



Our Lady of Guadalupe

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Website: guadalupeparishnj.org

May 29 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Joseph P. Capella, Pastor
Rev. Wilson Paulose, Chaplain, Kennedy Hospital
Rev. Walter Guasp-Santos, Parochial Vicar
Permanent Deacon John Berstecher
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856-627-2222
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Parish Office Hours: Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Horario de oficina para la comunidad hispana por favor de llamar los.

Martes de 6:00 pm a 9:00 pm

Jueves de 3:00 pm a 7:00 pm

Viernes de 6:00 pm a 9:00 pm

Mass Schedule - St. Luke Church

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Mon., to Sat.

Liturgy of the Hours following 8 a.m. daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena - Tues. after the 8 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions: 3:45 p.m. Saturdays

Mass Schedule - St. Lawrence Church

Daily Mass: 6:45 a.m. & 7 p.m. Mon-Fri

Saturday: 4:15 Confessions & 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sundays: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 1 p.m. Spanish Mass

Confessions: M-F 6:30 to 6:50 p.m.

Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Mon., after 7 p.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tues., after 7 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Perpetual Novena

Every Thursday after morning and evening mass

Anointing of the Sick

In case of emergency, ANY TIME, day or night, please call the Parish Office number above, and listen to the prompt that will direct you. The sick will be anointed at home any time by request. Communal anointing of the sick and elderly will be celebrated in the church as announced.

Communion for the Sick

Call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

Horario Misas:

Cada jueves, 6:00pm

Cada domingo, 1:00pm

Bautismos de los niños:

Los cuartos domingos durante la Santa Misa, 1:00pm

Charlas para los cursos prebautismales (padres y padrinos); los terceros domingos despues de la Santa Misa, 2:30pm

Matrimonio:

Por favor, habla con el Padre para informacion de cursos prematrimoniales y todas las reglas para las boda Catolica

Grupo Juvenil

Pm Grupo Juvenil en el Centro Juvenil St. Juan Diego, jueves 7 pm

Devociones:

Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento del Altar, los jueves, 9:00 am to 6 pm, primeros sabados, 7:00pm

Encuentros

Sabados alas 7:00PM – 10:00PM Renovacion carismatica en cafeteria

Martes de 7:00 PM-9:00PM Estudio biblico en cafeteria

Miercoles 7:00 PM-9:00PM RICA Formacion de los adultos en cafeteria

Marriage

Ideally, Catholic marriages take place at Mass. To insure proper preparation, arrangements should be made one year in advance. Because of the preparation needed, six months notification is mandatory. Please call the Parish Office.

Infant Baptism

2nd Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m., Lindenwold campus. Catechesis for parents and sponsors takes place on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm.

Arrangements are to be made in advance at the Parish Office.

Christian Initiation

For those desiring to become Catholic, or for Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Please call the Parish Office for information.

Priesthood or Consecrated Life

For those interested in becoming a Priest or entering the Consecrated Life (i.e. Religious Brother or Sister) please call the Parish Office or see one of the Priests of the parish.

MASSES for the WEEK

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S-Stratford Church L-Lindenwold Church

Saturday, May 28, 2011
S 8:00 a. m. **Theresa R. Bakos**
R/b Her Friend George Hofacker
S 4:30 p. m. **Kathy Zale**
R/b Billie McClintock & Clan
L 5:00 p.m. **Terry Clementi**
R/b Bill Waples

Sunday, May 29, 2011
L 7:30 a.m. **Jeffrey R. Smith**
R/b Howie, John, Butch & Mary Ann Meeks
L 9:30 a.m. **Nancy Hahn**
R/b Tom & Betty Miller
S 11:30 a.m. **Peter J. Cunane**
R/b His Loving Wife, Marie & Family
L 1:00 p.m. **Spanish Mass**
S 5:00 p.m. **Mary McCann**
R/b June Hughes

Monday, May 30, 2011
L 6:45 a.m. **For the People of the Parish**
R/b Knights of Columbus, Nativity Council
S 8:00 a.m. **Jena Perone**
R/b Anthony & Nina Capella
L 7:00 p.m. **"a favor received through the Sacred Heart"**
R/b Julia Sumarraga

Tuesday, May 31, 2011
L 6:45 a.m. **For the People of Joplin, Missouri**
S 8:00 a.m. **Frank Donio**
R/b Anthony & Nina Capella
L 7:00 p.m. **Tony Longin**
R/b His Loving Wife, Anna Longin

Wednesday, June 1, 2011
L 6:45 a.m. **For our Servicemen & women overseas**
S 8:00 a.m. **Jack Ordille**
R/b Anthony & Nina Capella
L 7:00 p.m. **Frank Cifone**
R/b Juliette Steinberger

Thursday, June 2, 2011
L 6:45 a.m. **Richard Strickland**
R/b Paul & Mary Bakey
S 8:00 a.m. **Angelina Jovida**
R/b Dunia & Richard Minnium
L 6:00 p. m. **Spanish Mass**
L 7:00 p. m. **Reynaldo Nieva**
R/b Joan Vivian

First Friday, June 3, 2011
L 6:45 a.m. **For the People of the Parish**
S 9:00 a. m. **Reynaldo Nieva**
R/b Luczak & Springle Families
L 7:00 p. m. **Antoinette McBride**
R/b Her Loving Husband & Family

Saturday, June 4, 2011
S 8:00 a. m. **Bob & Kelly Ann Brennan**
R/b Their Loving Family
S 4:30 p. m. **Theresa LaBree**
R/b Kathleen O'Neill, Bobby Heinemann & Mary Alice
L 5:00 p.m. **Jean Hahn**
R/b Eddie & Pat McCarthy
L 7:00 p.m. **Spanish Mass**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
 Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23;
 Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
 Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
 Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23;
 Mt 28:16-20

The sanctuary lamp at the Stratford Church burns in loving memory of Eileen Bada, requested by Uncle Frank & Aunt Louise Bada
The Blessed Mother candle burns in loving memory of Walter P. Wolick, Jr., requested by His Loving Wife



The St. Joseph candle burns in loving memory for Joseph Coppinger, requested by His Loving Wife & Family
The sanctuary lamp at the Lindenwold Church burns in memory of the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, Council #2976, requested by Knights of Columbus Nativity Council #2976

Please pray for those in our Military:

<p>Brandon Carney Jessica Carney Thomas Flynn Rev. Christopher Kopec Alicia McCollum Michael Mortka <u>N. J. National Guard</u> Justin Jackson, III <u>Army</u></p>	<p>Megan Bailey Kevin Bradley Michael Delcampo T. J. Homan Craig Leib Jr. Tarah Nichols Chris A. Roesch Robert Terry</p>
<p><u>Navy</u> Benjamin Kyler <u>U.S.M.C.</u></p>	<p>Ryan Dougherty Matthew Eagan</p>
<p>Michael Barikian Trevor Dunkelberger</p>	<p>Michael Turner <u>U. S. A. F.</u></p>
<p>John Early, Sr. John Early, Jr.</p>	<p>Thomas Early, Jr. James Early</p>
<p>Thomas J. Mackin</p>	

Collections for May 14th & 15th
Collection: \$17,017.00
Star Herald: \$1033

Parish Registration

We welcome all new members to our parish community. We want to know and serve you and we hope you become an active member of our parish. To register in the Parish you may call the **Parish office at 856-627-2222** Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and we can mail or email you a form to complete and return by mail or you may go to our website: guadalupeparishnj.org to download the form. Young adults - remember to register yourselves on your 18th birthday! You no longer are under your parent's registration.



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be open on the **second Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The need to help the less fortunate is most great and we truly appreciate your generosity in our endeavor to feed the poor. We are in need of green beans, peas, tuna fish & cereal. Please place your donation in the barrels by the doors. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Alleluia...Easter Joy! A Summer Concert

Featuring
St Charles Borromeo
Young People's Choir and
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Parish Children's Choir



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Friday, June 10, 2011 7:00 pm

St Luke Church - Stratford

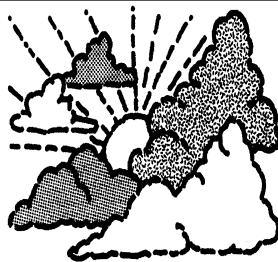
All are welcome, free will offering and refreshments following the concert.

John Paul II Athletics
Head Coaching Positions
John Paul II Athletics
announces four openings



in our Athletic Program:
**Girl's Field Hockey Head Coach
**Girl's Volleyball Head Coach
**Girl's Basketball Varsity Head Coach
**Boy's Cadets Head Coach

If you would like to get involved in any of these four programs that have established strong traditions of developing our students into fine athletes please submit a letter stating your interest and qualifications to our Athletic Director: Phil Servus, 856-627-4105
Email: peservus@hotmail.com



ASCENSION

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASCENSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Vigil Mass - (L) 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 2, 2011

6:45 a.m. - (L)indenwold

8:00 a.m. - (S)tratford

6:00 p.m. - (L) Spanish Mass

7:00 p.m. - (L)indenwold

"To everything there is a season and time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

"...a time to be born..."

"...a time to embrace..."

"...a time to heal..."

Gloria Aceto, Anna Marie Agresti, Kevin Allen, Joseph Allen, Joseph Angelucci, Marie Anlate, Laura Antonio, Robert Bacisin, Frank Bada, Anna Grace Berry, Rosemarie Berger, Richard Boston, Trudy Bove, James Boyle, William Buehler, Elizabeth Buehler, Tina Burke, Gail Capriotti, Anthony Catanella, Kylee Cimoineva, Sr., Joseph Colasurdo, Elaine Cook, Rich Cunane, Rose DeSalvor, Dr. Richard M. Dressler, Bill Flanagan, Tom Flynn, Patricia Goslin, Charles & Susan Greenman, Eugene Guido, Joan Guido, Luke Guido, Peter Herbert, Catherine Hodges, Marie Hunsicker, Nora Jacoby, Carole Katz, Mary Katz, Bill Klatt, Katherine Kniaz, Sharon Logiudice, Ruth Manella, Michele Mason, Joseph Mastrando, Joseph Matarazzo, Ava Maturro, Cuyler McCausland, Dominic McDowell, Jack McGuigan, Kevin & Vickie McGuire, Carol Meehan, Bernice Mesisca, Ruby Moorehead, Terry Mulhearn, Dot Murtaugh, Marie Myers, Baby Andrew Newhouse, Jane O'Connor, Debbie Osisek, Cynthia Pandolfo, Doris Penn, Phyllis Pfeiffer, Betty Pizzo, Tracey Reinert, Carl Richards, Trish Riebel, John Roach, Cindy Robertson, Maggie Russo, Mary Sanders, Tori Schmitz, Karen Schellhorn, Krista Sheehan, Steven Shute, Sue Moreno, Anne Springer, Julia St. Maur, Bill Steinert, Magdalen Stengel, Frank Turchi, Eileen Turner, Kevin Turner, Cecelia Vitale, Barb Waddington, Barbara Walker, Eric Warner, Clara & Elizabeth Warrington, Bill Waples, Toni Welsh, Chuck Werhle, Anna Worst



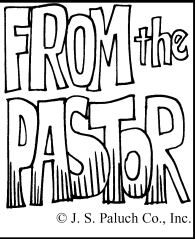
Please pray for those in the hospital:

Marie & James Analage, Sherry Burns, Valerie Cohen, Betty Lentz, Christopher O'Rourke

Please pray for those in nursing homes:

Marie Calabrese, Frances DiGiovanni, Theresa DiTullio, Ann James, Emily Jalonek, Phyllis Johnson, Theresa McCann, Helen Maloney, Evelyn Simmons, Eleanora Solly, Theresa Oddo, and Theresa Taylor

"...a time to die..."



Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Our Lady of Guadalupe,

One of my favorite things about the Mass readings during the season of Easter is that we get to hear from the *Acts of the Apostles*. These readings relate the enthusiasm and radical commitment of the early Church in proclaiming the Gospel. Truly, this was an exciting time. It was also a time that required her ministers to keep focused on the main purpose of their mission. In today's passage from *Acts*, the early church begins to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This church adapted her structures and methods in order to accomplish her mission. Today, the Church needs to keep this same focus for the same reason and with the same radical commitment. Ministry arises as a response to needs and needs are recognized by a community as an act of love. Therefore, our Church's mission is to love in the name of Christ.

In many ways, every parish community is a microcosm of the universal Catholic Church. Every parish needs to keep the mission of the Church at its center and orient its ministries and structure towards this apostolic effort. In essence, every parishioner is an apostle. In his weekly *Star Herald* column of April 15th, Bishop Galante wrote an article entitled, "*Shaping the future of church life*". In it, he noted that although it was like a mother being asked to choose a favorite child, he cited two parishes in the Diocese as being "alive with activities that extend beyond weekend Masses." Our parish was one of the two mentioned! I greatly appreciated the mention of our parish on behalf of so many parishioners who take seriously their vocation given them at their Baptism to become apostles. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the only way believers become apostles is with the help of the "Advocate", that is, the Holy Spirit. He assures us that this Spirit is with us always and enables us to fulfill the purpose of our existence. In our parish, the presence of the Holy Spirit is evident in so many ways and I think that this is what Bishop sees when he looks to us and how we are living our apostolic call. Bishop, however, is not the only one who has noticed this reality. Nearly every week people share with me their appreciation for our parish community and our ministries. Clearly, it hasn't been and isn't now always easy. In fact, when something goes too smoothly, I wonder if it is really God's will. Rarely is God's will easy. However, when I listen to the words of thanks from those who receive food from St. Vincent DePaul's Society, I realize how active the Holy Spirit is among all of you. When our young people are able to gather in the *St. Juan Diego Youth Center* provided as a result of your generosity, it is evident just how alive the Holy Spirit is among you. There are many, many other examples that I could cite if I had the room on this page. However, please believe me when I tell you that this is truly a place where the Holy Spirit is active.

As we continue to prayerfully discern how we can continue to adapt our parish to conform to the mission of the Church at large, I ask every one of us to discern how everyone can be an agent of the Holy Spirit and a true contemporary apostle. All of us can pray, and that should be the first ministry of every one of us. In addition to this act of faith, I ask that you consider how you can place your talents and gifts at the service of the Gospel. The only way that God will not use your life to bring His Gospel to the ends of the earth is if you refuse to make them available to the needs of the Christ who lives among us in our sisters and brothers. May God grant all of us the desire to live the radical call of our Baptism. God Bless you.

Fr. Joe



JOHN PAUL II

~ Regional School ~



Five students at John Paul II Regional School in Stratford have qualified for the Global Talent Search program sponsored each year by Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. All five students scored in the 95th percentile or higher on the IOWA tests administered last spring. The Center for Talented Youth (CTY) at Johns Hopkins offers high-achieving students opportunities to participate in summer internship programs and CTYOnline courses year-round. Shown with Principal Helen Persing are (from left to right) 7th grade students Shannon Ward, Rebecca Springle, Brody Gallagher, Katie Napolitano, and 8th grade student Paul Bakey.



Every Thursday Evening - 7 p.m.
St. Juan Diego Center
Come & Bring a Friend!

~ CALLING ALL COOKS~

If you have a recipe or recipes you want to share and would like to have your recipe and your name published in our cookbook, please contact:

Somerdalecookbook@yahoo.com



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Can you help?

This summer we are preparing to host a Catholic day camp for children ages 4 – 9. The day camp will begin on Monday, June 27 and will run through Friday, August 26. Camp starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. We are excited to share our Catholic faith with the children and have planned a fun summer program. There will be games, stories, music, crafts, with some extra fun activities and special guests. We need your help to make it more enjoyable. Can you help with the arts and crafts, or story time or snack time or maybe you'd like to be involved in the skits or play time? No experience needed. In keeping with Diocesan policy, all volunteers must be fingerprinted, but the parish will cover any costs you incur. We plan on hosting a Child Assault Prevention presentation prior to the beginning of camp. Parents, guardians, grandparents, please consider joining our team. If you are interested, please call Ellen Henehan at the Parish Office 856-627-2222.

PARISH FIBER MINISTRY - FOR CRAFTERS
We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.

NEXT MEETING - JUNE 9TH - 7 P.M.
ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
YOU MAY EMAIL:
alicegarbarino@comcast.net



	June 4th Saturday St. Luke 4:30 p.m.	June 4th Saturday St. Lawrence 5:00 p.m.	June 5th Sunday St. Lawrence 7:30 a.m.	June 5th Sunday St. Lawrence 9:30 a.m.	June 5th Sunday St. Luke 11:30 a.m.	June 5th Sunday St. Lawrence 1:00 p.m.	June 5th Sunday St. Luke 5:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. O'Neill	Fr. Durkin	Fr. Wilson	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe	Fr. Wilson
Lector	B. Mayovich & B. Miller	C. & F. Hanley	V. Wishropp	C. Cutter & K. Ebling	J Funk & J. Romano	Spanish	R. Cruz
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A. Bakley, J. & T. Deighan	R. Christiano, D. Hughes & J. Jackson	A. Garbarino, M. Hallam, C. & R. Theriault	J. & M. Alberto, B. Buehler, F. Caramiello & G. Chant	Deac. John, K. Corcoran, & S. Happ	Mass	M. Egan, S. Greco & T. Tucker
Altar Servers	K. Filipkowski, E. Fredericks & M. Strickland	H. & P. Buechele & A. Lepperd	J. & M. Tiedge & A. Murray	K. & M. Barbara & J. Hughes	J. & J. Romano & A. Evans		B. Fitzgerald, J. Klingenberg & B. Smith



Knights Knews!

TODAY IS THE DRAWING!

The **Original Dream Vacation Raffle** tickets are now available from Holy Family Council #7800, Knights of Columbus. The tradition continues. **Winner gets to choose** from among several exciting 7 day trips to places like Hawaii, Disney World, Bermuda or Caribbean cruises, Jamaica or Nassau. All for 2 adults and add 2 children for Disney. Great value. **Only 300 tickets will be sold.** \$20 per ticket. Call Chuck at 784-1873, Charlie at 783-4349, or Lou at 783-1766 for tickets. **Drawing May 29th.**

GIANT YARD SALE & HOAGIE SALE

JUNE 4TH - 8 A.M. & 3 P.M.

ON THE GROUNDS OF COUNCIL HOUSE
101 STONE ROAD, LINDENWOLD, NJ

The cost of space is still just \$10 and a table may be rented for \$5. To reserve space call John Brady 856-981-6086. Hoagies will go on sale starting at 10 a.m. until sold out.

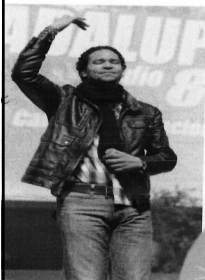
PULL TAB COLLECTION

MAY 21ST TO LABOR DAY

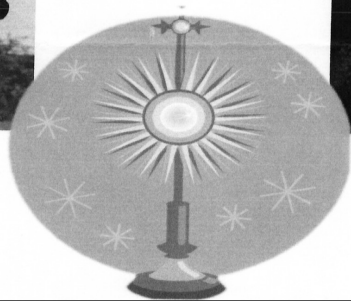


Designated boxes will be near each door of the churches. The collection benefits the Ronald McDonald House for families of children in the hospital for treatments. Sponsored by the Nativity Council.

Noche de Adoración



Con
*el Dúo de la
Victoria*



Exposición del Santísimo

Predica Eucaristia

3 de Junio 2011 6pm - 10 pm

Inglesia de Sta. Brígida

125 Church Street, Glassboro, NJ 08028

Donación: \$10

HELP WANTED!

COME AND SHARE YOUR GIFTS
AND TALENTS!

Each Sunday we pray the words of the **Stewardship Prayer**: "I offer my gifts of time, talent and treasure to you as a true act of faith and to reflect my love for you and my neighbor." How is God calling you to share the talents that he has given to? For many of the needs in the parish, you only have to have the time and the heart to do the ministry. For example, we have been asked to host conversation classes with those whose first language is not English. **The English as a Second Language (ESL)** conversation classes may have a variety of people who speak a variety of languages with a common goal of speaking and understanding English more clearly. The only skill needed is the ability to speak English. Or maybe God is asking you to share a special gift. It might be sharing something you love like music or art. It could be that we need a skill that you have such as **welcoming others to the Mass** or joining our **Fiber Ministry in making the blankets** for our shut-ins and newly baptized children. Can you help out by **volunteering to usher, to launder the altar linens, to prepare the rooms and materials for our Catholic Summer Day Camp, or to be an aide for the Vacation Bible School?** Would you be interested in **caring for the garden or helping to drive someone to Mass on the weekend?** There are many opportunities to share your gifts with your fellow parishioners.

Anxiety **Grief & Loss** **Depression**
Addictions **Eating Disorders**

Client issues range from, but not limited to, anxiety, depression, grief and loss, relationship issues, communication skills, addictions, eating disorders and physical and sexual abuse. I also offer guided imagery and visualization in the treatment for emotional and health issues. Most insurances accepted and a sliding scale negotiated. For more info. Please call: **Carla Hanley, MSW, Counselling & Psychotherapy at 856-627-5676 or email: c.hanley@verizon.net**

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I've got you under my skin

Near the end of his earthly life Jesus spoke to his disciples about his living on in the Father as well as in them, and them in him. This notion of indwelling is a unique feature of Jesus' message, bringing a deep intimacy to our life in faith. Jesus has taken up residence within us, and we in Jesus. Talk about having a "personal relationship" with our Savior—it doesn't get more personal than that! Take a moment today to appreciate how great it is to be considered worthy of such intimacy.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (55)*

"... I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."

MONDAY, MAY 30

EASTER WEEKDAY

In the name of God, stop killing one another

For all the good that religion has done and continues to do in the world, from time to time all the great religious traditions have been distorted and misused to justify intolerance and violence. Such violence was used against Jesus' early followers, and in every century since it has reared its head in some corner of the world or another. Let's help put a stop to it forever so that it passes into the annals of history alongside all the great plagues that have afflicted humanity and have been overcome.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291)*

"The hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God."

TUESDAY, MAY 31

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rejoice and be glad

Feeling happy for the good fortune of others can be very challenging at times, particularly when you're down on your luck, or worse yet, when it comes to one who has hurt or betrayed you. But rejoicing with those who rejoice is part of the sincere love that Saint Paul tells us we must embrace if we are to be followers of Christ. There is no better expression of sincere love than Elizabeth and Mary's joy for one another and Mary's song of praise for the greatness of the Lord. Both women could have bemoaned their fate or passed judgment on the other as being either too old or too young for carrying a child. Instead they rejoiced in God's glory and in the faithfulness they each have shown to God's plan for salvation.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572)*

"Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

FEAST OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

Let truth be your guide

Saint Justin was the first Christian philosopher and is the patron saint of philosophers. Early in his career he studied many philosophers and philosophies, notably Plato and the Stoics, but none could offer him what he was really searching for: knowledge of God. The story goes that one day he met an old man while walking along a deserted stretch of seashore and fell into a long conversation with him. The man helped him understand that God cannot be known only through philosophy or human knowledge but through divine revelation as well. Before he disappeared, the old man concluded by saying, "Pray that the gates of light may be opened to you." That is a good prayer for us as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 (293)*

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

EASTER WEEKDAY

That's a lot to hope for

Hope, along with faith and love, is one of the key Christian virtues for a reason. Without the sense that the future has positive possibilities, the present would be dismal indeed. Hope is a necessary condition for life; it's the spiritual oxygen people need to move from day to day and year to year. Jesus presents the ultimate reason to hope. His victory over sin and death and his promise to come again assures us of the hope in living forever with God and in the full coming of God's reign. Have some hope!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294)*

"A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me."

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

Then, now, and later

Faith can seem like a time-travel video game. We look to the past, but the past is also present, and the present always looks to the future (for an example, think of the Mass). We learn the kingdom of God is within and among us—but not yet fulfilled. We worship and follow a Lord who appeared in human flesh, left in body but remained in Spirit, and will come again to usher us into the eternal. No wonder we get a little lost sometimes! Here's your compass: The world is broken but God still thinks it's good. Through Jesus, God calls us to help restore that goodness in ways large and small. And, finally, one day that work will be done.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295)*

"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

EASTER WEEKDAY

Give the benefit of your experience

Priscilla and Aquila were friends of Paul the Apostle and missionaries who were instrumental in the life of the early church community. There's a great scene in the Acts of the Apostles where they take Apollos, newly instructed in the faith, under their wings to mentor him in his faith and his work. Apollos was bursting with zeal for the gospel, and Priscilla and Aquila could have easily chastised him for being a bit too bold and a bit too shaky in his theology. Instead they engaged with him personally, one-on-one, offering their wisdom and experience. We, too, can be mentors to the young and to those experiencing a new chapter of their lives. What experience and encouragement can we gift them with? What might we gain in return?