



DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 16	5TH WEEK OF EASTER Psalter Week I	Ac 14, 5-18; Jn 14,21-26.	5:30 PM
Tue 17	5TH WEEK OF EASTER Psalter Week I	Ac 14, 19-28; Jn 14, 27-31a.	5:30 PM
Wed 18	5TH WEEK OF EASTER Psalter Week I St John I	Ac 15, 1-6; Jn 15, 1-8.	5:30 PM
Thu 19	5TH WEEK OF EASTER Psalter Week I	Ac 15, 7-21; Jn 15, 9-11.	5:30 PM
Fri 20	5TH WEEK OF EASTER Psalter Week I St Bernardine of Siena	Ac 15, 22-31; Jn 15, 12-17.	12:15 PM
Sat 21	5TH WEEK OF EASTER Psalter Week I SS. Christopher Magallanes & Companions	Ac 16, 1-10; Jn 15, 18-21.	5:30 PM
Sun 22	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Psalter Week II	Ac 15, 1-2, 22-29; Rev 21, 10-14, 22-23. Jn 14, 23-29.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM



Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: 'Never again war!'; 'With war everything is lost'. Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last. Amen.

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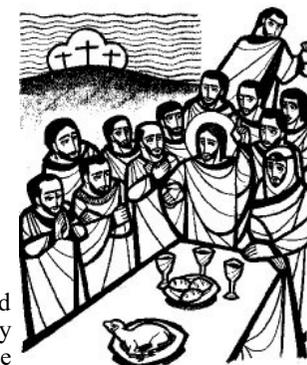
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

Reading I: Acts 14, 21b-27;

Responsorial Psalm: 144, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13ab.

Reading II: Revelation 21, 1-5a.

Gospel: John 13, 31-33a. 34-35.



Revised Roman Missal: 875 (Bahasa 605)

REFLECTION

If all the laws that were ever written in every country of the world were one day erased by magic and men decided to live only by the *law of love* just as Jesus preached, I can assure you that the world would be changed upside down. There would be no more wars, theft, jealousy, anger. Husbands would not betray their wives, children would obey their parents, there would be no lies, no corruption.

1. Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment." *Why does He call it new?* Weren't there good people in the world before him? Some are believers, others are not. "Love one another as I have loved you," Jesus insists. The true Christian is not the person who is smarter, more pious, more sacrificial, more influential, but rather the person who loves the most. Our love has to be like Jesus' love, freely given, generous, universal, unconditional.

Love is a gift. Love is not a feeling that one is loved but a desire to love. Love is more a need than a command. Can someone be forced to love? Forced love is not true love. Can someone live without love? Anyone who does not love wastes away. Anyone who is not loved dies. Love is giving up one's life.

2. The Gospel's novelty is not that we ought to love, but that we should *love one another as God has loved us*. In other words, without limits! How? It is very easy: let's open the Gospel and take a look at how Jesus loved us. He loved everyone, always, to the point of giving his life to save us.

Jesus loves with his mind; because he knows each person.

Jesus loves with his heart, in other words, fully and in depth.

Jesus loves everyone without limits, especially those who most need to be loved.

Let us love without limits until we have detached ourselves from everything, worn ourselves out completely and given ourselves fully. You know that every man is your brother, but your brother doesn't know it! You need to tell it to him in your words and your deeds.

3. "*Love is possible*" said Benedict XVI in a message directly to all boys and girls in the world. "Each person feels the desire to love and be loved. However, how hard it is to love, how many mistakes and failures do we end up making in love! Some people even end up doubting that love is possible." But we don't need to resign ourselves to what can sometimes "make us think that love is a utopia, a dream we can never fulfill."

Imagine that Jesus is next to you at every moment of the day, and that you ask him: "Lord, how would you do what I am about to do?" This is how you will learn to love as Jesus loves. *In this way you will be making Jesus' dream, the civilization of love, become a reality.*

Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for the Tunggulian Cemetery Fund.

Catechist Meeting (15th May)

There will be a meeting of all Catechetical focal points today at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are unable to join, please ask your deputy to attend.

Holy Hour Cancellation (20th & 27th May)

Due to a Vicariate Meeting, the Holy Hour on Friday, 20th May is being cancelled. Due to the Novena to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Hour on 27th May is also cancelled.

Flores de Mayo (21st May)

Flores de Mayo continues this Saturday, 21st May. We will continue to pray the rosary and offer bouquet of flowers to the Virgin Mary after the 5:30pm Mass. You can also consider honoring our Blessed Mother in this way on your own or with your family on other days too.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Due to the Flores de Mayo and the Novena to the Holy Spirit, the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will resume on Saturday 11th June.

Ascension of the Lord (26th May)

This Holy day of Obligation, commemorates Christ's Ascension into Heaven from Mount Olive 40 days after He rose from the dead (Mark 16:14-20). The Mass on this day will be at 6:00 PM.

Novena to the Holy Spirit (27th May onward)

The 9-days Novena to the Holy Spirit will start on Friday, 27th May. The weekday Masses will all be at 5:30 PM, except on Friday 3rd June, it will be at 12:15 PM. Novena prayer will begin immediately after the Mass. The Novena prayer on Sunday 29th May will start after the 5:30 PM Mass.

1st Death Anniversary of Cardinal Sim (29th May)

A rosary will be recited at 7:30 AM (before the 8:00 AM Mass) to mark the 1st Anniversary of his His Eminence Cornelius Cardinal Sim's death. A short video of remembrance of His Eminence will also be shown at the end of the Mass.

Pentecost Sunday (5th June)

Beginning Pentecost Sunday, children under 12 year will be allowed to join the Mass again, since they have started attending face-to-face classes. On this day, we will also resume the confession (Half an hour) before the Mass on Sunday. We will discontinue the livestream of the weekday Mass starting 6th June.

The 5:30 PM Mass on Pentecost Sunday will include the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 2021 Confirmandis. Please keep them in your prayers.

Breakfast Sale (5th June)

There will be breakfast sale on Sunday, 5th June after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Sunday School Classes (12th June)

Sunday School and COM Classes will resume face-to-face classes on Sunday, 12th June. Parents are to ensure that their children wear a mask to class. If your child is not well or show signs of flu, please keep them at home and inform their class teacher.

A prayer to the Holy Spirit you can use before any gathering.

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong
path

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.