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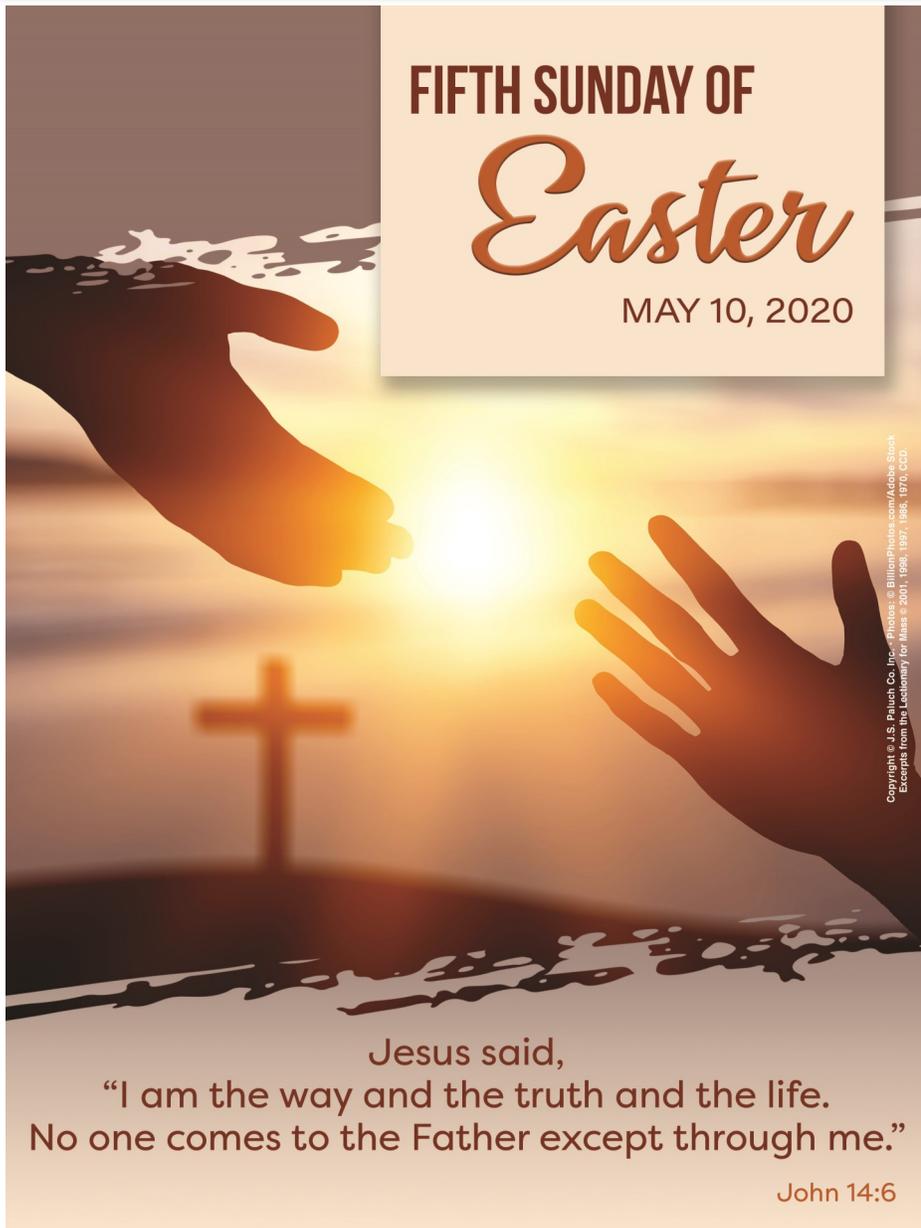
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

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Jesus said,
 "I am the way and the truth and the life.
 No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

175 Years
 1844-2019

Enriching Lives. Serving People.

Father Ed Murphy, C.M.
 Pastor

Father Jim Beighlie, C.M.
 Senior Priest in Service

Father Dan Thiess, C.M.
 Food Pantry

Sister Germaine Price, DC
 Sister in Service

Deacon Terry Collins

Dennis Wells
 Pastoral Associate/ Director of Music

Pat Poehling
 Volunteer Coordinator / Outreach

Mary Koenig
 Bookkeeper

Christy Toben
 Family Faith Formation

Laura Kelly
 Director of Development & Communications

Elisabeth Morales
 Administrative Assistant

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Maggie Wells
 Saturday Receptionist

Tammy Gegg-La Plume
 Kitchen Manager

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 Maintenance

**Jacqueline Cooperwood &
 Terence Saddler**
 Janitorial

Organizations / Activities

Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO)
Teresa Corby — After School Program

Bob Bischoff — Finance Council

Paul Freeman — Liturgy Committee

We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor.

We do this through:

- ◆ Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- ◆ Service to the poor and oppressed.
- ◆ Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

KEEPING THE FAITH IN CHALLENGING TIMES

By Sister Germaine Price, DC

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

These words from Jesus are most welcome in the world situation in which we all find ourselves. We want God to assure us that He will take care of everything. We are longing for the day when we can celebrate the Eucharist together again. We have need of the sacramental rituals that unite us and express our way of being together as a community. We want to experience again our unity in our relationship with God and other believers.

We might ask ourselves why, in the Easter season, are we hearing the table conversation of Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper. He has just washed their feet and given them the new commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you.”

Jesus knew what was ahead for him. He was sad when he told the disciples that He would soon be leaving them, so we can consider this as His last will and testament. He knew that after this, and after the Resurrection, the world also would be completely different for them.

The disciples are confused, worried and full of questions; what is going to happen to them? They do not want Jesus to leave. Jesus assures them again:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” He tells them that they will do even greater works than He did as they continue His mission.

Both the first and second readings address the realities of the early Christian community. Peter reminds the disciples that they are chosen and that they are precious living stones who are constructing the Christian community.

The first reading shows us that even in the midst of many signs of new life and growth in the early days of the Church, conflicts, disagreements, tensions and lack of dialogue existed and needed to be addressed in the community.

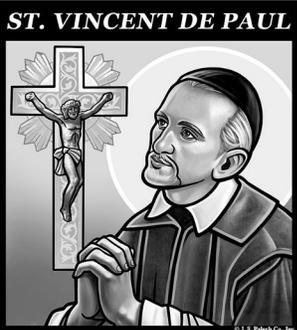
The Gospels are meant to be read again and again. Each time we read the stories, we gain new insights and understanding. During this time of waiting, we might benefit from reflecting on the dialogue found in today’s Gospel passage and have our own conversation with Jesus about what is happening in our world today.

Praying with the first two readings, we can reflect on our Christian community at St. Vincent’s: What are you missing, and what are you most grateful for? We can unite our prayer with our community in thanking God for his many blessings, our shared faith and welcoming spirit, and celebrate all that unites us to God and each other every time we celebrate the Eucharist together. We can ask ourselves how we as a parish are continuing the mission of Jesus to minister to the least of our brothers and sisters and how we individually see our role.

What will be different when we are back together again? Is there anything that needs to be different?

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. Allow God to constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery in us and through us.

“Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and people to one another.”



— *St. Vincent De Paul*

COVID 19 UPDATE:

While the Archdiocese has temporarily ceased all Masses, we ask that you please join us for “virtual church” each weekend. Please go to our website to celebrate on Sunday with us at:

WWW.STVSTL.ORG

PLEASE NOTE:

**NEW TEMPORARY
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
*UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Monday—Saturday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

To register in the parish, contact the Parish Office at 314-231-9328



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VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the work-place—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

**Gospel
Jn 14:1–12**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

PRAY FOR
THE SICK



We pray for all
who are sick and
their caregivers:

Wally Bryans
Bob Bryans
Jan Swerdeska
Wayne Casey
Pat Casey
Debbie Mueller
Doris Ferkel
Rick Rebholz

Susan Wallace
Diane Coomer
Al Marshall
Don Schmid
Laura Elder
Robert Davidson
Dickie Matheus
Miriam Jung

****NEW GUIDELINES RE. PRAYER LIST:****

Pursuant to new guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese in accordance with HIPPA, we may only honor requests by parishioners or immediate family for the Bulletin Prayer List. Names will only appear for a 30 day period. Thank you.

**Nursing
Home**

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Please pray for the
following residents
In nursing homes:

Josephine Conorino, Mary Leimkuehler,
Dorothy McFerren, Patricia Dannenberger
& Bob Olwig

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 8 Megan Redshaw
May 12 Mary Officer
May 12 Leshay Wysinger
May 13 Jane Kaniecki
May 13 Renee Pawikowski
May 14 Maureen Berthe
May 14 Antoinette Walker
May 14 Laura Kelly
May 15 Melanie Martin
May 16 Bernard Kimple

Happy Anniversary!

May 10 Donald & Jennifer Daut
17 years
May 14 Wally & Nina Bryans
43 years



REST IN PEACE:

Ray McHugh

(family member of Fr. Dan Thies)



LOOKING TO OUR FUTURE



WITH 2020 VISION

SATURDAY, JUNE 13th

2020 AUCTION WEBSITE:

<https://SVDP2020.givesmart.com>

- ◆ Our **June 13th Auction** is now **ONLINE ONLY** this year!
- ◆ **Registration is FREE!** Once registered (see link below) anyone, anywhere can bid on items and participate from the comfort of their own home.
- ◆ Hundreds of exciting silent auction items to bid on
- ◆ You can still purchase Grand Raffle tickets to our raffle valued at over \$1,200 (several chances to win!)
- ◆ Balloon Gift Card Raffle—instant buy online
- ◆ Wine Pull—amazing wine selection to choose from
- ◆ Fund-a-Need: Accepting donations online
- ◆ Contact Laura Kelly with questions: Email: stvtsevents@gmail.com, Phone: (314) 295-6980



What did Pope Francis Say?

Vatican City

“Christianity is more than ethics and moral principles”

Pope Francis explained that Christianity is not just made up of ethical and moral principles, and that one is not a Christian just for his or her ethical vision: “Christianity is more.”

The Pope also commented at length on the fact that Christians are not an élite and said that “being Christian means belonging to a people ‘freely’ chosen by God.” If we do not have this awareness, this consciousness of belonging to a people, he said, we will be ideological Christians, but not true Christians.

‘Never lose your sense of belonging to God’s people’

Pope Francis lamented the fact that many times we fall into these partialities. He decried the “elitist” dimension that he said is so hurtful to Christians leading them to lose their sense of belonging to God's people.

The Pope then invited the faithful to always be aware of being part of a people, to transmit the history of our salvation, to preserve the memory of the people of God.

“Remember your ancestors,” says the author of the Letter to the Hebrews, he said. “The most dangerous deviation of Christians is lack of memory of belonging to a people”; and he noted that this is where dogmatism, moralism, elitist movements come from.

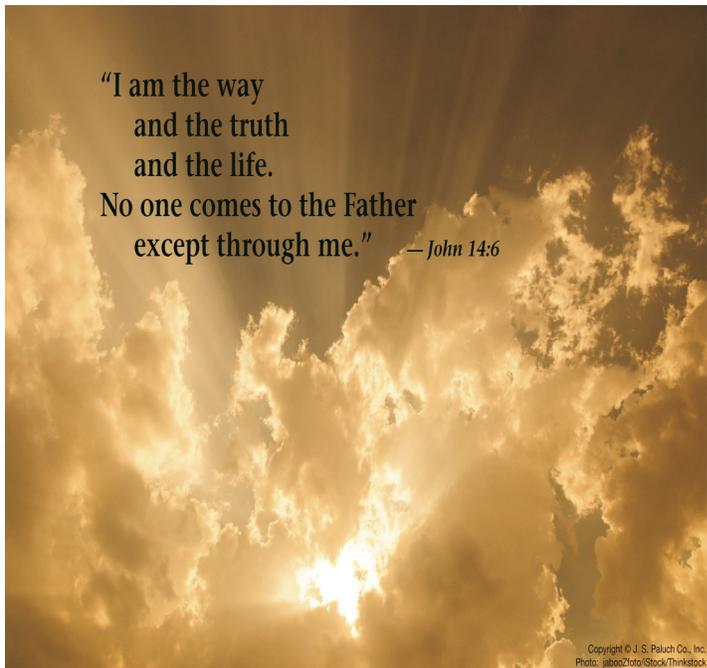
The People of God walk behind a promise, a covenant, that they did not make but that they are aware of Pope Francis concluded. “We are the faithful, holy People of God, who in its totality have a sense of the faith and is infallible in its belief.”

Pastor Al



“At first I wasn’t much interested in the rosary until I saw that it’s really a portable prayer calculator.”

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ **TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS** are Monday - Saturday, 9:00am - 1:00pm
(until further notice) & limited staff available at this time.

⇒ **NO MASS** until further notice from the St. Louis Archdiocese.

⇒ **FOOD DONATIONS:** ***IMPORTANT UPDATE ON FOOD DONATION POLICY:***

We apologize for the confusion on our new food donation policy. We are trying our best to respect the Stay-at-Home orders and have greatly reduced our office hours and staffing as a result. Because of our limited availability, all food donations must be approved first and scheduled in advance before dropping off. Please call our parish office at (314) 231-9328 to coordinate a time for donation drop-off. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in this matter. *Thank you! -St. Vincent's Staff*

⇒ **AUCTION UPDATES:** Our 2020 Auction has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 13th. Please mark your calendars if you are able to join us! We will be hosting our Auction remotely—online only. If you have already pre-paid for your ticket, you can either receive a full refund, or your ticket price can be added as a 100% tax-deductible donation to the Parish. Please note, because our Auction will now be online only, it is FREE to register—anyone, anywhere can sign up to bid on items from the comfort of their own homes. ***Questions?***
Contact Laura Kelly, Email: stvstlevents@gmail.com, **Ph:** 314-295-6980

⇒ **NO SENIOR BINGO IN MAY!** We will NOT be hosting Seniors on Thursdays in May. We will let you know when this resumes.

⇒ **NO SENIOR DINNER DANCE IN JUNE!** This event has been cancelled.