



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Reading I: Acts 1: 12-14;

Reading II: 1 Peter 4: 13-16;

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

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Gospel Summary

In John's Gospel, Jesus gives many instructions to his disciples following the Last Supper they share together. Moments before their time in Gethsemane, Jesus lifts his eyes in a prayer sometimes called the Priestly Prayer. Jesus makes clear in the prayer that he knows his time on earth is coming to an end. He has done the work God sent him to do and in the prayer, Jesus asks God to glorify him. In glory, Jesus will return to God. However, that glory can only come after the cross. The cross exposes what people did to Jesus, but the resurrection reveals what God did for him. It is only through Jesus and his death and resurrection that we can know the love God has for us. Jesus also asked God to strengthen the disciples. Since Jesus would return to the Father, his mission and message must now be entrusted to the disciples. Jesus asks God to protect and unite them.

Reflection for Families

As a family, think of the many people who know God's love through Jesus. These may be people you know personally or people you have heard about. Perhaps there are people in your parish who were baptized at the Easter Vigil or received other sacraments during the Easter Season. You may know a neighbor, co-worker, or classmate who has witnessed God's love through the kindness of another. Talk about ways God's love has strengthened others and then consider ways in which God's love has strengthened the members of your own family. Are there ways your family can grow even stronger through God's love?

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

As followers of Jesus, we belong to God and will share in Jesus' glory. Think of a way to share that Good News with someone today. Who do you know who may be down or discouraged right now? Maybe you know someone who needs special prayers--pray for them; or send them a note or card for extra encouragement; or do an act of service. Be sure every member of your family is included in this mission.

Discussion Starters

1. I know I am one with Jesus when...
2. Like he promised the disciples, I know Jesus is with me. I knew this for sure when . . .
3. One person in my life who is a sign of God's love is . . .

- **SECOND COLLECTION**

A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend in support of the Tunggulian Christian Memorial Park Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support.

- **BREAKFAST SALE**

Please come and support the Altar Servers after the 9:00am Mass today. They will be selling food and drinks to raise funds for their group shirts.

- **NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The 9 Day of Novena to the Holy Spirit will continue until Saturday, 23rd May after the daily Mass at 5.30pm, except for today, 17th May at 7.15pm. Everyone is encouraged and invited to participate in this daily spiritual preparation, imitating the Apostles and Mary waiting in the Upper Room for outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

- **NO HOLY HOUR AND CHANGE IN MASS TIME**

Due to the Novena to the Holy Spirit, there will be No Holy Hour on Wednesday, 20th May. Also, a change in Mass time on Friday, 22nd May to 5.30pm.

- **PENTECOST MASS AND CELEBRATIONS**

There will only be ONE Mass on Sunday, 24th May at 9.00am. This will be followed by the Pentecost Celebrations at the St John's School Multi-purpose Hall. Everyone is encouraged to wear shades of red.

- **VICARIATE YOUTH DAY (VYD) - "STAY WITH US-LUKE 24-29"**

The Vicariate Youth Day will be held at SJC Parish from Friday, 5th June to Sunday, 7th June. All youths and Confirmation Class students (Year 7 above) are encouraged to participate. Registration is open until Sunday, 24th May with a fee of \$25 per person. Please scan the QR code at the Church entrance to register.

Donations in support of the event are most welcome.

- **VYD VOLUNTEER HOST OR FOSTER FAMILIES**

Those who would like to volunteer as hosts or foster families are kindly requested to register by scanning the QR code at the Church entrance before Sunday, 31st May.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855.

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child's Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

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DATE	TIME	READINGS
<p>18 MAY—Monday 7th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Acts 19: 1-8 Jn 16: 29-33</p>
<p>19 MAY—Tuesday 7th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Acts 20: 17-27 Jn 17: 1-11</p>
<p>20 MAY—Wednesday 7th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Acts 20: 28-38 Jn 17: 11-19</p>
<p>21 MAY—Thursday 7th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11 Jn 17: 20-26</p>
<p>22 MAY—Friday 7th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Acts 25: 13-21 Jn 21: 15-19</p>
<p>23 MAY—Saturday 7th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 Jn 21: 20-25</p>
<p>24 MAY—Sunday PENTECOST SUNDAY</p>	<p>9.00am (Mass) (ONLY ONE MASS)</p>	<p>Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13 Jn 20: 19-23</p>