



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Reading I: Acts 6: 1-7;

Reading II: 1 Peter 2: 4-9;

Gospel: John 14: 1-12.

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Gospel Summary

During Jesus' Last Supper, Jesus explained to the disciples what was to happen next in God's plan. Jesus would no longer be visibly among them, but would return to the Father. In heaven, Jesus would prepare a place for each of us to come when he returned to get us. In his discussion, Jesus also made it clear that if we know him, we would also know God, and that they are one in the same. The way for us to be with the Father is to follow Jesus.

Reflection for Families

Often it is easier for our children to trust the words of Jesus than it is for us. Like the disciples, we can be a bit apprehensive not seeing Jesus. After all, it would be easier to follow someone if we could actually see where he is going! Instead, the words of Jesus challenge us to have faith in him and trust where the journey leads. The example of our lives should always point us and our children toward the rooms Jesus prepares for each of us.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Think for a moment about a road map. You may even like to draw one on a large piece of paper. Consider the "You-Are-Here" point on your map. How would you define the spirituality of your family? At an opposite point on the map, write "destination." Where are you going? Consider some of the things you will need to do along the way. There might be some mountainous roads with stopping points such as forgiveness, honesty, sharing. You may find some detours called righteousness, greed, anger. Where are the rest-areas, and what do you do while you're resting? What will you take with you on the journey and how will you nourish yourselves? Look in your parish bulletin for ideas on how your church helps you persevere on the journey.

Discussion Starters

1. The person who has guided me the most on my journey toward Jesus is . . .
2. As a family we need to pay attention mostly to the detour of . . .
3. One time the only way I could see through a difficulty was to trust. It was hard but in the

- **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a Second Collection at all Masses for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

- **MINI 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.

- **MOTHER'S DAY 2026**

Next Sunday, 10th May is Mother's Day, in celebration, before the 9:00am Mass, flowers will be on sale at \$5 each. Then after the 9:00am Mass, there will be our usual community Breakfast sale.

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)**

Couples intending to get married must attend the Marriage Preparation Course, which is a pre-requisite for a Catholic marriage. The next MPC will be on 18th—20th June. Please register at the Parish Office, if you are planning to get married in the later part of the year.

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>4 MAY—Monday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26</p>
<p>5 MAY—Tuesday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31</p>
<p>6 MAY—Wednesday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) followed by the Holy Hour</p>	<p>Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8</p>
<p>7 MAY—Thursday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11</p>
<p>8 MAY—Friday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>12.15pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 15: 22-31 Jn 15: 12-17</p>
<p>9 MAY—Saturday 4th Week of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help) followed by the Daily Mass</p>	<p>Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21</p>
<p>10 MAY—Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21</p>