



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Reading I: Acts 1: 12-14;

Responsorial Psalm: 26: 1, 4, 7-8;

Reading II: 1 Peter 4: 13-16;

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

Revised Roman Missal: 452

### 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 . . .

## **“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”**

### ◆ **SECOND COLLECTION**

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

### ◆ **MEETING FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS OF CONFIRMANDS**

There will be a meeting for all parents and sponsors of this year's confirmands today, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11:00 a.m. in the Church.

### ◆ **9-DAYS NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Novena to the Holy Spirit has begun and will be recited daily until Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. It will be after the 5:30 p.m. Mass except for today, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate in the Novena.

### ◆ **PENTECOST CELEBRATION GAMES REGISTRATION**

There will be a table in front of the Church after the Mass for all those who wish to register for the games next week at the Pentecost celebrations.

### ◆ **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

There will only be **ONE Mass** next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear red or a shade of red for the Mass and celebrations at the St John's School Multi-Purpose Hall after the Mass.

### **CONFESSIONS**

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass.

### **DEVOTIONS**

**HOLY HOUR**—Every Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**—Every FIRST Friday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

**DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**—Every Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

### **\*\*INFANT BAPTISM\*\***

The next infant baptism will be on Pentecost Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. If you wish to have your child baptised, please go to the Parish Office as soon as possible with the relevant documents.

### **GUIDELINES FOR MARRIAGE**

Please meet the parish Priest 6 MONTHS before the intended date of marriage. For more details and clarifications, contact the Parish Office admin.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>MASS &amp; OTHER EVENTS</b>	<b>READINGS</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Monday 22</b>	7TH WEEK OF EASTER <b>NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>	Acts 9: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33.	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	7TH WEEK OF EASTER <b>NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>	Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11	5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	7TH WEEK OF EASTER <b>NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>	Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11-19.	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday 25</b>	7TH WEEK OF EASTER <b>NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26.	5:30 PM
<b>Friday 26</b>	76TH WEEK OF EASTER <b>NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>	Acts 25: 13-21; Jn 21: 15-19.	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Saturday 27</b>	7TH WEEK OF EASTER <b>NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21: 20-25.	5:30 PM
<b>Sunday 28</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13, Jn 20: 19-23.	9:00 AM <b>(ONE MASS)</b>