

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018



“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As the Father loves Me, so I also love you. Remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept the Father’s commandments and remain in His love... This is My commandment: love one another as I love you... It was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain... This I command you: love one another.’”

In His prayer Jesus is preparing the disciples for their work when He takes leave of them. How frequently John’s gospel uses the word ‘remain’, stay close, be cemented, don’t stray. Besides telling them what to do, He assures them that He too will be part of their lives for He loves, not just loved them.

He then gives them the task to put into action, to go and bear fruit. Am I unsure or afraid what the Lord asks of me? I shouldn’t be, because I am both loved by Him at this moment, and He has both chosen me and appointed me. He is waiting for my response.

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 5

Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21 (290)

12:10 p.m. Jay Patrick Kennedy (Living)

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17 (56)

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. Lena Dubrowski

6:00 p.m. Richard Gugat

Monday, May 7

Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)

12:10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 8

Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11 (292)

12:10 p.m. Robert W. Stone

Wednesday, May 9

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1, Jn 16:12-15 (293)

12:10 p.m. Marilyn Panke

Thursday, May 10 *The Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23

12:10 p.m. Carl & Angelo Conetta

Friday, May 11 *Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23 (295)*

12:10 p.m. Christopher Lofstedt (Living)

Saturday, May 12 *Saints Nereus and Achilleus,*

Martyrs: Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

12:10 p.m. Mars Custodio

5:30 p.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

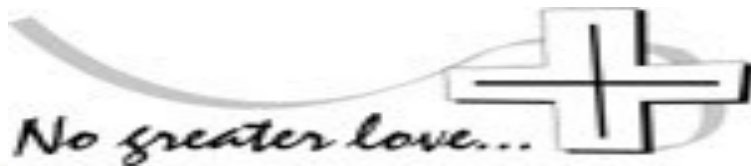
Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: I John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to "Love one another as I have loved you." He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name.



50TH ANNIVERSARY **GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS**

Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 p.m.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with **Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.**

Pre-registration is required.

Please contact your parish to register.

The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14th 2018.

OFFICE CLOSED:

Ascension Day

Thursday, May 10th

REMINDER—

UPDATE PARISHIONER INFO ONLINE

If you have not updated your parishioner information in the last two years, please log onto our website and update your information. Please be sure to include your sacraments and family member information as well. We have a number of registered parishioners with outdated or no important information. Also, if you are not sure you have registered as a parishioner, please call the office or email **secretary@stjosephgv.nyc** to check your status.
www.stjosephgv.nyc

OUR COLLECTION

**Collection for
April 28th & 29th, 2018
By Mass as follows:**

5:30 pm: \$440

9:00 am: \$2,902

11:30 am: \$3,644

6:00 pm: \$1,130

Second Collection: \$1,748

Sunday Masses Total: \$9,864

WeShare: \$370

Faith Street: \$772

Grand Total: \$11,006

