

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Acts 6: 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 32: 12, 4-5, 18-19.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING – Peter 2: 4-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not

be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

■ **The word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia

GOSPEL – John 14: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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9th & 10th May 2020

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Let's reflect...

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Salome & Adrian Lavryssen, Tony Sarmiento Jr., Flora Bordon, Jojie Bordon, Jeffrey Bordon, Oliver Muñoz, Loida Cortezano

For those who have died recently: Imelda Cortezano

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

J. Anthony Swamy, Daphne & Elmo Fernando, Maximus Gonsalvez, Malcolm Adaman, Everard Paris, Hilda B Villanueva, Alexis Bordon, Joan Fox, Victor

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up Your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make You better known and loved by all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confessions

Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation

[15th April Guidelines approved by Archbishop Peter Comensoli]

"Priests will do their best to respond to individual requests for the Sacrament, but it is not possible to establish and publicise particular times when the Sacrament will be available.

People who identify within themselves the need for Confession should contact their Parish clergy directly.

The location for the individual celebration of the Sacrament can be adapted to ensure the required health needs."

Parishioners of St. Kevin's need not be without this Sacrament. It is important to note that requests may be made by personal arrangement with one of the priests.

Message for the catechists:

Thank you to all those who collected the work prepared for the Wednesday Catechism classes. The next set of lessons will be ready for collection on Wednesday May 20, unless children are back at school and then it will be classes as usual.

Mary Doherty



A Mother's Day Prayer

We thank you, Lord! The Creator of us all, for our mothers and grandmothers. We thank you that they gave us life and nurtured us all those years. They gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. Our mothers and grandmothers have taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. They have taught us that it was fine to cry and that we should always tell the truth.

Bless our mothers and grandmothers with graces they need and which you want to give them. Help them to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that we love our mothers and grandmothers very much.

Give our mothers and grandmothers strength and courage, compassion and peace and bless them with your fullest love. Amen!