM	STANLEY & TERESA CURLEY
JUNE 21	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
JUNE 21	4:00 PM	JON SANTORO
JUNE 21	4:00 PM	JOSEPH MCBRIDE
JUNE 28	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
JUNE 28	4:00 PM	FRANK DIGIACOMO

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of May and June will go to Catholic Charities. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

High School Graduation Saint Boniface is excited to host the Baccalaureate Service on June 3rd

Memorial Day Service and Summer Beginning May 25th and throughout the summer Sunday masses will be at 9:00 am ONLY. There will be no 8:00 am or 10:30 am.

Adoration Adoration will be held each Wednesday from 12 noon to 6pm. We would like to invite parishioners to sign up for 1 hour of their choice on any Wednesday. Sign up boards are at the entrance. This will continue the whole Jubilee year.

Attention High School Seniors

Through the Legacy of Hope Campaign, our Finance Committee has established a Saint Boniface Scholarship for a graduating high school senior who is a practicing Catholic and has been active in our parish ministries. We invite all interested students to submit an application, along with an essay, to the parish office no later than June 1, 2025. The topic of the essay is "What Faith Means to Me" and should be 500 words or less. Please email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or stop in the parish office for an application.

STEWARDSHIP

May 11

Sunday	2,903.00
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Holy Day	38.00
Religious Ed	35.00
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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Thomas St. George at tjstgeorge@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

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