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St. John

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St. Stephen

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| Theresa Martin | Music Ministry |
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| Phillip Parriah | RCIA |

Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Morning Church!

Richard Rohr, OFM, mystic, ecumenical teacher, prolific spiritual writer, and Franciscan priest, calls today's Word the central theme of life and how to get there. He says that moral psychologists state there are stages to our growing in love.

First is self-love and respecting yourself. If you can't respect yourself, you can't respect others. So, God has to move you to what is called group love, family love. This second stage means you love people who are connected to you and who are like you or who like you, i.e., people of the same nationality, religion, political party, or race. Some people never even get to this stage.

The third stage is universal love, which Rohr says, is an even smaller group of people.

When we reflect on today's Word, we see Peter's heart for inclusive love expands under the influence of the Spirit. God's love envelopes all people ~ not just the Jewish nation. How blessed are we that God doesn't have "favorites" or show partiality to anyone or group.

In the Letter of John it is clear that God's love, God's inclusive, unconditional love is our call. We are to love one another as God loves us. No excuses. Period.

Jesus, knowing our weakness and inability to follow him wholeheartedly, made Love the Commandment of the New Testament. Love and God are synonymous. This gospel flows from the parable of the Vine and the Branches and Christ's mandate that we remain in love, his love, as we love one another. Without love, without living in love, Rohr says, we cannot know God.

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God shows
no partiality.
Everyone
is
God's
"favorite".

🌱 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting & Acting on The Word**

When is it hard for you to love inclusively?

Who is not included in your circle of love?

What does Jesus say about that?

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

| APRIL | |
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|  28 | 5th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N |
| 30 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
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|  01 | Feast: St. Joseph the Worker RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p  |
|  05 | 6th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N |
|  07 | The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p |
|  08 | RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p  |
| 12 | Feast: Ascension Happy Mother's Day! |
|  13 | Ladies Guild, 5p |
| 14 | The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p |
|  15 | RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p  |
| 16 | Wise Ones, 1p  |
|  18 | Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a |
| 19 | Pentecost Sunday Wear Red Sunday |
| 20 | Give Blood Elkin Rescue Cntr. 1:30-6:00p  |
|  21 | The Chosen, 10a; Ministerial Association, 12N Communion Service, 12:15p |
|  22 | RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p |
| 26 | Feast: The Body & Blood of Christ |

| ☪ Mass Intentions | |
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| 05 | +Georgette Dyer |
| 12 | All Mothers, living and deceased In gratitude for our Ladies Guild |

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 01 Emilio Lopez | 04 Christian Ouellette |
| Phillip Parrish | 05 Julia Carreon |
| 02 Cecelia Martinez | 08 Matt Norman |
| 04 Samantha Ange | 11 Maddox LaCashio |
| Memo Lara | 15 Ron Berryman |

15 Jennifer & Jason LaCashio
16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie



+S. Mary Patricia Waston, SSJ

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| Born | June 30, 1945 |
| Born to Eternal Life | April 18, 2024 |
| in the 70 th year of religious life | |



Who We Are
Change for Global Change is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph (Phila.) in 2006. With even greater urgency, our organization represents a necessary response to the unmet needs of persons who are poor, marginalized, and vulnerable by committing to the flourishing of Earth through sustainable practices.

What We Do

We raise awareness of sustainability issues that affect the lives of every person on our planet. We collect donations – large and small—from caring people, so that joining together in a neighbor-to-neighbor, across-the-street and around-the-world effort, we can make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in need. This allows us to provide grants for sustainability projects sponsored by our Sisters and Associates throughout the world, where the people they serve lack many basic necessities, especially potable water.

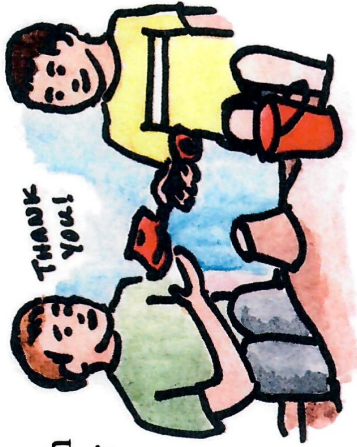
Receptacle for your donations/change is in the lobby.

Thank you!

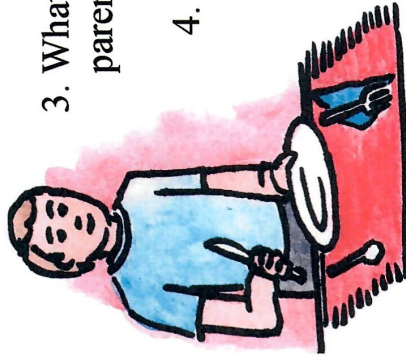


Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?
3. What can you do for your grand-parents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?



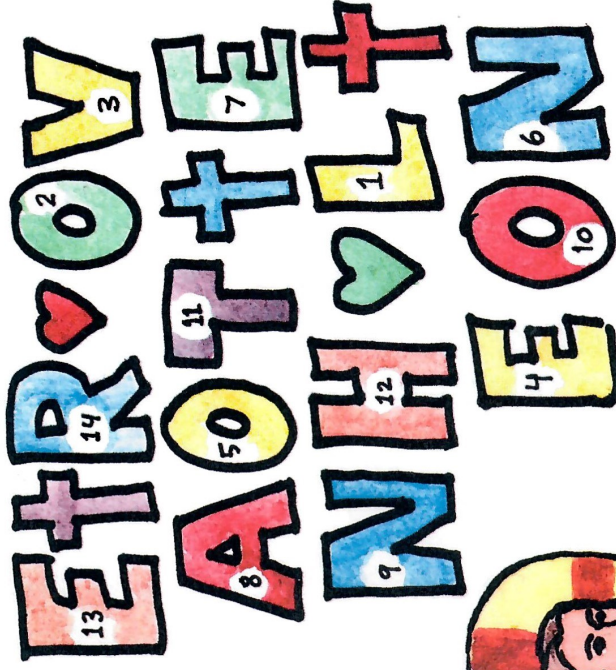
When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



Answer to front page puzzle: Love one another!
Answer to Word-Find: To lay down one's life

The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024



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What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!

