

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025



**WELCOME TO
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PRIESTS RETREAT

During the week of May 25 – 30, the Priests of the Archdiocese of St. John's, will be meeting for their yearly Retreat.

Please pray for our priests, and be assured of their ongoing prayer for you.

Should there be a request for a funeral during this time, please call Betty at the parish office 709 521-2206 or email goodshepherdparish2008@gmail.com to coordinate coverage as best as possible. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday May 31	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Ben Fleming, Harold Hartery Brendan St. Croix; Jerome Stamp
	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Arnold Bishop; Dean Kielly & Bonnie Slaney; Don Hawkins
Sunday June 1	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased
	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Henry & Emily Dakins & deceased family members Mike & Maude Drohan & deceased family members Helen & Walter Wade

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday May 31	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Cross Bearer: Doreen Hayward Reader: Rita Raymond Collectors: Randy Roche, Derm Fleming Gift Bearers: Theresa Lewis, Anne Hayward Eucharistic Minister: Angela Fleming
Saturday May 31	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Len Ryan Reader: Shirley Kielly Collectors: Des Yetman, Joe Kielly Gift Bearers: Thelma Stamp, Gladys Hickey Eucharistic Minister: Uriel Kielly
Sunday June 1	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Benny Furey Reader: Hugh Lawlor Collectors: Joe Ryan, Jimmy Gushue Gift Bearers: Margaret Power, Karen Hearn Eucharistic Minister: Howard Power
Sunday June 1	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Cross Bearer: Victor Cole Reader: Lucy Hawco Collectors: Don Power, Victor Cole Gift Bearers: Donna Critch, Heather Marrie Eucharistic Minister: Linda Dunne

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

As part of our Archdiocesan Jubilee Year celebrations, on Sunday June 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist, the Archdiocese will be hosting a Mass celebrating marriage and family life. All individuals and families are invited to attend this celebration. **Couples celebrating 25 or more years of marriage are invited to register before June 18th.** Couples celebrating 25 or more years of marriage who "register" their intention to attend this Mass before June 18, 2025, will be provided with reserved seating and will receive a special anniversary blessing as part of the celebration. Couples can register via a link on the Archdiocesan website www.rcsj.org or by phoning the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at 709-726-3660 ext. 2.
(For those unable to attend the Mass will be live streamed at www.thebasilica.net)

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

May 17, 18, 21st: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel/North Harbour

Weekly Offering: \$1285.45 Archdiocesan Campaign: \$20.00 Mass Card Print: \$2.00

Our Lady of Assumption Church Donation: \$100.00

GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS (April)

1st Prize Winner: Pauline Kielly Ticket No. 0250 2nd Prize Winner: Rita Ryan Ticket No. 0285

Grand In Your Hand tickets for sale in support of Good Shepherd Parish. Two chances to win \$1000.00 per each month draw. The ticket price is \$10.00 monthly or \$120.00 annually. If you like to support Good Shepherd Parish through this initiative, please contact Shirley 709-687-7057 or Sheila 709-699-9503. Thanking you in advance for your support.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](http://MarriagePreparationRegistration.RomanCatholicArchdioceseofStJohn's.rcsj.org) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BR 62: Circle of Friends Senior's Committee hosting a social afternoon to celebrate Mother's/Father's Day Sunday, May 25th 2 - 5pm. Music & Dance. Snacks will be served. Free Admission. 19yrs and older.

LIVING FAITH

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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- John 14:23-29

Jesus said, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.'

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'



REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Jesus says, "Those who love me will keep my word." What does it mean to keep the word of Jesus? What word is He talking about? After all, Jesus said many things. In the end, it all boils down to love; not an emotion, not a fleeting experience that comes and goes, but a love that is expressed in action, a love that is a way of life. It's one thing to say the words, "I love you." It is a much deeper thing to live your life in such a way that people know that they are loved, and that Jesus is present to them in and through that love.



TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- How do you keep the word of Jesus?
- How do others know, through you, that God loves them?
- How have you come to know, through others, that you are loved, and loved by God?

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

Unscramble the letters and write the word correctly in the space provided.



John 14:16

1. OBYE _____
2. LVOE _____
3. ISPTRI _____
4. SWHO _____
5. UESSJ _____
6. OWRDL _____
7. TRUHT _____
8. RTAFEH _____

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THE CHURCH TEACHES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

Where and how is the Holy Spirit present?

The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit:

- in the Scriptures he inspired;
- in the Tradition, to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses;
- in the Church's Magisterium, which he assists;
- in the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ;
- in prayer, wherein he intercedes for us;
- in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up;
- in the signs of apostolic and missionary life;
- in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #688



Are there other names for the Holy Spirit?

When he proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus calls him the "Paraclete," literally, "he who is called to one's side," *advocatus*. "Paraclete" is commonly translated by "consoler," and Jesus is the first consoler. The Lord also called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #692



The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity

The One whom the Father has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of his Son, is truly God. Consubstantial with the Father and the Son, the Spirit is inseparable from them, in both the inner life of the Trinity and his gift of love for the world. In adoring the Holy Trinity, life-giving, consubstantial, and indivisible, the Church's faith also professes the distinction of persons. When the Father sends his Word, he always sends his Breath. In their joint mission, the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable. To be sure, it is Christ who is seen, the visible image of the invisible God, but it is the Spirit who reveals him.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #689



Pope Leo XIV

"God cares for us, God loves all of us, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us move forward.

We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light."



MAY 31
FEAST OF THE VISITATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast that we celebrate today recalls the visit of Mary, carrying the Son of God in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth herself is pregnant, carrying her son, John the Baptist. John, in his mother's womb, recognizes that the Son of God is present, and leaps for joy.

Elizabeth praises Mary as "full of grace." She says, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

In response, Mary proclaims the praise of God. The words of these two women have echoed down the centuries in two prayers—The "Hail Mary" and the "Magnificat."



Hail Mary,

Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.

Amen.



And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor
on the lowliness
of his servant.
Surely, from now on all
generations will
call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done
great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those
who fear him from
generation to generation."