

MAY 25, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a



Sunday Offertory

05-18-2025.....\$2,391
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$609

YTD
 Offertory.....\$152,095
 Budget.....\$138,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$14,095

Food Pantry\$



Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
 John 14:23-29

By listening attentively to the Spirit promised by Jesus, the early Church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices. All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 966

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hi everyone,

Just a quick heads-up that there will be no 1pm Mass on June 1. I will have to be somewhere, so we will not have that Mass. Please plan accordingly!

I really wanted to do a whole series on the Book of Revelation this Easter season, but I am so fascinated by the Gospel readings that I think I'm going to have to pivot this year. In our Gospel this week, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit upon his disciples. I am really drawn to the idea that the Holy Spirit is the Paraclete. In Greek, "paraclete" means something like advocate or defense attorney. I think we all know what it feels like to be prosecuted for every little wrong thing that we do. The word "Satan" actually means "prosecutor". But do we ever remember that we have God Himself as our advocate and defender?

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, May 24	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	Din and Mata Families
Sunday, May 25	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, May 26	No Mass	
Tuesday, May 27	No Mass	
Wednesday, May 28	Noon Mass	+Sidney Tackett
Thursday, May 29	No Mass	
Friday, May 30	Noon Mass	+Ronaldo Tanael
Saturday, May 31	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	Intentions of Jim and Nancy Goss
Sunday, June 1	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People NO MASS

Parish Calendar & Announcements

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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 ©LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

My Peace I Give to You

When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls.

"A massive, high wall," to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety.

Walls meant peace.

"My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. "Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

So what's the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ exists. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace — something like it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can't actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest — but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don't, my thoughts get pretty loud.

And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds me and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world.
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LECTOR ROTATION - Below are the names and dates of the lector rotation:

05/25 Steve Mischenski
06/01 Sidney Cline
06/08 Joseph Mata
06/15 Lindsay May
06/22 Doyle May
06/29 Steve Mischenski

If you cannot make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118.



Peggy Anderson

Dana Cantrell, Anna Gomez's friend and co-worker

Mary Beth Webb

David Matson, Br. Christian's father

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Sharon Collins, cancer

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Tim Deskins

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Kenny Blackburn

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Mary Anne McNamee

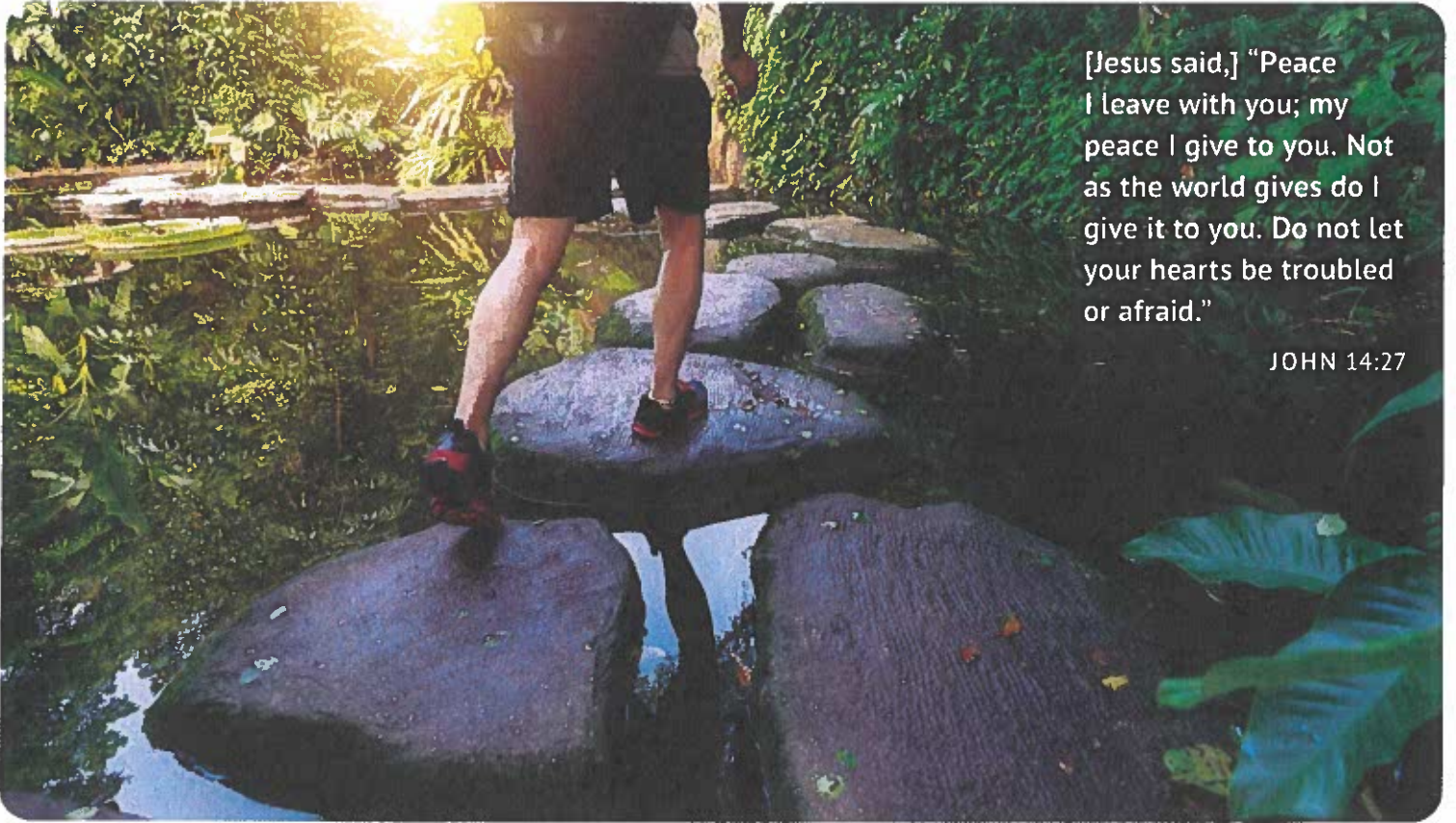
+Sidney Tackett

+Pearl Jones, Valerie Cline's grandmother

+Erica Hunt, Lisa Scalf's friend

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives
\$3.00 and small votives \$0.50



[Jesus said,] “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

JOHN 14:27

The Wisdom Channel

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is a difference between common sense and wisdom. The former can be taught and is usually passed on by our culture. It includes such practical tips as *wash your hands before you eat, don't drink and drive, and save some money for a rainy day*. Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be the fruit of reflection upon one's life experiences. It tends to be insightful, containing greater depth and richness.

While we presume everyone will eventually arrive at some level of common sense, not everyone becomes wise with time. Wisdom tends to see what others may not. Jesus taught his followers, “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you” (John 14: 26). It is God's Spirit that brings us to wisdom.

I invite you to list five pieces of wisdom you have drawn from your life experiences—five truths for life by which you try to live. You may not live them out as perfectly as you might hope, but they are the five foundation stones upon which you have chosen to build your life. For example, from my own life, I've concluded that patience works. Everything has its own rhythm, and things generally work out, given enough time. Another foundation for me is to live by what I need, rather than by what I want. I readily admit that I don't live that out perfectly, but, when I do, life is much less stressful. ●

Reflect

**What items are on my wisdom list?
How or from whom did I learn them?**

Dear Padre,

I know Catholics with spouses who cheat and abuse them. What should they do?

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church wants you to help that person reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive, and his wife leaves, but he then seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church hopes that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the adulterous behavior, the next step would be a civil divorce. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process can begin. However, even after a civil divorce, there is still hope of reconciliation.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married, they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call and an expectation to work things out, to forgive, to repair the hurt, and to not rush to divorce. But, to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday

May 26
St. Philip Neri,
Priest
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

May 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15,
22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

May 29
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

Friday

May 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

May 31
The Visitation
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a
or Rom 12:9-16
Lk 1:39-56

Sunday

June 1
The Ascension
of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23
Lk 24:46-53

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The more we feel our hearts are agitated, the more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry inside, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace. Let us learn to say every day: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit."... And let us also ask this...for those we meet each day.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 22, 2022



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