May 14, 2017 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

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I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
~ John 14:6
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel** — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day

**Monday:** St. Isidore the Farmer

**Thursday:** St. John I

**Saturday:** St. Bernardine of Siena; Armed Forces Day

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**THE WAY**

Today we sense the apostles’ trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that he is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord’s promise that he is going to his Father’s house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God’s wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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**HOLY NAME CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC**

**11th ANNUAL FALL RECITAL**

**Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 5:30 PM**

in Flanagan Center

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**WANTED**

The Chinese Ministry is looking for Altar Servers (adult or children) for the Saturday 3 pm Chinese Mass—and you do not need to speak Chinese! If this is your calling, and are willing to share your Time and Talent, please contact Nelson Lao at (415) 260-8485 or Lao_nn@yahoo.com. Training will be provided if you do not have previous experience.

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**ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER? Or just never registered?**

You may register online at http://holynamesf.org/parishregistration/ You may also call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office (1555 39th Ave./Lawton St.) during office hours, Monday-Friday from 9 AM - 4 PM.
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER," A word that means the world to me.
READ THE CATHOLIC BIBLE FOR ONE YEAR

Readings for May 14-May 20, 2017

- May 14 Josh 23–24, Lam 2, John 1:1–21, Ps 61:4–8
- May 18 Judg 6, Lam 4, John 3:12–36, Ps 64:title–4
- May 19 Judg 7, Lam 5, John 4:1–18, Ps 64:5–10

Readings are based on the Bible book arrangement as found in the Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, but can be used with any Catholic Bible with full canon of Scripture (this is different from the liturgical readings of the Mass as seen on page 2). A link to a complete reading chart for a year is also available on our website: www.holynamesf.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SECOND COLLECTION

We believe in strengthening families and reducing poverty. Catholic Charities supports families struggling with homelessness; cares for aging adults and adults with disabilities; welcomes immigrants and refugees with love and compassion; and offers youth a safe place to learn and grow.

We can’t do this work without you! Together we are Catholic Charities.

Please donate during the second collection at your parish on May 13-14.

You can also make a gift to Catholic Charities Sunday using the envelope inside this edition of Catholic San Francisco; or donate online at CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CCSunday

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND

Next Sunday’s Second Collection is for our Parish Building & Maintenance Fund. Your generosity allows us to take care of our Parish plant. Thank you for your support.

TO MEMBERS OF THE FIL-AM CLUB:

This is a reminder that the Fil-Am Club will have its regular meeting, on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Flanagan Center, followed by fellowship and potluck. You are welcome to share your favorite dish.

Hope to see you then.

Ramsey Ramos, President

HOLY NAME SCHOOL

Dear Holy Name Parishioners,

Thank you so much to our 3rd Grade Class for sponsoring a wonderful Sunday liturgy.

LENT AND SCHOOL-WIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

The SLE of the week is Outstanding Citizens: Respect Diversity. Join us in reminding students how wonderful diversity is and how we are fortunate to be part of a diverse community that respects the many beliefs we have.

The 8th Grade Musical is May 19th and May 20th. Be sure to turn in your forms to order our tickets! If you would like to purchase tickets please call 415-731-4077.

Enjoy your week!

Thanks,

Natalie Cirigliano, Principal

2017 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

As of 5/9/2017 we have received: $32,633.00
We still need: $30,251.00 to complete our goal of $62,884.00

For more info on the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please call the Parish office at (415) 664-8590 or go to www.sfarch.org
The Gospel is from St. John 14:1-12. We may well wonder at the slowness of the Apostles in seeing in Christ nothing more than a man—a great man, a man with power from God, yes, but still a mere man. That He was the Messiah, they were convinced, but their idea of the Messiah was wrong. They thought He would free Israel from foreign domination (Lk. 24:21), and set up a new kingdom of God—a prosperous, earthly kingdom with God guaranteeing peace and plenty for all. If, therefore, He allowed His enemies to put Him to death, all their hopes would be dashed to the ground. Hence, the mention of His impending death at the Last Supper filled them with dismay and despair.

But we must not judge them too harshly. Christ had indeed often claimed to be God, but His words fell on deaf ears. It was only after His resurrection that they began to understand that He had spoken literally—it was only then they believed He was indeed the Son of God, in human nature.

For us today, the Incarnation is still a mystery, but it is not the "how" that should trouble us, we know that with God all things are possible. It is rather the "why" that should cause us amazement. Why should God go to that length for our sake—mere creatures, and sinful, ungrateful creatures at that? The infinite goodness and the infinite love of God are the answer, but still an answer which is mysterious to us. For we, with our limited capacity for love, can form no idea of infinite love.

God created us "in His own image and likeness" (a very limited likeness, granted) and intended, because of the spiritual faculties He gave us, which enable us to see and enjoy truth and beauty, to give us a share in His eternal life and glory. To do this, the Incarnation of the second Person of the Holy Trinity was God's plan. There must have been other ways of doing this, but God, we can be sure, chose the best way. Even with our limited intelligence, we ourselves can see what a perfect way this was for proving to us the infinite love, goodness and compassion of our Creator.

Sin entered the world of man, as God had foreseen, but notwithstanding this ingratitude on our part, God's Son came in our lowly, human nature and suffered, even though sinless, all the effects of men's sins. He suffered in our name, and because He was God, His sufferings in His human nature made infinite atonement for the sins of all mankind.

His Incarnation had made us His brothers and co-heirs to heaven. His death on the cross wiped out, and gave us the means of wiping out, our sins, so that we would be capable of possessing our inheritance.

Knowing the story of the Incarnation therefore, we know of the love and kindness of God toward us. We need not ask, with Philip, "show us the Father," we have seen Him in His riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! "How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable are His ways!" (Rom. 11:33).

"What return can I make to the Lord?" All the mortifications and good works of all the holy men and women that ever lived, or will live, would not be adequate a return to God for the miracle of love He has shown toward us. But He accepts the widow’s mite, the little acts of love, the little proofs of gratitude, the willing acceptance of the crosses He sends us, to purify us. In one word, all He asks in return is that we try to live our Christian life day after day, ever thanking Him for the gift of Christ and the Christian faith.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan, O.F.M.
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses
on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 2 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room
Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)
Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm (except Oct. and Nov. at 7:30 pm) in the Flanagan Center.
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH SAN FRANCISCO is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the “Joy of the Gospel” we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings. Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.