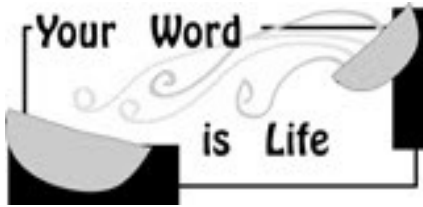


A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day He was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection... Then they prayed, ‘You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.’”

As the early church prayed that the Lord direct the choice of the twelfth apostle, they listed the requirements of time, presence, and witness. The word ‘accompanied’ is the image so often used by Pope Francis, as we are accompanied by and walk with Jesus.

Their prayer should be our prayer, for the Lord knows well our hearts. He continues to choose among our parish families people to fill His ministry. He continues to choose others who will be ordained this month to continue the apostolic ministry. May we pray for those to be ordained, ask the Lord to inspire others to follow and do His work, and find us supporting those who have responded to His call. We too need time, presence, and witness.

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

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.

Sunday, May 13

Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13,

Mk 16:15-20 (58)

9:00 a.m. Sydney Stacey Sr.

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Jn 15:9-17 (564)

12:10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 15

Saint Isidore

Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a (298)

12:10 p.m. Sr. Jeanee Delaney, S.C (Living)

Wednesday, May 16

Acts 20:28-38, Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

12:10 p.m. Jesus Tanglao

Thursday, May 17

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, Jn 17:20-26 (300)

12:10 p.m. Maria Teresa Alava

Friday, May 18

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19 (301)

12:10 p.m.

SECOND COLLECTION

May 19th & 20th – All Masses

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Here in the United States, there is a great need for evangelization and for sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of His Church. And yes, we all know that the Church at home needs to be strengthened and fortified. And so, we take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which supports the neediest (arch) dioceses in the United States. This special collection makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters in (arch)dioceses where Church communities are scattered and struggling.

For example, the Diocese of Pueblo's terrain, very mountainous and lonely, has shaped the attitude of pastors and parishioners alike— they tend to be highly independent. This has served them well, since only 44 priests and 45 deacons are available to serve the needs of over 64,000 Catholics. The diocese is primarily rural, covering the entire southern half of the state of Colorado, and the priest shortage is felt very strongly there. But with your support of the Catholic Home Mission Appeal, the Diocese of Pueblo offers lay ministry training programs. This training will enable them to serve the most isolated parishes and offer spiritual support for Catholics in the diocese.

Your Support of this special collection makes a difference in the faith lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

SECOND COLLECTION

May 19th & 20th – All Masses

Church in Latin America

It's time again for our annual special collection for the Church in Latin America. Although the people are faith-filled, the needs in this region of the world are great—and often seem insurmountable. The distance between rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass celebrated regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all, and today's special collection is a prophetic and bold way to do so.

For example, in Cuba, in the Archdiocese of San Cristobal de la Habana, the Church is not present in many of the smaller or rural communities. For many years, there were no priests or missionaries and there was no mission house—not to mention a church building— to which the people could turn. The message of the Gospel could not spread because there were very few messengers to share it and few places where people could go to hear it. But, with your support, pastoral agents have received training to bring the Gospel to these areas and neighborhoods. Your support has helped bring people to the Church through religious education and retreats and has brought the Church to the people through evangelization efforts and the repair of church buildings. This has given them the hope and the joy of the Gospel.

Please be as generous as you can to this special collection, and take this opportunity to share your faith with many families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference.

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OUR COLLECTION

Collection for May 5th & 6th, 2018 by Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$578 9:00 am: \$2,033
11:30 am: \$2,215 6:00 pm: \$1,394
Second Collection (April 29th): \$322

Sunday Masses Total: \$6,542

WeShare: \$1,274

Grand Total: \$7,816

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to His disciples after His resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does He say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is His body."

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After He spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat the right hand of God.



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.



We congratulate our children who will receive their First Communion on May 13, 2018

We pray that you will forever be blessed as you continue to trust God and grow in His grace.

Congratulations!

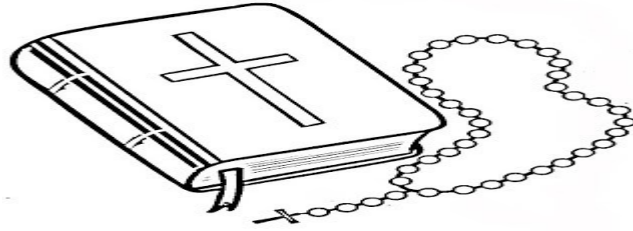
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Naomi Mian-Lun Fan
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Alexander Marino
Zoe Tizita Marie McDonald
Phileep Artemyev Nowakowski
Emer O'Driscoll
Sean O'Driscoll
Victor Oudin
Liam Pallordet
Cole Peluso
Marcial Brian Reid
Marley Rollins Robilotti
Theodore Ryan
Antonio Kensley Serrano
Victoria Zebrowski

11:30 AM:

Sofia Mercedes Birchard
Riley Willow Degiarde
John Paul Derrough-Salas
Luca Diamantini
Mailah Daniela Espinosa
Chloe Victoria Freyburger
Brooklyn Benini Gebbia
Skyler Anne Helwig
Elisabeth Marie Romano
Charles Sylofski

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



As many of you may already know, our dear **Father Sebastian White, O.P.** has recently been appointed as the next editor-in-chief of *Magnificat*, the popular monthly publication designed to help readers deepen their lives of prayer, participate more fruitfully in the holy Mass, and grow in knowledge and love of the saints.

Father Sebastian's appointment is a wonderful honor and great opportunity for him to serve the broader Church. But sadly for us, it means he'll be concluding his ministry in the West Village over the course of the next six weeks. He's been a great shepherd of the flock as director/chaplain of the Catholic Center at NYU and a wonderful member of our parish community at Saint Joseph's. Please join me in thanking Father Sebastian for the gifts that he's given to so many of us, congratulating him on his good work, and offering prayers for his next exciting assignment.

Father Sebastian's new appointment means that our provincial had to find a replacement for him at NYU. He didn't have to look very far. I'm pleased to announce that **Father John Baptist Hoang, O.P.**, currently serving as our parochial vicar, will become the new director/chaplain of the Catholic Center and will continue in residence at Saint Joseph's.

Taking Father John Baptist's place on the parish staff will be **Father Pier Giorgio Dengler, O.P.** He's currently concluding his ministry as a deacon in Charlottesville, VA and will be ordained to the priesthood on May 19th. You'll be happy to know that Brother Pier Giorgio is a New Yorker through and through! Born in Pelham, he did his undergraduate studies at Fordham University and went on to earn a master's degree from Columbia University. Before entering the Dominican Order, he worked for a number of years with language-impaired special education students in the Bronx. Father Pier Giorgio will be a wonderful addition to Saint Joseph's and we can't wait to welcome him to our community in the beginning of June.

- Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.