

Sainte Anne Parish

Salem, MA

God is Love

and whoever remains in love remains in God
and God in him. 1 John 4:16

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Sainte Anne Parish

WEEKEND MASSES:Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM
DAILY MASSES: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES:As Announced
CAMEROON MASS:2nd and 4th Sunday of Month, 1:00 PM
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM
ROSARY GROUP:Thursday, 6:00 PM
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
CONFESSIONS:Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or By Appointment
CHAPEL:Closed Until Further Notice
CHURCH:Will Remain Open After 9 AM Mass Until 5 PM Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; Saturday 9 AM-5 PM;
Sunday Open for Mass Only

Welcome to New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to us after Mass.

To register, contact the Parish Office or online at stannesalem.org.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm. A preparation for parents and godparents will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Rectory. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a baptism.

Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange for the celebration of your wedding.

Home Visitation: We are happy to visit for confession, holy communion, anointing of the sick, or with anyone who is unable to come to church. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is for anyone who is seriously ill, in a weakened condition, facing surgery, entering hospice care, or near death. Please contact the Parish Office for this sacrament to be celebrated.

PARISH STAFF:

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Dear Holy People of God,

Contemplative Prayer (Continuation) - The Relationship Between Faith and Prayer (simply told)

I would like us to continue our meditation on prayer by closely examining the relationship between Prayer and Faith. We have examined some of the factors that work against our prayer life: **"I do not have the time;" "I feel distracted;" "I do not feel like praying."** At this point, I feel the need to call your attention to what often lies beneath these antinomies of prayer, that is, dispositions that are not compatible with a life of prayer, ways of thinking that do not foster a life of prayer, and that is, the question or the trouble with faith, precisely, religious faith, today.



Talking about the relationship between Faith and Prayer, I recently had an eye-opening conversation with someone in my office. I had expressed my worry that I was not seeing the young people that had recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation participating in the life of our parish. I had hoped that some of them would become Lectors, or engage in some form of ministry at the parish. Her response to me, amongst other things, was that when these young persons turn 18, they have to start working to support themselves through college, to save for the purchase of their car, to raise money for their other expenses, etc. I think I fully understood what was being explained to me, and the importance of a college education, a car, etc. I just had one worry, which continues to be my worry: How did we educate them in the faith when they were preparing for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Did we give them the sense that God has nothing to do with college education or the acquisition of a car?

In other words, do believers today think that God is foreign to their real life experiences, such as paying for their education, acquiring a means of transportation or accommodation? If that is how we have been educating our young people, that is, that their relationship with God lived in the community of faith is entirely different from their lives when Mass is over, then why should they bother to come to Church on Sunday? If I were a young person who grows up with the consciousness that I am receiving the Sacraments to make Grandpa or Grandma happy, and thereafter, my life goes on without any influences from faith, then, honestly, I won't waste my time to get out of bed on a cold winter morning to come to Ste. Anne's. I better sleep in or do something else with my life.

Dear Holy People of God, I am worried, because many of us are not worried. We do not seem worried with the dichotomy between faith and life that has become commonplace today, especially in the thinking of the young. And it is not the fault of the parents. Perhaps, as leaders of the Church, priests, directors of faith formation, CCD and religious ed programs, we have failed in our transmission of a living faith. We have failed to teach our people that God is still powerful enough to act in our lives outside of Holy Mass. We have failed to teach our people that investing 50 minutes or an hour a week in a standing appointment with God on Sundays is valuable to our other human need: **"Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all other things will be given unto you" (Matthew 6:33).** Are we interested in transmitting a living faith, a living Jesus, or a religious ed Jesus, a sacramental Jesus, a Jesus of faith formation programs? And as parents, too, are we interested in bringing our kids to Jesus who is Risen and living, or, as I continue to notice here at Ste. Anne's, our own passion for Jesus is so great that it shows itself in the drop off and pick up on CCD Sundays? We love Jesus so much that the most we can do is drop off our kids and pick them up? What does it say to our kids that we as parents cannot allot **50 out of 10,080 minutes in a week**, for the God-appointment (Holy Mass on Sunday)? Kids are not slow learners. They know and recognize the difference in terms of energy level that Daddy puts in when it concerns games, from when it concerns Church activities!

In my opinion, at the root of the divorce of faith from life which affects our commitment to prayer is the view or mode of thinking that faith cannot really help me with my immediate material needs. God is not seen as powerful enough to help me. In other words, the divorce between faith and life is built on a lack of trust in God to help me in the here and now. **"In God we Trust" appears to mean "in the dollar of God we trust," not in the person of God, a personal relationship, a God that can look after me, a God that can still provide for me.** But as the Letter to the Hebrews tells us: **"Faith is the evidence of things unseen; the assurances of things hoped for" (Hebrews 11:1).** (To be Continued, Fr. Maurice)

Gratitude for Book Launch - Light of Reason, Light of Faith

Dear Holy People, I wish to use this medium to sincerely convey my profound gratitude to all of you for a very successful launching of my little book, *Light of Reason, Light of Faith*. I will especially encourage all to read chapters 4 and 5, which treats Jesus Christ and the Church. I thank you for the support for the formation of priests of Africa that came with the purchase of the books. You can always get more copies from Judy Ware or Sr. Pauline Fortin. May the Good Lord bless you. (Fr. Maurice)

By Dr. Scott Hahn
The Kingdom Remains



**ST. PAUL CENTER
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7th Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 | Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 | First John 4:11-16 | John 17:11-19

Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time-frame - the events take place during the days between Christ's ascension and Pentecost. We're at the same point in our liturgical year. On Thursday we celebrated His being taken up in glory, and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church.

Jesus's prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world. By His ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem, and a new house of David (see Psalm 122:4-5; Revelation 21:9-14). He entrusted this kingdom to His twelve apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table, and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel (see Luke 22:29-30).

The twelve apostles symbolize the twelve tribes and hence the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel (see Galatians 6:16). That's why it is crucial to replace Judas - so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry.

No one has ever seen God, as we hear in today's Epistle. Yet, through the Church founded on His apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our Savior. Through the Church, Jesus's pledge still comes to us - that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protect us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love.

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Inspiration for the week

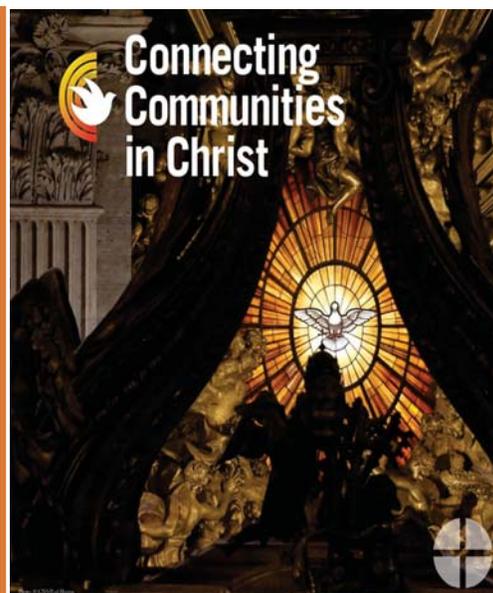
When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

**BELOVED,
IF GOD
SO LOVED
US, WE
ALSO MUST
LOVE ONE
ANOTHER.**

—1 John 4:11



Saturday, May 15th 4:00 pm	Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter Parish Family
Sunday, May 16th 8:30 am 11:00 am	Seventh Sunday of Easter Parish Family Alfred & Cynthia Bedard, by the Afflitto Family William Theriault, 1st Anniversary, by the Family Thanksgiving Mass, by Family Albert E. Robidoux, 29th Anniversary, by the Robidoux Family
Monday, May 17th 9:00 am	Henry Jalette, Jr., for Healing, by Connie Kirby
Tuesday, May 18th 9:00 am	St. John I, Pope and Martyr Parish Family
Wednesday, May 19th 9:00 am	Thank you St. Andrew, patron saint of stroke victims, by IJ
Thursday, May 20th 9:00 am	St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest Pauline Berube, by the Afflitto Family
Friday, May 21st 9:00 am	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Joseph Fournier, by Ralph & Judy Ware
Saturday, May 22nd 4:00 pm	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious Parish Family
Sunday, May 23rd 8:30 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	Pentecost Sunday Parish Family Rita Robidoux, 10th Anniversary, by the Robidoux Family Cameroon Community



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SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 16	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
MONDAY May 17	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
TUESDAY May 18	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-1
WEDNESDAY May 19	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
THURSDAY May 20	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
FRIDAY May 21	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
SATURDAY May 22	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
PENTECOST SUNDAY May 23	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 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

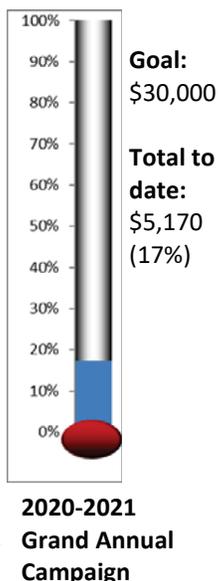


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Collection for Weekend of 5/9/21	Collection	Online Giving
Offertory	\$2,738	\$580
Maintenance/Repairs/Fuel	\$80	
Gifts & Bequests	\$100	
Sacramentals	\$15	
St. Vincent de Paul*	\$1,174	
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St. Vincent de Paul Total:	\$1,174	
Ste. Anne's Total Collection:	\$3,678	\$755



*St. Vincent de Paul \$579 plus checks payable directly to SVdP for \$595



For the Sick: Jason Alexander, Dorothy Sherry, Armen Sarafian, Pat John, Steve L., Kathleen Levy, Ron Budka, Leona Budka, Denise Wells, Kayla Campagna, Jay P., Madeline St. Pierre, Joan Driscoll Bick, Pat Jalbert, Steven Conner, Raymond Thompson, Larry Blanchard, Chris Hall, Laurie Babbin, Rob Holloran, Karen Friedrich, Peter and Ben, Barbara Newman, Lila LaMalfa, Dina Russo, Carson Borden, Terry Walters, Bill Walters, Frank Popielski, Jean Sacco, Pauline Bellomo, J. Richard Julien, Henry Jalette, Jr., Lee Melanson

For the Military: Jason Boyle, Nicholas Budka, Sean Patrick Mautone, Keith Lovely, David Irwin, K. Ryan McKinley, Michael Angers

For God's protection for all of God's children, for the health and safety of everyone during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For all the deceased members of our parish.

For our parish community and its needs, that we would open ourselves to the transforming message of the gospel and heed the call of Christ.

For all Christians, that the Holy Spirit will enliven their lives at this time of Resurrection, so that we may live the life of Christ with enthusiasm.

For Priests and Seminarians:

- Saturday - Fr. John Sullivan and Leonardo Moreira
- Sunday - Fr. Victor Vitug and Kevin Pleitez
- Monday - Fr. Arthur MacKay and Erick Gonzalez
- Tuesday - Fr. Daniel Moloney and Fernando Vivas
- Wednesday - Fr. Adrian Milik and Joseph Hubbard
- Thursday - 1978: Bishop Hennessey ordained
- Friday - Bishops Dooher '69 and Uglietto '77 ordained
- Saturday - Class of 2021 Ordinandi



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