



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Meet Jesus once again

At a certain point in every person's life, there comes a time when everything that used to make sense no longer does. Perhaps it comes at a time of major loss—such as losing a job or the death of a loved one. Or maybe it comes at a milestone in your life such as turning 50 or having your youngest child leave the nest. As uncomfortable as this may feel, it can be a great spiritual opportunity, because you have a chance to encounter Jesus as if for the first time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52).* "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

MONDAY, MAY 15 MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE Table blessings

The feast of Saint Isidore the Farmer provides us—even city-dwellers—with an opportunity to remember our link to the land and to all those who provide our food. Not only are we in debt to them for endless and often thankless labor but also for most of what we consume to stay alive. Food is for our bodies what the Eucharist is for our spirits: nourishment. It sustains us. In his little poem "Prayer After Eating," American farmer and poet Wendell Berry makes that connection clear. "I have taken the light / that quickened eye and leaf. / May my brain be bright with praise / of what I eat, in the brief blaze / of motion and of thought. / May I be worthy of my meat."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285).* "He brought them up into his house and provided a meal."

TUESDAY, MAY 16 EASTER WEEKDAY Work for justice, peacefully

Jesus promised peace to those who love him. But there has not been a single generation of worldwide peace in recorded history. Why is peace so elusive? Pope Paul VI noted that we are missing the necessary precondition: "Peace is more than the absence of war," he wrote. "If you want peace, work for justice." Until the balance of health, wealth, and opportunity puts the good life within reach of all people, the want that yawns between the powerful and the powerless will continue to brew pain, anger, and violence the world over. Pledge your support to an agency dedicated to providing opportunity to the socially disadvantaged.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286).* "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 EASTER WEEKDAY

Time for some personal pruning

Gardeners know the importance of pruning. By cutting away some of a plant, you help it to direct its energy into flowering and fruitful growth. It's the same when it comes to the spirit. Trim from your life what is sapping your connection to the true vine, Jesus Christ. We all have aspects of our personality and character that need to change and develop. Is it a bad habit, a destructive situation, a negative attitude? What's separating you from God and neighbor? Cut it away. Making a clean break and strengthening your soul will let the good and healthy parts of your spirit bear much fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287).* "Every branch that bears fruit my Father prunes to make it bear more fruit."

THURSDAY, MAY 18 EASTER WEEKDAY

Follow the joy

Ever wonder if you were born for misery? If so, cancel that concern: Jesus says we are destined for joy. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (along with love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) that demonstrate how well we are living under the Spirit's guidance. The more we surrender to the wisdom of the indwelling Spirit, the more joy will flower in our lives. If you're looking for a good role model in this, follow people whose joy has no end and is not dependent on their circumstances.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288).* "I have said these things so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete."

FRIDAY, MAY 19 EASTER WEEKDAY

Can you get that call?

There's a lot of holiness in the church, and it's not only leaders or the women and men in consecrated life but all of us. Too often we think that the "chosen" of God are the ones who are in vowed religious life or ministry positions. Yet the gospel truth is that God calls each of us. Every one of us is invited to respond to God in faith and love and to serve God in all that we are and do. Ask yourself how God has been calling you. In what ways have you responded? How might the Spirit be encouraging you to tend to a newly emerging need or possibility?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289).* "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

SATURDAY, MAY 20 MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

Cultivate saintly smarts

No wonder Bernardine (1380-1444) is a patron saint of public relations—professionals who use a positive spin to persuade people. Though he embraced the poverty and humility of Saint Francis of Assisi, he was "sensitive to the demands of secular life, and tried to negotiate between Christian ethics and a conflicting code of honor that stressed retaining face in a public world," says a biographer. A persuasive preacher, he got Italy's warring families to replace their coats of arms with tablets bearing "I.H.M.," the Holy Name of Jesus. When a painter of playing cards went bankrupt because Bernardine turned people off gambling, Bernardine made him wealthy by persuading him to paint I.H.M. tablets. Can we be as savvy, bringing Jesus' way to worldly ways?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290).* "You do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world."



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2017

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed on Wednesday

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least a month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least 6 months in advance.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 13	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, May 14	8:30 A.M.	Elnora Smith by friends
Monday, May 15	9:00 A.M.	Jerry Holm 1st anniversary by Karen & Richard Powell & family
Friday, May 19	9:00 A.M.	Helen Orizzonto by Helen & Calvin Lundeen
Saturday, May 20	4:00 P.M.	Pat & Herb Castellini and Denise & Jean-Louis Desrochers 50 th wedding anniversaries
Sunday, May 21	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



James Dubuque	Mary Mayette
Betty Leonard	Michael Fleming
Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.	Richard Temple
Rose Temple	Michael Temple
John George	Sean Hamilton
Janice Jordon	Steve Heavisides
Real Fournier	Vicky Chambers
Nancy Parkerson	John Delap
Sue Lashway	

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

Pat & Herb Castellini
and Denise & Jean
Louis Desrochers
50th Anniversary



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection May 6-7:	\$ 3,375.00

**Thank You for Your Support
of Saint Anthony Church!**

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen Orizzonto** whose funeral was held here last Saturday. May her family find solace in their faith and in the promise of eternal life with our heavenly father.

Month of Mary: The month of May is dedicated to our Holy Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are all encouraged to pray the rosary daily during May.

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Jesus’ words strike many in our day and age as unspeakably arrogant and presumptuous. The Church which proclaims these words and affirms them as true is also attacked as arrogant, exclusive, judgmental. But are they really?

Of course not!

The Church proclaims what she has always proclaimed about Jesus. That He and He alone is the one, unique savior of the world.

Everyone who is saved is saved because of Jesus whether they know it or not.

Salvation is a gift offered to all in, through and by way of Jesus Christ.

All of us, every single one of us, is saved in and through Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Congratulations to our second graders who received their dear Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this past weekend. Congratulations to **Jayce Bailey, Aidan Culbertson, Paul Kidd, Isaiah Newton.**

May 13, 2017

One hundred years ago the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children in a tiny hamlet in Portugal known as Fatima. Over the next six months Our Lady appeared once each month to the children encouraging them to pray the Rosary daily for peace (the First World War was then raging) for the conversion of sinners. In the final apparition, on October 13, 1917 thousands saw the “sun dance” in the sky, a phenomenon witnessed by believers and unbelievers alike.

The Fatima apparitions were approved by the Church in 1930.

Like all approved apparitions the message of Fatima is the message of the Gospel: conversion of heart, prayer & penance and faithfulness to Christ and His Church.

No devotion is so closely identified with Fatima as is the Holy Rosary. In each of her apparitions at Fatima our Blessed Mother called on the visionaries to pray the rosary daily and for 100 years millions have done exactly that. Why not make this popular devotion a regular, daily part of your own prayer life?

Mother’s Day: On Sunday we celebrate Mother’s Day. Let us keep in our prayers all mothers, grandmothers and godmothers, living and deceased.

Last Opportunity: If you have not yet submitted your request for the next Minister and Counter schedules, please do so **this weekend**. You may e-mail or phone message our office, or drop a note in the collection basket. This schedule will include June, July and August, and must reach the office **no later than this Sunday, May 14.**

Wednesday Night Crafters: We meet in the Religious Ed building Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. All welcome, no skill needed, all supplies provided. Questions? Contact Charlotte Merrill (802) 295-2145 or dcmerrill@myfairpoint.net.

Bishop’s Fund: This weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. You and your family fulfill a key role in our faith throughout the state of Vermont. Please be prepared to participate with Father Rick, parish staff and volunteers to make your commitment this weekend to the 2017 Annual Appeal. Thank you.

Second Collection This Week: This weekend our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection provides vital funding for our brothers and sisters living in countries that were once under communist rule. Restoring the Church, in both its structures and its spiritual life, has been difficult, but with your support we can help build a brighter future for this region. **Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

Haven: This week’s top five needs are cereal, canned fruit, tuna, soup and shelf-stable milk (evaporated or powdered). Non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!