



DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 22	7th Week of Easter Psalter Week III St Rita of Cascia	Acts 9: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33.	5:30 PM
Tue 23	7th Week of Easter Psalter Week III	Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11.	5:30 PM
Wed 24	7th Week of Easter Psalter Week III	Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11-19.	5:30 PM
Thu 25	7th Week of Easter Psalter Week III St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII and St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26.	5:30 PM
Fri 26	7th Week of Easter Psalter Week III St Philip Neri	Acts 25: 13-21; Jn 21: 15-19.	12:15 PM
Sat 27	7th Week of Easter Psalter Week III St Augustine of Canterbury	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21: 20-25.	5:30 PM
Sun 28	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13, Jn 20: 19-23.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

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7TH 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.

57th World Day of Social Communication 2023



Revised Roman Missal: 452 (Bahasa 656)

REFLECTION

In his message for the 57th World Day of Social Communications, the Holy Father has called upon Catholic Communicators to develop a cordial way of communication which can influence hardened hearts to open. He empathizes in the message that “friendly conversations can open a breach even in the most hardened of hearts,” and at the same time, those who read or listen to communicators who disseminate information through cordial communication, are led to participate in the “joys, fears, hopes and suffering of the women and men of our time.” According to the Pontiff, the contemporary society is marked by “polarizations and contrasts,” a situation which he laments “not even the ecclesial community is immune.” “We should not be afraid of proclaiming the truth, even if it is at times uncomfortable, but of doing so without charity, without heart,” since “We are all called to seek and to speak the truth and to do so with charity.” In the past two years reflections: “to go and see” and “listening with the ear of the heart” as conditions for good communication, the message this year stressed that “It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating.” Once we have practised listening which demands waiting and patience, as well as foregoing the assertion of our point of view in a prejudicial way, the Pontiff underscored in his message, “We can enter into the dynamic of dialogue and sharing, which is precisely that of communicating in a cordial way. After listening to the other with a pure heart, we will also be able to speak following the truth in love.” Giving reference to the late Pope Benedict XVI message that “the Christian’s programme is a heart which sees,” Pope Francis narrated that “A heart that reveals the truth of our being with its beat and that, for this reason, should be listened to.” This he says, “Leads those who listen to attune themselves to the same wave length, to the point of being able to hear within their heart also the heartbeat of the other. Then the miracle of encounter can take place, which makes us look at one another with compassion, welcoming our mutual frailties with respect rather than judging by hearsay and sowing discord and division.” Even though the message for the 57th WSCD is addressed to media practitioners, the Pope clarifies that the commitment to communicating with open heart and arms does not pertain exclusively to those in the field of communications but it is everyone’s responsibility. In conclusion the Pope prayed that “the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father may help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt, the Word made flesh may help us listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides and that the Word of truth and love may help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another.”

57th World Communications Day

21st May 2023



“The Truth in love”
 (Eph 4:15).
 Speaking with the heart.

Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for the Social Communication Fund.

Sunday School Activity (21st May) & Pentecost (28th May)

Today we will have our monthly Sunday School activity stations. Students please gather at the parish hall for attendance and briefing. While there are no Sunday School classes on Pentecost Day 28th May, students and families are encouraged to attend and participate in the various activities and fellowship to mark the feast day.

Novena to the Holy Spirit (19th—27th May)

The Novena to the Holy Spirit will start today at the end of the 5:30 PM Mass. On weekday, it will start at the end of the daily Mass. Please note that there will be no Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help on May 27th. The Holy Hour on May 26th is also cancelled.

Pentecost Sunday (28th May)

In conjunction with the birthday of the Church, there will be fellowship in the Parish Hall immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, 28th May. Don't forget to wear a red shirt or dress on that day!

Bahasa Mass (28th May)

The 5:30 PM Mass next Sunday, 28th May will be in the Malay language.

2nd Death Anniversary of Cardinal Sim (29th May)

A rosary will be recited at 5:30 PM on Monday, 29th May, to mark the 2nd Anniversary of His Eminence Cornelius Cardinal Sim's death.

Synodal Marian Prayer (31st May)

In preparation for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, there will be a Synodal Marian Prayer on Wednesday, 31st May at 5:30 PM. The intention of this prayer is to entrust to the Mother of God the Synodal path and the XVI General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome from October 4 to 29, 2023. This is in order to make the entire People of God aware of the importance of the process underway and to exhort the faithful to accompany it with prayer, to place the Church's entire Synodal Process, especially the work of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, under the specific protection and intercession of Our Lady.

Social Communication

The Church recognizing the potential and power of social communications as an instrument for progress, strives to use social communications in pursuance of its mission and teachings. Therefore the Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei (CBCMSB) mandates a national level social communications commission to stimulate, promote and harmonize Catholic activities in the field of social communications. We are looking for people with expertise in digital media to join this ministry and lead the team. If you are interested or know someone who has the expertise, please register your interest or the person details via the QR code on the right.



IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST —ST. JEROME

JOHN 17:1-11a

Reading closely

1. What all might the disciples be doing as Jesus prays?
2. How would you define the word *glorify*?
3. How would you describe the relationship between Jesus and the Father?
4. How might Jesus feel as he offers this prayer?
5. How might the disciples feel?

Living the word

6. In what ways do you glorify God?
7. What part of this prayer stands out to you? Why?
8. How is this prayer a model for you to follow?

THE GOSPEL READING

Prayerful conclusion

Every Seventh Sunday of Easter we hear part of the long prayer with which Jesus concludes his farewell speech to his disciples (John 13-17). After he offers this prayer, Jesus is arrested.

In his farewell speech Jesus urges his followers to pray in his name (14:13-14). In his concluding prayer he gives them a model to follow. The prayer echoes versions of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4.

The hour of glorification

In John's Gospel Jesus frequently speaks of his *hour*. The term refers to his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension – one, inseparable event by which Jesus and his Father are glorified. Jesus is glorified by being lifted onto the cross and up from the grave.

Jesus glorified God by working signs that revealed God had sent him into the world to save it (vv.4,6). Through his death and resurrection he works his greatest sign, the sign of the Father's life-saving love. Jesus thus reveals God's glory, God's majestic power over death and sin.

God's wisdom and word

Jesus is able to reveal and glorify God because he has been with God before the world began (v.5). John draws from the biblical wisdom tradition to

portray Jesus as God's wisdom, present before the creation of the world (Proverbs 8:22f; Sirach 24).

John simultaneously presents Jesus as God's incarnate *word* (1:1). To believe in Jesus is to believe that Jesus both speaks on behalf of and embodies his Father (vv.6-8).

God's name

When God summons Moses to lead his enslaved people out of Egypt, Moses asks for God's name. The name, which is impossible to translate precisely, is usually rendered "I am" (Exodus 3:14).

Throughout John's Gospel Jesus uses "I am" statements: I am the bread of life (6:35), I am the light of the world (8:12), I am the good shepherd (10:11), and so on. By applying the divine name to Jesus, the Gospel-writer boldly testifies to Jesus' eternal unity with God, the Father (8:24, 58).

The world

The dominant meaning of *the world* in John's Gospel is negative: it refers to humankind in its alienation from or rejection of God (v.9). Although the world has presumed to judge Jesus in this Gospel, Jesus ultimately stands as judge over the world.

PRAYER

adapted from the Prayer for Christian Unity, 2022

God of every nation,
the Lord Jesus Christ, your living Word,
became one of us and one with us.
Your solidarity with humankind
calls us to a life of solidarity with one another,
especially with the weakest among us
and with those others reject.
You have made us worthy of redemption,
preparing us by your redeeming love
for the glory of your kingdom.
Help us, O gracious Lord,
to receive your unity and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns as one God for ever and ever. Amen.