

EPIPHANY



May 14, 2023

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

Sixth
Sunday
of Easter



WELCOME to Epiphany

"In Whom We Live and Move and Have Our Being"

Birds afloat in air's current,
sacred breath? No, not breath of God,
it seems, but God
the air enveloping the whole
globe of being.
It's we who breathe, in, out, in, the
sacred,
leaves astir, our wings
rising, ruffled—but only saints
take flight. We cower
in cliff-crevice or edge out gingerly
on branches close to the nest. The wind
marks the passage of holy ones riding
that ocean of air. Slowly their wake
reaches us, rocks us.
But storm or still,
numb or poised in attention,
we inhale, exhale, inhale,
encompassed, encompassed.

Denise Levertov

In this poem, Levertov uses the imagery of wind and breath to understand the nature of spiritual experience. She looks at a bird and recognizes that she breathes the same air, even though she's on the ground.

It's the saints that risk leaving the comfort of whatever nest they have to surrender to God like birds carried by the air, and while she hasn't reached these mystical heights, she knows she is still surrounded by the same Presence.

About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, May 14, 2023

What keeps us faithful

Catholics tend to be leery of words like "testimony" and "witness" when it comes to the business of sharing our faith with others. We may prefer to keep our profession of faith in a more formal key: say, with a group recitation of the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. Many of us may feel ill-equipped to give a defense of the faith in the debate style known as apologetics. Yet each of us should be prepared to give the reason for our hope to anyone who asks. What keeps us faithful? And how does what we believe influence who we're becoming?

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (55). *"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."*

Monday, May 15, 2023

A patron of plentitude

Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, was a peasant farm worker in Spain around the year 1100. There's a theme of abundance surrounding the stories of his miracles. It's said that at times, an angel was seen doing his work while he prayed, and other times, two angels worked beside him, increasing his output. He made water burst from dry earth to quench the thirsty, and there was always enough in his wife's pot of stew to feed however many hungry people he brought home. When he fed starving animals from his bag of wheat, the same bag produced double the expected amount of flour. When you work, and when you give from the fruits of your work, do so with a prayerful, plentiful heart and think, there's always more where that came from!

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE, FARMER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291). *"And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."*

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Love triumphs

Joan of Arc was canonized on this day in 1920—making her the only person in history ever to be both condemned and canonized by the Catholic Church. Her triumph: leading the French army to victory over the British. Her tragedy: being burned at the stake, the power of her faith mistaken for witchcraft. Joan's resolve caused Mark Twain to insist, "She is easily and by far the most extraordinary person the human race has ever produced." The centennial of her canonization caused Pope Benedict XVI to insist the "name of Jesus invoked by this saint in the last instants of her earthly life was like the continual breath of her soul." She "understood that Love embraces all things." Love like Joan today.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). *"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Now I am going to the one who sent me.'"*

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Stop the traffic

Saint Josephine Bakhita, the first black female saint of the modern era, was beatified on this day in 1992, part of a push within the Catholic Church to honor both black Catholics and to signify the horrors of human trafficking. This practice, also known as modern slavery, accounts for the bondage of an estimated 50 million people today, spread over every continent and present in every country. Bakhita herself was kidnapped as a child in Sudan and

later held against her will in Italy before essentially suing for freedom in 1889 and becoming a nun. Her legacy is now global, as she is the patron of all human trafficking survivors. May she inspire us to recognize the silent suffering of so many and work for the freedom of all God's children.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). *"In him we live and move and have our being, as even some of your poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'"*

Thursday, May 18, 2023

A family reunion

Although Americans tend to not do much beyond Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, in some parts of Europe (Germany, most notably), the day involves special festivities. Because the day celebrates Jesus returning to his Father, it is the German Father's Day, usually celebrated with picnics or outings. Take a moment today to return in prayer to your heavenly Creator.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20 (58) or Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294). *"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."*

Friday, May 19, 2023

Lessons in hope

Christians are a hopeful people—an Easter people, if you will. In encouraging young people to hold on to hope, Pope Francis advises: "Dream of a world still not seen, but will certainly come one day. Think of those who sailed oceans, scaled mountains, conquered slavery, or made life better for people on earth." Hope allows us to trust in Christ's promises that his Holy Spirit lives within us, that our lives have purpose, and that we can make a difference. Start small. As Saint Augustine advises: "You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295). *"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice."*

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Preaching to the heart

Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444), a Franciscan priest, lived at a time in Italy when most preachers proclaimed their sermons from the pulpit during the liturgy and to cloistered clerics. Bernardine was among the first to preach to the public. He was so effective a preacher that cynical civil authorities would invite him to their towns because of the money to be made from the large crowds that gathered to hear him. No matter, Bernardine touched hearts and minds in a priceless way. Seek out preaching that feeds your soul.

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

SHE IS CLOTHED WITH
STRENGTH AND DIGNITY,

AND SHE LAUGHS WITHOUT
FEAR OF THE FUTURE.

WHEN SHE SPEAKS, HER
WORDS ARE WISE,

AND SHE GIVES
INSTRUCTIONS WITH
KINDNESS.

PROVERBS 31: 25 - 26



@EPIPHANY

EVENTS

MAY 14 - MAY 21



Mother's Day
11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
**12:30pm Miraculous
Medal Novena**



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps (zoom)
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
5:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Bereavement Program
**7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom**



Ascension Thursday
12:10pm Mass
5:30pm Mass
6:30pm SOS Group
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays



11:00am Confirmation
4:00pm Vigil Mass



Sant' Egidio Food drive
**11:00am Class Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program**
12:30pm Parish Alpha
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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Expenses	\$88,799
Loss	\$(25,253)
average weekly attendance	608
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average weekly donation per attendee	\$18.64
shortfall per attendee	\$(10.39)

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Don't Forget Your Mother!

Throughout the month of May, every Mass will include a special plea for those living or deceased mothers listed on our Mother's Day envelopes, which can be found in the Narthex. Complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest. We need mothers, and our mothers need us and our prayers.

May 13 - 14 - 2nd Collection Support for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

As an act of mercy for the suffering people in central & eastern Europe, please show your support as generously as your means allow. Your kindness is a blessing to our parish and to our brothers & sisters around the world.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 13

4:00pm Antonia Astorina

Sunday, May 14

11:00am Robert Charles Adams

7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, May 15

12:10pm the Fredericks family, living & deceased

Tuesday, May 16

12:10pm Arnel Lacza

Wednesday, May 17

12:10pm John Boland

Thursday, May 18 *Ascension of the Lord*

12:10pm the Brown family, living & deceased

5:30pm Anant Bhavsar

Friday, May 19

12:10pm Chit Diomampo

Saturday, May 20

4:00pm our children who received Confirmation today

Sunday, May 21

11:00am Patrick M. Loughran

7:30pm Michael T. McDonough

Monday, May 22

12:10pm Antoinette Fasulo

Tuesday, May 23

12:10pm Maria Veronica Asunción Tamesis Trota

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