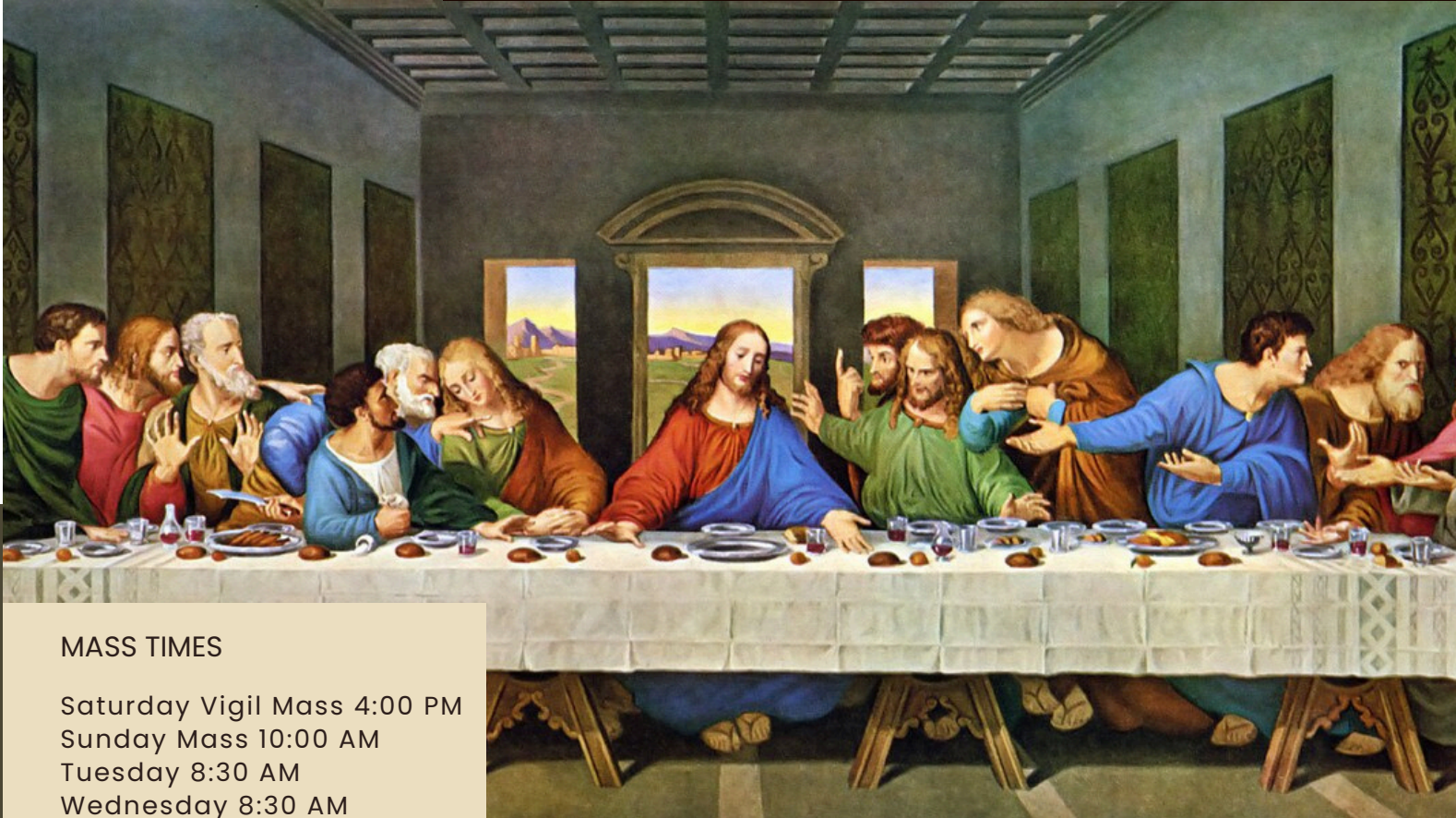


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May 9-10, 2026 | Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Matthew 5:14

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17

Responsorial Psalm 66:1-7,16,20

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



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Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 10

Dedication of the Mary Garden

Mother's Day Brunch 11:00 AM

Tuesday, May 12

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Faith in Action book sale meeting 9:30 AM

Bingo & Potluck 12:00 PM

Wednesday, May 13

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

OCIA Final meeting and potluck 6:00 PM

KOC 4th Degree meeting 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 16

Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM

Sunday, May 17

Religious Education 11:15 AM

Faith in Action Meeting 11:15 AM

High School Senior Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual scholarship collection on the weekends of May 16-17 and May 23-24.

Funds raised will support our parish scholarship contest, with the goal of awarding two scholarships: a \$1,000 first-place prize and a \$500 second-place prize to help offset the cost of higher education for graduating high school seniors pursuing college or technical school.



The contest is open to all high school seniors who are members of the parish. Application forms are available on the shelf at the Knights of Columbus bulletin board. Seniors may also contact Deacon Joe Schroeder or the office to request an essay contest packet.

All essays must be submitted to the parish office by May 25. Winners will be announced at the 10:00 AM Mass on May 31.

Sacristans/Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee & Donut Hosts

Saturday, May 16

Sacristans - Meg and Ed

Lector - Terry C.

Eucharistic Ministers - Renee and Leslie F.

Sunday, May 17

Sacristans - Dave and Cathy

Lector - Laurie S.

Eucharistic Ministers - Anita, Cindy, Lynne, Linda H.

Coffee/Donut hosts - Dennis and Ro Tonkin

Saint John of Avila

John was born in 1499 in Castilian Spain into a Catholic family of Jewish ancestry. His pious parents ensured that he was well educated, and he became a lawyer. After a time, he discerned that God was calling him to be a priest. After his ordination, rather than celebrating with a banquet for friends, he invited a dozen poor men to join him for dinner and gave to them his parents' fortune. The rest of his life was marked by this humble austere way of life and dedication to serving those in need. He was initially determined to serve God as a missionary in the New World, but his archbishop convinced him that it was God's will for him to stay and renew the faith of Catholics in his native Spain instead.



For forty years, John re-evangelized the region of Andalusia, which had been ruled by the Moors (Spanish Muslims) and was only gradually returning to the practice of the Catholic faith. His eloquent preaching drew large crowds. But not all his listeners appreciated his strong words in support of the poor and against the materialism of the rich. He made powerful enemies, who had him imprisoned by the Spanish Inquisition for a year. However, the false charges were disproved after a time, and he returned to preaching. Several saints - Teresa of Avila, Francis Borgia, John of God - turned to John for advice and spiritual direction, and John encouraged many priestly vocations to the Jesuit order. He was a man of prayer to the very end, dying in poor health at the age of seventy in 1569.

His forceful, faithful writings caused him to be named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. Saint John of Avila's feast day is May 10.

Just as plowing and sowing are the means to harvest wheat, so prayer is the means to obtain spiritual fruits. For this reason we ought not to marvel if we harvest so little, since we sow so little prayer.

- Saints, *Becoming an Image of Christ Every Day of the Year*

Mass Intentions

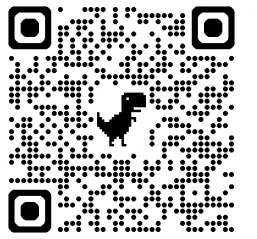
Saturday, May 9 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, May 10 - Eleanor and Federick Sears+

Tuesday, May 12 - Chelsea Gilbert & family

Wednesday, May 13 - Kate Walker (bday)

Saturday, May 16 - St. Joseph Parishioners



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