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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 10, 2020



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

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[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

### WEEKEND MASSES: (temporarily suspended)

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

by appointment only

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.



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**Our normal Mass Schedule is temporarily suspended.  
Livestream Masses:**

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses> **Sunday 9AM**

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>: **Monday 8AM /  
Tuesday 9AM / Wednesday 8AM / Thursday 9AM / Friday  
8AM and Sunday 10AM**

**WAIM News**

Those at WAIM have been working remotely as the facility is closed to the public right now. However, WAIM is ready to assist you if you need some help because of a job loss, reduction in hours, or other situations that may have led to a loss or reduction in income due to COVID-19. We are helping people out with rental, energy, and other emergency assistance if they find themselves in a difficult place financially. You can phone Evelyn Solla at (860) 456-7270 x12 or Merle Potchinsky at x17 and they will return their call. You are reminded to explore unemployment eligibility options (DOL) and file for your relief check (IRS) if you did not file taxes last year. <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>.

**Book of Blessings**

Many blessings can be prayed by anyone who has been baptized, "in virtue of the universal priesthood, a dignity they possess because of their baptism and confirmation" (*Book of Blessings*, no. 18)

If you would like to bless your home, your children, or the sick in your family, links to formal blessings may be found on the *Other Links* page of the parish website. The official language may be used as is or as a guide to creating less formal blessings that have more meaning to you. Links include those to:

**Blessing of Homes during Christmas and Easter Season  
Order for the Blessings of Sons and Daughters  
Orders for the Blessing of the Sick**

**Readings for the week of May 10, 2020**

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: David, Irene

Keeping you all in our prayers during this difficult time. Thank you, Mary Ann



*Thank You*

"Thank you" to all who have been sending in your weekly offertory or donating online. It has been a great help and encouragement. Regular updates and options for giving are shown on the home page of the parish website:

<http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/>

To receive the bulletin by e-mail, please send a message to [tmanning818@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmanning818@sbcglobal.net) and we will put you on the distribution list.

**Prayer Perspectives**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)  
[[http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_\\_\\_P8Z.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/___P8Z.HTM)]

"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."

St. John Damascene, CCC 2559

CCC 2562 Where does prayer come from?

Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times). According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays.

CCC 2563 The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live; according to the Semitic or Biblical expression, the heart is the place "to which I withdraw."



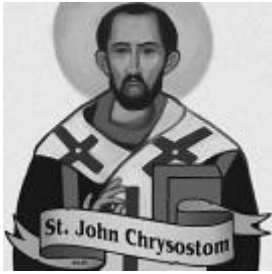
**STEWARDSHIP**

"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 of 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.

## REFLECTIONS



**My Father's House:** When St. John Chrysostom was summoned before the Roman Emperor Arcadius and threatened with banishment, he replied, "You cannot banish me, for the world is my Father's house." "Then I will kill you," exclaimed the Emperor angrily. "No, you cannot," retorted Chrysostom, "because my life is hidden with Christ in God." "Your treasures shall be confiscated," the Emperor replied grimly. "Sir, you can't do that because my treasures are in Heaven as my heart is there." "I will drive you from your people, and you shall have no friends left," threatened the Emperor. "That you cannot do either, Sir, for I have a Friend in Heaven Who has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'" In today's Gospel Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, gives us the same assurance. *"In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."*



**Surprises in Heaven:** A few years ago, a minister of the United Methodist Church was forced out of his congregation and the ministry because he had the "audacity to preach heresy" during his Sunday sermon: "I'm in a Church," he said, "which acts as if God has a very small house, with only a few rooms and only one door. But thanks be to God, God's house, according to Jesus, has many rooms, many places to dwell. If it were not so, he would have told us." To add fuel to the fire, he explained his theory with a story. A good man died and was ushered into heaven which appeared to be an enormous house. An angel began to escort him down a long hallway past "many rooms". "What's in that room?" the man asked, pointing to a very somber-looking group of people chanting a Gregorian Mass. "That's the Roman Catholic room," said the angel. "Very high church." "What's in that noisy room?" the man asked, pointing to a group of white-clothed people dancing, clapping and singing and occasionally shrieking out loud. "That's the Pentecostal group," said the angel. "Very lively." "What's in that room?" asked the man, pointing to a group of bald-headed people meditating to the sound of an enormous gong. "That's the Zen group," said the angel. "Very quiet. You would hardly know they were here." Then the angel stopped the man, as they were about to round a corner. "Now, when we get to the next room," said the angel, "I would appreciate it if you would tiptoe past. We mustn't make any sound." "Why is that?" asked the man. "Because in that room there's a bunch of very fundamentalist Christians; and they think they're the only ones here." In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a true picture of his Father's house.



**Do not be troubled:** During the Second World War, Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave some of the most stirring speeches of all times. After England had suffered a demoralizing defeat at Dunkirk, Churchill reminded the House of Commons about their commitment to ultimate victory. He said: "Victory at all costs, victory in spite of terror, victory however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival. We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas, we shall fight in the air. We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall never surrender." With words like that, Churchill aroused the hearts of his people to remain undaunted, even though they were on the verge of destruction. He encouraged them not to lose faith, however fierce the fight became. In today's Gospel Jesus gives one of his own stirring speeches. The scene is the Last Supper, his disciples are present, and the time is the eve of his darkest hour, the day of his death. And yet, in spite of knowing that the worst is about to occur, Jesus tells his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have Faith in God and Faith in me." (Albert Cylwicki in *His Word Resounds*; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

## Fulfilling Your Obligation

In cases such as we are experiencing now, the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

*An Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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