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**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".

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🌱 **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/>

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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	Communion Service, 12:15p
✝ 08	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 🎵
12	Feast: Ascension <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>
🌻 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 Youth Confirmation Retreat
🔥 19	Pentecost Sunday <b>Wear Red Sunday</b>
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 🎵
25	Youth Sacrament of Confirmation, 10:00a; Reception to follow 🔥
26	Feast: Holy Trinity
📖 28	The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
✝ 29	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 🎵

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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



05 Julia Carreon	23 Aymes Davis
08 Matt Norman	Morgan Orta
11 Maddox LaCashio	Jonathan Ramirez
15 Ron Berryman	26 Lila Keller
Luis Angel Lopez	28 Diego Carreon, Jr.
19 Miguel Nava	30 Brian Lopez
Lizette Hernandez	31 Hilda Lopez

15 Jennifer & Jason LaCashio  
16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie



**+S. Mary Patricia Waston, SSJ**

<b>Born</b>	June 30, 1945
<b>Born to Eternal Life</b>	April 18, 2024
in the 70 <sup>th</sup> 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.

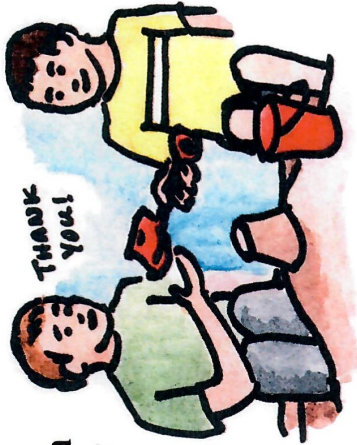
Receptacle for your donations/change is in the lobby.

**Thank you!**

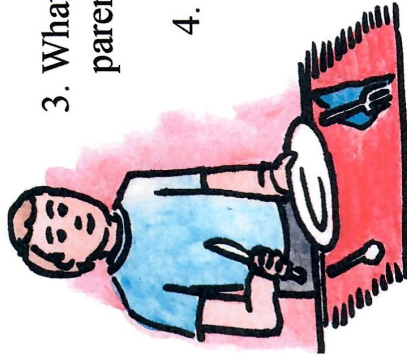


# Love One Another

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?



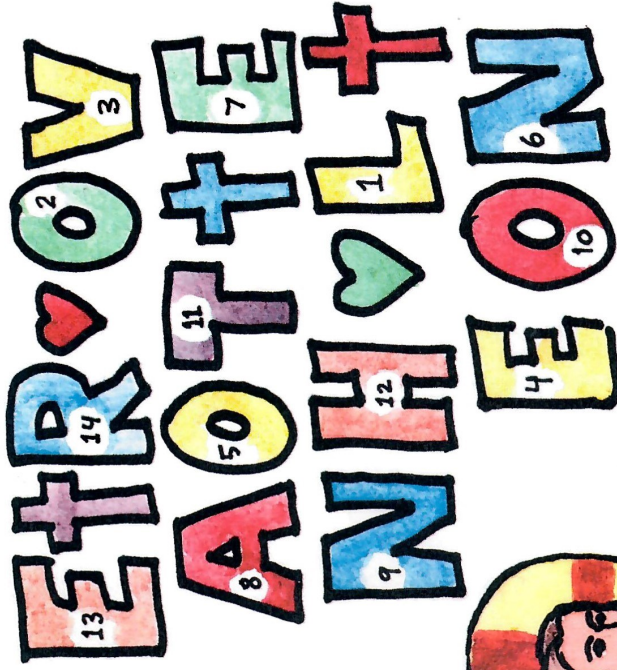
When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



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



1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8 9 10 11 12 13 14

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


# Saint Isidore the Farmer

May 15

ISIDORE WAS BORN IN MADRID, SPAIN, IN 1070. HE WAS TOO POOR TO GO TO SCHOOL, BUT WHEN HE WAS OLD ENOUGH HE WENT TO WORK FOR A FARMER.



HE WORKED FOR THE FARMER ALL HIS LIFE. ISIDORE MARRIED A GOOD WOMAN CALLED MARIA.




THEY HAD A BABY BOY, BUT HE DIED. ISIDORE AND MARIA TRUSTED THAT GOD WAS LOOKING AFTER HIM.



Our Father, who art in Heaven...  
ISIDORE WENT TO MASS EVERY DAY. HE PRAYED AS HE WORKED.



AT A PARISH DINNER, AS THE BEGGARS HE HAD INVITED ATE THE FOOD, MORE FOOD KEPT COMING!



ISIDORE BECAME KNOWN FOR HIS HOLINESS, AND STORIES OF MIRACLES WERE TOLD OF HIM.

If you need prayers ask Isidore to pray for you!



SAINT ISIDORE WORKED HARD AND SERVED GOD ALL HIS LIFE. HE DIED PEACEFULLY AT AGE 60.



SAINT ISIDORE WAS A HUMBLE MAN. HE DID SIMPLE WORK AND NEVER SEEMED IMPORTANT. HE JUST TRIED TO BE HOLY AND HELP THOSE AROUND HIM. BUT HE LOVED GOD SO MUCH THAT HE WAS A SAINT. AFTER HE DIED HIS BODY WAS FOUND INCORRUPT. SOON HE BECAME ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN SAINTS.

# Love One Another Word Find

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

As the FATHER has loved me, so have I loved you; REMAIN in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be COMPLETE. "This is my COMMANDMENT, that you love one another as I have loved you. GREATER love has no man than this, that a man lay DOWN his LIFE for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No LONGER do I call you SLAVES, for the slave does NOT KNOW what his MASTER is DOING; but I have CALLED you FRIENDS, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I CHOSE you and appointed you that you should go and bear FRUIT and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ASK the Father in my NAME, he may GIVE it to you. This I command you, to love one ANOTHER.

No one has greater love than this:

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for one's friends.

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