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**5th Sunday  
of Easter  
Year A**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7)*

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.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps. 32)

**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:** *A reading from the first letter of St Peter (2:4-9)*

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.

**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:** *A reading from the Gospel According to John (14:1-12)*

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 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 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.'

**Memorial Acclamation:** When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**All the Masses that our Priests are celebrating in private are being offered "pro populo" - for the intentions of the people of God.**

Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/mailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.

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## **PASTORAL CORNER**

Jesus understands how lost his friends will feel when he leaves them, and spends some time reassuring them that he was preparing a place for them to join him. His instructions were for his friends of that day, but they are just as relevant for us today and the outcome is also true – Jesus empowers us to do great things in service.

Do you have a sense of being specially chosen to do God's work? Perhaps in a particular ministry? This is mission! We often think about mission work in relation to those missionaries serving overseas. However, we are all called to be on mission in our everyday lives, here and now, even in our conversations and daily actions.

Spend time during the week actively looking to Jesus to relieve you of any fears that you have about the future.

While you are unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion you may wish to pray the following prayer

### **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 here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

### **To all our mothers**

### **“Mother” by Venerable Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty”**

“The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral -a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. .. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?”

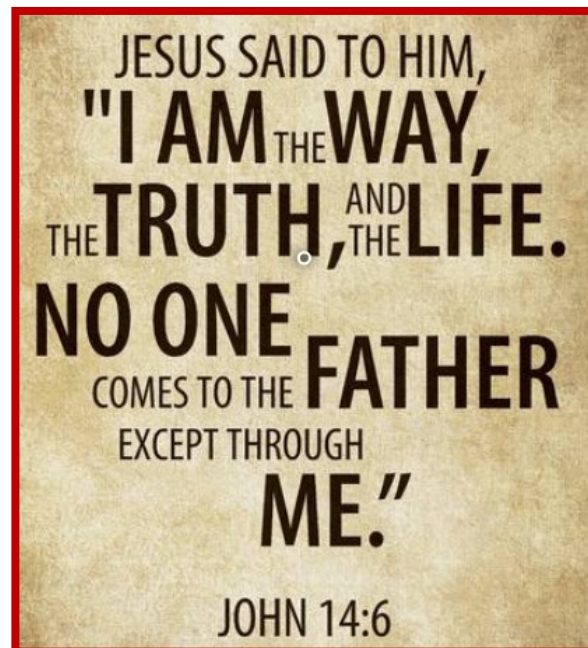
### **St John Paul II REDEMPTORIS MATER [5 March 1987] On the Blessed Virgin Mary**

46. This Marian dimension of Christian life takes on special importance in relation to women and their status. In fact, femininity has a unique relationship with the Mother of the Redeemer, a subject which can be studied in greater depth elsewhere. Here I simply wish to note that the figure of Mary of Nazareth sheds light on womanhood as such by the very fact that God, in the sublime event of the Incarnation of his Son, entrusted himself to the ministry, the free and active ministry of a woman. It can thus be said that women, by looking to Mary, find in her the secret of living their femininity with dignity and of achieving their own true advancement. In the light of Mary, the Church sees in the face of women the reflection of a beauty which mirrors the loftiest sentiments of which the human heart is capable: the self-offering totality of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement.



## A Reflection on the 5th Sunday of Easter

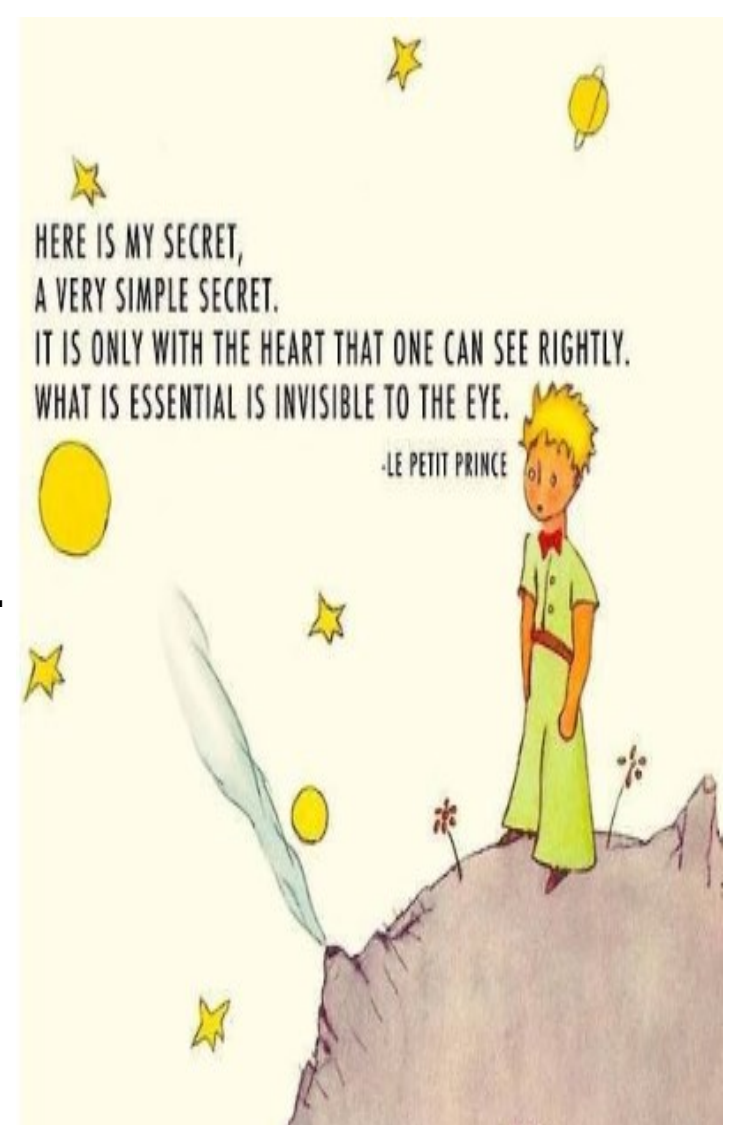
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Jesus is the only way to the Father. The way to the Father is not to walk where Jesus walked but to model our lives and attitudes on him because he is the perfect expression of the Father's love for us. He is the face of the Father's mercy. Therefore Jesus invites us to follow him, to model our lives on his life and in that way bring God's presence and reign into this most insecure world.

If as Christians our highest goal is to love and to become more like Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life then it is important that we should learn to become more selfless. Since we try to love God in our neighbour, let us keep this valuable advice of the famous French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupery in mind [1900-1944]: *"Love does not consist of gazing at each other, but of looking outward together in the same direction."*

Lately while in confinement I went back to reading Antoine De Saint-Exupery's masterpiece *"Le Petit Prince"* again. In this famous writing the French author assists us to deepen our understanding of what it means to become more and more like Jesus. He points out that if we would for a while stop scrutinising each other's faults, shortcomings, imperfections and sins and instead adjust our vision so that we may see the world and each other as God sees us then we would be able to contemplate the image of Christ in our nearest and dearest and served them in the spirit of selfless and self-sacrificing love. Our life would then be transformed indeed. Then as Antoine De Saint-Exupery pointed out, we would be able to escape our fixation with the self and look outward together in the same direction, to Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life and finally embrace eternity and his Heavenly Kingdom.





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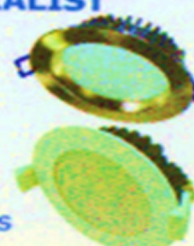


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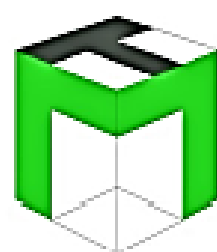
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