

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia, religious.

Reading 1: **ACTS 16: 11-15**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 149: 23-24,26-27,29-30**

Gospel: **JOHN 15: 26—16: 4**

Tuesday May 23rd

St. Joseph the Worker.

Reading 1: **ACTS 16: 22-34**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 138: 1-3,7-8**

Gospel: **JOHN 16: 5-11**

Wednesday May 24th

Reading 1: **ACTS 17: 15,22—18: 1**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 148: 1-2,11-14**

Gospel: **JOHN 16: 12-15**

Thursday May 25th

Venerable Bede, priest & doctor; St. Gregory VII, pope & St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin.

Reading 1: **ACTS 18: 1-8**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 98: 1-4**

Gospel: **JOHN 16: 16-20**

Friday May 26th

St. Philip Neri, priest.

Reading 1: **ACTS 18: 9-18**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 47: 2-7**

Gospel: **JOHN 16: 20-23**

Saturday May 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop.

Reading 1: **ACTS 18: 23-28**

Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 47: 2-3,8-10**

Gospel: **JOHN 16: 23-28**

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. 2nd collection next week is for the maintenance of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity.
4. PENTECOST ASSEMBLY to be held at the National Arena on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Please come out in your numbers and bring a friend.

Have a Blessed Week

*Welcome to the Roman Catholic
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"*



6th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

Theme: Diversity in Unity.

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me." We modern people often do not like the idea of commandments! We are so caught up in freedom that we resist any sense of having to do anything because it is commanded! On the other hand, married couples know that they must listen to one another and that their response to one another is a sort of obedience to one another.

Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

Yes, for sure, after listening and speaking and dialoging. This is very similar to the process of our faith in relationship to the Lord Jesus. If we truly love Him, then we must listen to Him, we must speak with Him. And we, at times, must dialog with Him. This is what it means to love Him and to observe His commandments.

Some might think that it is much easier to listen, speak and dialog with a living person right in front of me. Yet we all know how difficult it is to have any kind of deep relationship with another person. We humans guard our own territory, our own ideas, our ways of thinking and everything that is personal! Marriage has become more and more difficult. So also has a consecrated religious life in a community.

To love another person always means that we must sacrifice ourselves for the good of the other person. One of the great definitions of love is that ability to choose the good of the other person and give up our own good for the sake of the other person. That definition sounds easy until we try to live it!

The Acts of the Apostles today, in our first reading, speaks about the people of Samaria receiving faith in the Lord Jesus. These first moments of faith are incredible and give an enormous energy to a new Church. In time, just as we also hear in the Acts of the Apostles, our humanity reasserts itself and we Christians must learn to live with conflicts, differences and even rejection. The only way to overcome the negativities of community life is for each of us, personally, to commit our lives to the Lord and to strive to make our personal decisions based on our faith and not on our feelings, emotions or even thinking.

The second reading, from the First Letter of Peter, reminds us, in Jesus, that we must be put to death in the flesh and live in the Spirit. This is the path of the Lord Jesus and it must be our path. It sounds awful and perhaps even frightening—on the other hand, there is an incredible joy in walking in His ways and not in our own. Sure, to follow Jesus will lead us on a path of suffering. We cannot expect to live differently than our Lord. Resurrection only comes through suffering and death.

Let us embrace the path of the Lord, let us walk with him, let us keep His commandments: love God and love others. Alleluia!

Let us walk in the way of the Lord.

The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 19 "All The Ends Of The Earth"*

Lord Have Mercy

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Acts 8: 5-8,14-17

{Claudia Tyson}

Responsorial Psalm: 65{66}: 1-7,16,20

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18

{Christine Pratt}

Gospel Acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: *No. 323 "Praise The Lord, My Soul"*

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 381 "Take This Bread, Take This Wine"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *No. 199 "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"*

Meditation: *No. 206 "Lay Your Hands Gently Upon Us"*

Sending Forth: No. 218 "Lift High The Cross"

Today's Extraordinary Ministers:

Ena Whyte - Blood

Ludel Arthur - Body

Ionie Clarke - Blood