

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE	
<b>Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> <i>St. Nereus &amp; St. Achilleus (OblMem), St. Pancras (Obl Mem)</i></b>	
	Acts 14.19-28, Gospel: John 14.27-31a +Edward Berlot (Maria Berlot)
<b>Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of Fatima (Obl Mem)</i></b>	
	Acts 15. 1-6, Gospel John 15. 1-8 A.I.D.
<b>Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, <i>St. Matthias (Feast)</i></b>	
	Acts 1.15-17, 20-26, Gospel: John 15.9-17 +Frank Holl (Annette Anderson)
<b>Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Acts 15.22-31, Gospel: John 15.12-17 +Maria Kramar (Maria Berlot)
<b>Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Acts 16.1-10, Gospel: John 15.18-21 +Jim & Rosella Downey (Frances Mantler & Family)
<b>Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18 Gospel: John 14.15-21 For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ON MOTHER'S DAY:

I wish all our mothers a happy Mother's Day as we mark Mothering Sunday! We are so grateful and can't thank the good Lord enough for the wonderful gift of our mothers today and always. I hope you will find some time to relax and enjoy this day despite the times that we are in and the ongoing pandemic. We pray that God will continue to keep our mothers safe and well

always. Thanks for making our world so beautiful and may God continue to bless and keep you in His love and peace, Amen!

### SUNDAY READINGS:

#### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7*

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19*

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

#### Second Reading

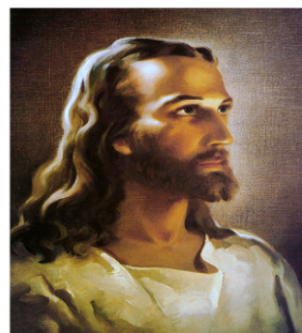
*1 Peter 2:4-9*

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

#### Gospel Reading

*John 14:1-12*

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."



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## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING:

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father. Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life." The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

## FAMILY CONNECTION:

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or

"She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF ROSARY DEVOTION

**"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."  
- Blessed Pope Pius IX**



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## PRAYER FOR ANXIETY:

Today I pray for all those who suffer from anxiety in the midst of this exceptional situation we are going through. May they get comfort, Lord, both in your unlimited Love and in the community.

Holy Spirit be our light so that we keep faith in the heart of our daily lives and in that way, we may transform fear into hope. Amen. (Prayer from *Prions en Eglise*) [www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

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## PRAYER REQUEST FOR ALL OUR SICK PARISHIONERS:

Please continue to pray for the sick around the world and especially our sick parishioners and those who look after them:

**Don Woodham, Wayne Robinson, Maverick Southern, Margaret Morris, Defina Segatti, Felix Kozak, Argene Pellegrini, Tom Wunder, Kaelynn Heines, and family and friends.** May Our Blessed Mother Mary, Health of the Sick, pray and intercede for us!

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## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE:

The annual March for Life won't be on Parliament Hill this year, but it will be online! The organizers are offering great pro-life content from May 10-15. The virtual programming will include free pro-life movies streaming online, a virtual candlelight vigil, online rally, and more. For all the details, visit [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca). You can also participate by making a pro-life sign to put in your window or drawing positive pro-life messages with sidewalk chalk in your neighbourhood! You can send photos of your signs and artwork to [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com).

## WELLINGTON FOOD BANK DONATIONS FOR MAY:

The St. Mary's CWL continues its year-long campaign on behalf of the Wellington Food Bank especially in these times of the COVID-19 pandemic. The following are the items requested by the food bank:

- **Instant Coffee**
- **Tea – including Green Tea and Herbal Teas**
- **Shampoo**
- **Conditioner**
- **Laundry and Dish Soap**

Please leave any donations at the end of the driveway of the Kraemers' at: 0257 South River Road, Elora.

**A marked white bin will be available throughout the day at the end of the driveway from Monday to Saturday for the collection of items.** Your generosity, as always, is so very much appreciated!

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Please keep our recently deceased and family in your prayers-  
**+Ethel Doucette** (St Martin of Tours, Drayton, ON)

“O God, grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do.”

– St. Thomas Aquinas

The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what he is sending us every day in his goodness.”

– St. Gianna Beretta Molla