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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)  
11:00 a.m.

#### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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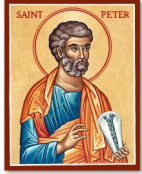
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# May 14, 2023

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.



Our second reading, from St. Peter, challenges us to, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." In other words, we are to put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is — He is to be "Lord" of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talent, and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to "prove" our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not a mere sentiment. "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me," Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, May 15

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Carmel Dube † | Vincent Dugo †

### Tuesday, May 16

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle † | Cosimo DiLollo †

### Wednesday, May 17

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Delia Arcega †  
Alice Adams † | Deceased Priests & Nuns †

### Thursday, May 18 - No Mass

### Friday, May 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Joseph Galliera †  
Special Intentions

### Saturday, May 20—Coffee Social

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Elaine Johnson †  
Teresa Venneri † | Special Intention

### Sunday, May 21—Coffee Social

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People  
11:00 a.m. - Vittoria Passero † | Vincent Dugo †  
Paul Salfi † Rajammal Fernando † | Rita Ubaldraj †

## Are You Being Called?

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office,  
905 684 5603 or email  
[fregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:fregoryschmidt@gmail.com).

**CATHOLIC**  
and **LIVING IT!**

**Catholic Women's**  
**League Corner**

- ♦ On Wednesdays during May, ladies from our Catholic Women's League will lead the praying of the Rosary at 8:05 am before the start of 8:30 am Mass. Please join us.
- ♦ Thank-you at all who contributed to the 159 pairs of glasses donated during our recent drive.
- ♦ Our milk-bag collection will wind up at the end of May. Thank-you

**Congratulations to the children of our Parish who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist**

*Fiona C. Matthew C. Ella G. Lucas K. Fernando M. Veronica N. Ezra P.*

**We wish them God's abundant blessings**





At the dawn of time, God needed someone He could trust to love His precious children.

*And so, God made a mother.*

God said, "Life will often be harsh. I need someone with a gentle touch. Someone who can brush a tear from the downy cheek of a newborn and gauge a child's temperature without the aid of a thermometer. I need someone who has a special knack for soothing, who can kiss away pain and soften blows. Someone who will hold her child's hand firmly, until she has to release it, tearfully, on the first day of school."

*And so, God made a mother.*

"I need someone who will care enough to gather daffodils and put them in a vase, so everyone in the house can enjoy the first blooms of spring. Someone who will care enough to rummage through the mismatched sock pile, in hopes of finding a match. Someone who will make birthdays extra special, sing silly songs with her toddlers in the car, and who actually wants to go on a school field trip to the insect museum, just to be close to her child." God thought, "I need someone who will play Christmas carols on the piano. Someone who will decorate gingerbread houses with the kids and wrap gifts and deck the halls for Christmas, for nothing in all my creation will be able to make Christmas as special as a mother will."

*And so, God made a mother.*

"I'll make someone who can gather a chaotic, busy family around the dinner table for chicken soup, cornbread, and sharing life together. Someone who will organize playdates, piano lessons, and the pantry. I need someone who can find the lost football cleat, Dad's keys, and 'Bun-Bun,' her little girl's favorite stuffed bunny."

"I need someone who can unload the dishwasher, pack lunches, call out spelling words, and make coffee, while bouncing a baby on her hip. Someone who will carry an amazing array of toys, snacks, and essentials in her heavy purse, and never complain. I need someone to help with endless school projects, organize the football banquet, and say, 'I'm so proud of you,' even when her child fails."

"It must be someone who is willing to keep going, even when she thinks she has no strength left. Someone who'll strive to love her kids and to love their father even more. I need someone who's willing to work the second-shift, or take second-best, or play second-fiddle, so her family will have it better than she did."

*And so, God made a mother.*

"I need someone who believes. Someone who will trust that I have a good plan for her and for her children, even when she can't see it. Someone who will pray for her family daily, for sadly, few people will. I need someone who will share my words and encourage her children to believe in Me because I am the source of life."

God said, "I'll place a second pair of eyes in the back of a mother's head, give her bionic ears, and grant her a generous portion of laughter and tears, for she will need them."

"Sometimes she'll feel like she doesn't have what it takes. There will be days when she is overcome with worry, pain, or failure. But when the need arises, she'll be there. And while motherhood will be difficult, she'll come to embrace it with all of her heart."

"Yes, this is exactly what I need. To put it simply, I need someone who will love my children like . . . well, kind of like I do," God laughed.

"So, I'll give each mother a heart the size of Texas, and if she'll let me, I'll fill it with my special, forever-kind of love. A love that resembles my own."

"Once I put a precious baby in her arms, she will never be the same. One day her children will grow up and move on, but she never will. As long as she lives, she will fight for her children, pray for them, and sacrifice for them."

*And so, God made a mother.*

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