

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



# Building Faith@HOME

[1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)  
[Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4](#)  
[Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10](#)  
[Gospel: Jn 15:9-17](#)

Today Jesus tells us to love one another as He loved us. Wow! That is quite a mandate! Is Jesus telling us to “give our all” as He did? Jesus loved us so deeply that He was willing to die for us! What a tremendous gift He gave us. The question for us is: are we willing to “die” for one another?

Jesus asks us to “die” for one another. Jesus does not literally mean we are to “die.” Yet, when we give fully and freely of ourselves to the people in our lives, in a sense, we are dying to ourselves. We are putting others first, rather than ourselves. We freely give of our time, attention, care and love. Is there a better gift we can give to the people we love and cherish? What better gift can we give to our world?

Take a moment and ask yourself: who are the people who “die” for you? What are the gifts you receive from them: love, attention, care, a phone call, interest or help when you need it? Could there be any better gifts to receive? Yet, we often take these seemingly “small” gifts for granted. I invite you to take a few moments this evening and consciously remember the “gifts” you received today. Then remember the people who gifted you! Give thanks to God (and perhaps to them) for their presence in your life!

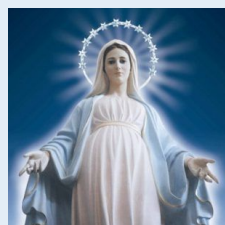
Jesus also has appointed each of us to “go and bear fruit.” Today and every day, may we follow in Jesus’ footsteps!  
[ferdinandbenedictines.blogspot.com](http://ferdinandbenedictines.blogspot.com)

### Family Table Talk

**Children:** In what ways do you experience God’s love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

**Youth:** Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

**Adults:** Concretely, how do you show love to others?  
[lifelongcatechesis.com](http://lifelongcatechesis.com)



**MAY DEVOTION: Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Mary is the model of perfect love and obedience to Christ. The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as an example for her discipleship and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

### Catholic Kids Media

6th Sunday  
of Easter  
Cycle B



[bit.ly/6th-Sunday-Easter-B](http://bit.ly/6th-Sunday-Easter-B)

### May 9th - Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Mother’s Day is next week! Here are some ideas for gifts you can make for your mom during this week.



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See how to make things like...  
Coupon books, spiritual bouquets, handprint keepsake, mom storybook, mother’s day puzzle, fingerprint flower pot, and more!



### Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[Loyolapress.com](http://Loyolapress.com) - 3 Minute Retreat: Love as I have Loved you (Teens & Adult Faith Builders)

[Youtube.com](http://Youtube.com) - Alleluia! Love is Alive! (Teens & Adult Faith Builder)

[CatholicNewsAgency.com](http://CatholicNewsAgency.com) - Mary: May Devotions (Adult and Family Faith Builder)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio> - Watch the Liturgy for the ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on May 11, 2024 (10:00 AM and archived)



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2024 - A Year of Prayer

'Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him,

"Lord, teach us to pray..." - Luke 11:1



# Prayer@HOME

Cut & Pray!



From now until Pentecost, practice the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,  
and you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Scripture Verse of the Week From Sunday's Mass



This is my commandment: love  
one another as I love you.  
-John 15:17



## Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians:  
We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians,  
grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral,  
spiritual and community formation, leading them to be  
credible witnesses to the Gospel.  
(Don't forget to watch the Ordination of Permanent Deacons,  
May 11 at 10:00 AM on [Syracuse Catholic TV - Youtube](#))

### ACTION:

Do an Act of Kindness for each of your family members. Try doing an Act of Kindness for another person, especially someone that needs to receive God's love.



## Building Prayer Time @ Home

This will be a series of family activities to try as your families start or strengthen prayer time. Beginning on the Ascension Thursday, there are 9 days until Pentecost. Choose one of the following novenas (a nine day prayer) beginning today to prepare for the celebration of Pentecost.

Download this Novena to pray for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Wisdom, Fortitude, Knowledge, Right Counsel, Fear of the Lord/Awe & Wonder, Understanding, and Piety)

<https://bit.ly/Novena-Pentecost>



Download this Novena to pray for the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. (Charity/love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control, and Goodness)

[bit.ly/Novena-Fruits-of-the-Spirit](https://bit.ly/Novena-Fruits-of-the-Spirit)

