

The Work of the People
Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Fifth Sunday of Easter does not have a particular designation such as *Divine Mercy Sunday* or *Good Shepherd Sunday* but in Cycle C of the readings we do get a sense of the love of Jesus for us and how we are to share that love in our daily comings and goings.

As we follow the development of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas are undeterred by the hostility that they have faced and continue to preach the message of Christ throughout the region. Note that they appointed leaders for the regional churches, and also that they are humble enough to remain accountable to the Church of Antioch from which they have been sent.

In the Book of Revelation John's vision on the island of Patmos culminates with the vision of the "new Jerusalem." This is the city that overcomes all the falsehoods that the chapter has litanized earlier. The bridge image is an anti-type of the whore of Babylon, and the two cities juxtaposed against each other.

In the Gospel of John, the betrayal by Judas has unleashed the forces that will lead to the seizure and death of Jesus. Jesus reminds his followers that they need not fear nor despair. This is the path to glory. Jesus offers them a commandment that is old and yet he describes it as new: love one another. This commandment is transformed in Jesus, who demonstrates a new, expansive, unreasonable, and unending love that must be modeled.

The reflection for this week is from *Total Surrender* by Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) who founded the Missionaries of Charity in the Archdiocese of Calcutta in 1950. She devoted her life to working with the poor and destitute and was an untiring witness to the dignity of every human person.

Sometime ago a man came to our house and said: "Mother, there is a Hindu family that has eight children. They have not eaten for a long time. Do something for them." So, I took some rice and went. When I arrived at their house, I could see the hunger in the children's eyes. Their eyes were shining with hunger. I gave the rice to the mother. She took it and divided it into two, and then she went out. When she came back, I asked her, "Where did you go?" She said, "They are hungry also." Her neighbors were also hungry.

What struck me most was not that she gave the rice but that she knew they were hungry. Because she knew, she shared. I did not bring more rice that night. I waited until the next morning so that they could experience the joy of sharing and loving.

Love, to be true, has to hurt, and this woman who was hungry—she knew that her neighbor was also hungry. That family happened to be a Muslim family. It was so touching, so real. This is where we are most unjust to our poor—we don't know them. We don't know how great they are, how lovable, how hungry for that understanding love. Today God loves the world through you and through me. Are we that love and that compassion? God proves that Christ loves us—that he has come to be his Father's compassion. Today God is loving the world through you and through me and through all those who are his love and compassion in the world.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn. 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn. 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn. 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn. 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn. 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn. 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts:15:1-2, 22-29/Rv. 21:10-14, 22-23/
Jn. 14:23-29

COLLECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL NEEDS

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what is *has* - love for one another.

*"Thank you, Lord,
for your unmatched love!"*

WORSHIP

Monday, May 16
 8:00 am + Claudia Geroni (Kathleen Lipkovich)
 Tuesday, May 17
 8:00 am + Jim Rasavage (Carol & Family)
 Wednesday, May 18
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 8:00 am + Norma Poulson (John & Kay Weagraff)
 Thursday, May 19
 8:00 am + Gary Parkin (Sue Parkin)
 Friday, May 20
 8:00 am + Kathleen Nowak (Rosemary Hoyt)
 Saturday, May 21
 4:30 pm + Mary Ann Zinchiak
 (Edward & Rita Kiter)
 Sunday, May 22
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Rick Baker (Pauline Baker)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, May 16
 5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO
 Tuesday, May 17
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Thursday, May 19
 6:00 pm - Parish Finance Council Mtg.
 6:45 pm - Parish Council Mtg.
 Saturday, May 21
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession
 Sunday, May 22
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession

*“Lord,
 help me to trust in your presence
 and your promises.
 Jesus, I need your peace!”*

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$495.00
Candles	40.00
Maintenance	20.00
TOTAL	\$555.00

SPRING IN THE COUNTRY
 All Saints Parish invites you to the “Spring in the Country’ Luncheon and Gift Auction on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 1 pm - 4 pm in the parish social hall.
 Tickets are \$9.00/person and can be ordered by going to www.allsaintsrcc.org and clicking on the advertisement on the homepage. Or you may call 814 796-3023, mornings, to order tickets through All Saints parish office.
 Gift auction, raffles, door prizes, 50-50, and a chicken salad on croissant and fruit salad luncheon will be served. Doors open at 12:30 pm.

CHANGE OF LIFE
 All the Knights of Columbus councils in Erie and Crawford Counties have come together to conduct a Baby Bottle fundraising drive to benefit the Women’s Care Center of Erie’s goal of purchasing a mobile ultrasound van.
 We will distribute baby bottles as you leave church today. If you are financially able, we ask that you fill them with change, currency or checks and return them on Father’s Day, June 19th.
 Thank you in advance.

DIOCESE AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES
 In an effort to strengthen the ministry of charity and justice within the Diocese of Erie, and to provide the best possible assistance to those burdened by poverty, those living on the margins and the most vulnerable, the diocesan Catholic Charities department will merge into Catholic Charities, Inc.

MARRIAGE MOMENT
 “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (John 13:34) Easy to say. Hard to do. Remember that Jesus’ love for humanity brought him to the crucifixion. Ponder what each of you might sacrifice for the other this week.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$1,174.00
Maintenance	261.00
People for Life/Carnations	126.00
Candles	39.00
Good Shepherd	565.00
Donation	200.00
CSA	720.00
TOTAL	\$3,085.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$29,048	Paid: \$18,759

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
