

Fifth Sunday of Easter –May 15, 2022

Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

The truth is: Presence makes the heart grow fonder. If that were not the case, why would we place such value on reminders of loved ones who are apart from us? People who have suffered the loss of personal possessions, in a fire for example, say the greatest losses are photos, keepsakes, and mementos of those who have touched and continue to touch the heart in love. Today's readings affirm this human sentiment. We must make God present in as many ways as possible, making the heart grow fonder.

Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, describes in the first reading the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. These two are careful to install elders (presbyters) in each community as one sign of God's presence. The most obvious sign, of course, is the preaching itself, that opens the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The Revelation passage proclaims presence. "He will dwell with them ... he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away" (Revelation 21:3-4). Perseverance in suffering ensures divine presence.

The gospel focuses on Jesus' departure, an absence that will severely test his beloved disciples. The Lord, aware of the human heart, gives the formula for a continuing experience of his presence: Love one another. Wherever self-giving love is found, people will recognize disciples of Christ, and Christ himself!

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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Loving One Another. The gospel today is short and sweet. Glorify God – Jesus does it first and implies we should, too. Love one another – a direct comma to each one of us. These are disciple activities. These are essentials for our way of life.

- ◆ How will my words and actions glorify God today?
- ◆ Whom will I love – even someone who makes it hard for me to do so?
- ◆ How will this glorifying God and loving others change me for the better?

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22, 2022

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10-14,22-23;John 14:23-29



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Sundays – 8:00 am
Weekdays –Fri 6:00 pm

Giving Birth to Love

“See, I make all things new,” says the One who sat on the throne. The second reading is about a vision of a new earth, a new Jerusalem, in which “there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away.”

The new Jerusalem will be made up of people who love one another. People will not watch in this holy city as their brothers and sisters languish in poverty and hunger, nor will they attack each other in various forms of inhumane treatment, torture, and war. The key to this new world will be love: “This is how all will know you for my disciples: your love for one another.”

The road to this new Jerusalem will not be an easy one: “We must undergo many trials if we are to enter into the reign of God.” We enter the road with faith that the risen Lord will “give us new purpose and bring us to a new life.”

The entire creation has been groaning till now in an act of giving birth, as it waits for the glory of the children of God to be revealed. Let Christians therefore be convinced that they will yet find the fruits of their own nature and effort cleansed of all impurities in the new earth which God is now preparing for them, and in which there will be the kingdom of justice and love, a kingdom which will be fully perfected when the Lord will come himself. Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 1971:75

Gerald Darring, SLU Sunday Website.

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Birthdays
May 15 Allen Irby

Schedule of Masses

Sun May 15 8:00 Mass Heather Fred
Wed May 18 5:30 pm Mass
Fri May 20 6:00 pm Mass
Sat May 21 1:00 pm Funeral Mass for Pat Kinhead
Sun May 22 Seminarian Education Collection
8:00 am Mass Martina Battreall

Liturgical Ministers

May 15	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	E Garrett	K Pobst	M Nelson	Vol.	* F Dueker, J Bergmann
			<u>Cantor</u>	J Starrett	
May 22	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	S Widowski	B Bowers	P Widowski	M&C Bergmann	*M Slife, D Zmuda Sr.
			<u>Cantor</u>	Z Garrett	

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING May 8, 2022

Envelope (24) \$1235.00
Loose \$25.00
Collection for Fr. Sal Gonzalez for March retreat \$285.00
Donation \$640.00
Total: \$2185.00
Bldg & Main (17) \$380.00

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun May 15 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am CCW Meeting
Wed May 18 5:30 pm Mass
6:00 pm Parish Council
Fri May 20 6:00 pm Mass
Sat May 21 1:00 pm Mass for Pat Kinhead
Sun May 22 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Adult Bible Study

ST PAUL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY

All ladies of the parish are considered members and always invited to meetings or events. We are going to be planning a spring/summer ladies’ event. Come join us.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS WEDNESDAY.

Agenda for meeting is in the church foyer for pickup today

IMPORTANT DATES:

--Wednesday May 18 Parish Council
--Saturday May 21 Pat Kinhead funeral mass at 1 pm. All parishioners invited
--Thursday thru Sat June 2-4 Faith Alive Thrift store workers for St. Paul needed

50TH ORDINATION INVITATION FOR FR. DAN FRIEDMAN,

former pastor for St. Paul is June 5, 2022. Mass at 10:30 am at St. Francis Church in Aviston will be followed by dinner and reception at the American Legion Hall. RSVP 618 806-2948 or 618 772-9267

REDISCOVERING THE EUCHARIST MASTERCLASS

The U.S. Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist beginning in June 2022 and culminating in a National Eucharistic Congress in 2024. In this article, you will learn about the objectives of the Eucharist Revival and the ways that the Eucharistic catechesis can thrive with greater accompaniment. Be prepared to embrace opportunities for renewal during the Eucharist Revival by registering for a three-part online class, (live or on demand) starting May 17. For more information and to register go to <https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/rediscovering-the-eucharist>

CELEBRATING OUR NURSES

We congratulate and thank all our nurses and healthcare workers in our parish as they celebrate Nurses Week. We pray that God will continue to bless you and to use you to foster the ministry of healing and recovery to our sick brothers and sisters. A special thanks, also to our Wellness Commission led by Peggy Widowski of our parish nurses who provide special services to our parish. Blood pressure checks, delayed during Covid quarantine will resume shortly, Date TBD.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Our diocese is currently blessed with 7 seminarians and we are asking for your help in meeting the needs of their Formation. The cost for tuition, books, room and board is over \$48,000 per year for each seminarian. Please join these young men on their journey to the priesthood. Your contribution to this collection is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in Southern Illinois. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.