

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Radiating Splendor

God our Father,
have pity on us and bless us!
We come to you
with renewed hope
because your face shines upon us,
your splendor radiates around us!
May you continue
to make your way known to us.

Guide us in keeping your Word.
When we find ourselves troubled
and afraid,
help us rest,
knowing that you remain with us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 25, 2025

The Guiding Spirit



Today's readings: Acts 15:1–2, 22–29; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23; John 14:23–29. Next week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This week, we hear Jesus remind the disciples that he will be “going away,” or ascending. He tells them that, even though he is joining the Father, he is with them: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” The Holy Spirit is with us, too, inspiring us as we discern how to best respond to the call to be followers of Christ.

As the Easter season nears its end, prayerfully reflect on the ways the Holy Spirit has guided you. Begin your

reflection by invoking the Holy Spirit. (“Come, Holy Spirit.”) Light a candle, if possible. Where can you see God moving in your life? Consider the following: various settings that have moved or inspired you; conversations with friends or family that have helped clarify something for you; a passing thought or feeling that has resurfaced. Next, ask for the wisdom to respond!

The apostles were sent to pastorally respond to the needs of various communities. How have you been asked to respond to the needs around you? End your prayer by reading the Gospel passage. Sit with Jesus’ words: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri, the founder of a religious community of priests and lay brothers called the Oratory, was known for his humor and holiness. Look back on your day. Did you greet others joyfully? Did you cheerfully fulfill your responsibilities? Pray for the ability to find joy in your daily tasks. Ask St. Philip Neri to pray for you! *Today's readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Augustine was known as the “apostle of England.” He led monks from Rome to England to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons. As they journeyed to England, they heard stories that instilled fear in them; Augustine was filled with doubt about the mission and returned to Rome. Pope Gregory the Great reassured them, and they set out again for England. When have you doubted your abilities? Ask God for the confidence you need to respond to him. *Today's readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 28

Truth

Jesus tells his disciples that “the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth.” We know that the Spirit reveals the truth of God’s glory to us. If possible, attend daily Mass. *Today's readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 29

The Ascension

At Mass, we participate in the paschal mystery and are called to share the news of the miraculous events we witness. God accompanies us as we preach “in his name.” The Holy Spirit

strengthens us to joyfully accept the difficult yet transformative call to be followers of Christ. *Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23 or Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23; Luke 24: 46–53.*

Thursday, May 29

St. Paul VI

In 1958, Pope John XXIII named Fr. Giovanni Battista Montini a cardinal. As cardinal, he helped prepare the Second Vatican Council. He was elected pope in June 1963. Pope Paul VI continued the Council, which reformed and renewed the Church. The Second Vatican Council called for the faithful’s full and active participation in the liturgy. What does that mean to you? *Today's readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

Friday, May 30

Laboring

Jesus tells his disciples that pain, weeping, and grieving will precede their joy. He likens the Christian journey to a woman in labor: she is first “in anguish because her hour has arrived,” but then she “no longer remembers the pain because of her joy” once the child is born. This evening, hand your hardships and labor over to God. *Today's readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

Saturday, May 31

The Visitation

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is also pregnant, she travels to visit her. Upon hearing Mary, Elizabeth’s baby leaps inside her womb and Elizabeth joyfully exclaims the joy of Mary as the mother of the Lord. Who has celebrated joyous moments with you? Pray in gratitude for the ways they have accompanied you through growth and celebration. *Today's readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*