

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified...

2022 Week 17 (04/25/22-05/01/22)

...and so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Resurrection of Jesus
(Mt 28.1-10; Mk 16.1-8; Lk 24.1-12)

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and said that the stone had been moved from the entrance. She went to see, but she did not understand the principle, the one whom the Lord said to them, "They will not know where they are going." Then Peter and the other disciple went out and went into the tomb. The two were rather frightened. The other disciples had not reached the tomb to look in and find the body lying there, but Simon Peter came and went into the tomb. He saw the wrappings lying there, and the napkin that had been on Jesus' head, wrapped up by itself. The disciples also reached the tomb, and he saw and believed. Yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the city and prepared a meal.

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THE DICES WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY



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TALA-ARAWAN is the DICES weekly prayer diary.

TALA-ARAWAN features quotes from each day's Bible readings, reflection guide questions, daily challenges, and weekly features including games, trivia, and others.

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April 25 to May 1, 2022

Week 17

Monday to Sunday



April 25, 2022

Monday

First Reading
1 Peter 5:5b-14

Clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of Your countenance, O Lord, they walk.

Monday of the
Second Week of Easter
Saint Mark the Evangelist

Gospel Reading
Mark 16:15-20

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."

Reflection Guide Question

As Batang DICES, how can you do your part in "(proclaiming) the Gospel to every creature?"

Challenge Of The Day

Today, talk to someone you know about a lesson that you learned from the Gospel.

April 26, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading
Acts 4:32-37

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.

Tuesday of the
Second Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 3:7b-15

“If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 93:1-2, 5

*The Lord is king,
robed with majesty;
the Lord is robed,
girded with might.*

Reflection Guide Question

What do you think was Nicodemus' motivation for talking to Jesus?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask Jesus to help you keep your faith in Him strong, both in earthly and in heavenly things.

April 27, 2022

Wednesday

First Reading
Acts 5:17-26

The angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, led them out, and said "Tell the people everything about this life."

Wednesday of the
Second Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 3:16-21

For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 34:2-9

When the poor one called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress He saved him.

Reflection Guide Question

What is your favorite Bible verse?
Why is it your favorite?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, take a moment to reflect about your favorite verse from the Bible.

April 28, 2022

Thursday

First Reading
Acts 5:27-33

*But Peter and the
Apostles said in reply,
"We must obey God
rather than men."*

Thursday of the
Second Week of Easter

*Saint Peter Chanel,
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20

*When the just cry out,
the Lord hears them,
and from all their dis-
tress He rescues them.*

Gospel Reading
John 3:31-36

The one who is of
the earth is earthly
and speaks of earthly
things. But the one
who comes from
heaven is above all.

Reflection Guide Question

Why is it important to distinguish between "the one who is of earth" and "the one who comes from heaven"?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, pray for guidance as you reflect about the "earthly things" that distract you from heaven.

April 29, 2022

Friday

First Reading
Acts 5:34-42

If this endeavor ... is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

Friday of the
Second Week of Easter
Saint Catherine of Siena

Gospel Reading
John 6:1-15

Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make Him king, He withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus “withdraw” and avoid the people who wanted to make Him king?

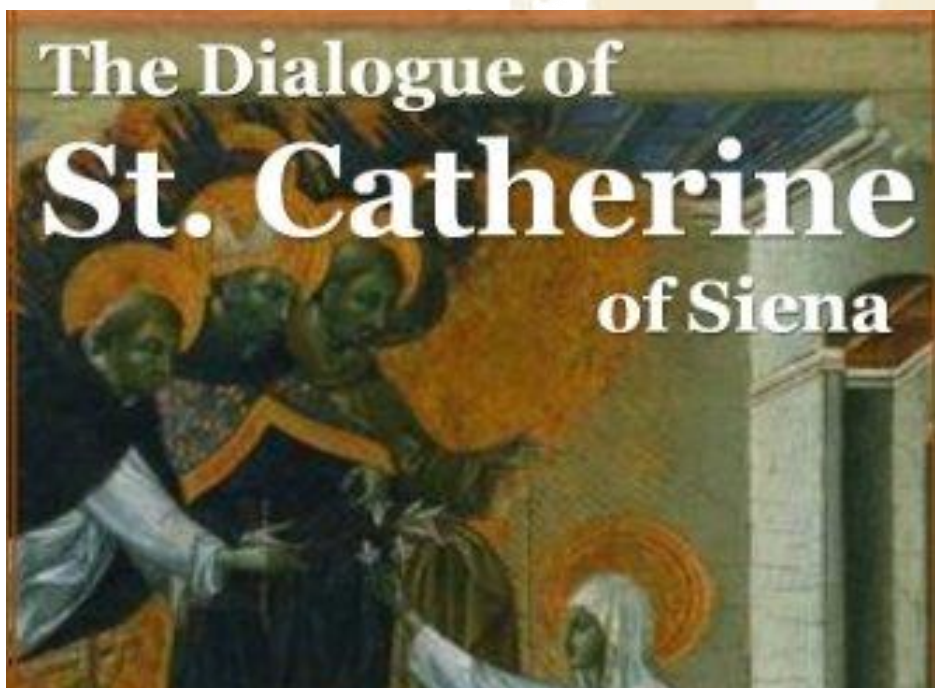
Challenge Of The Day

Today, with a sincere heart, ask Jesus for help as you try and follow his example of humility.

Saint of the Week

Saint Catherine of Siena

Saint Catherine of Siena is a co-patron of Europe, along with Saint Bridget of Sweden and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. She is also one of the four women so far who have been named “Doctor of the Church”. This means that her works, including the 380 letters and 26 prayers she dictated, have special authority in the Roman Catholic Church.





“Il Libro Della Divina Dottrina”, known in English as “The Dialogue of Divine Providence”, is the mystical book that she dictated, recording her experiences and visions. The Dialogue, divided into 4 treatises, are collectively considered a spiritual classic. The Dialogue tells “the entire spiritual life through a series of conversations between God and the soul”. Saint Catherine had an intense prayer life, even when she was a child. In fact, she experienced her first mystical vision of Jesus when she was seven years old, seeing Him surrounded by saints and seated in glory.

Despite experiencing “mystical ecstasies” in the presence of God, there were many moments in

Saint Catherine's life when she felt "desolation" and being abandoned by God. Despite these, she dedicated her life to taking care of the sick, the poor, and the marginalized, including lepers.

While she was still in her 20s, she communicated with many influential figures. In fact, she even gave advice to and admonished the Pope himself. She also was instrumental in defending the papacy, especially during the Great Schism of the West.

Reference: *Divine Mercy Sunday—Homily of John Paul*



Quotes of the Week

The soul, who is lifted by a very great and yearning desire for the honor of God and the salvation of souls, begins by exercising herself, for a certain space of time, in the ordinary virtues, remaining in the cell of self-knowledge, in order to know better the goodness of God towards her. This she does because knowledge must precede love, and only when she has attained love, can she strive to follow and to clothe herself with the truth.





But, in no way, does the creature receive such a taste of the truth, or so brilliant a light therefrom, as by means of humble and continuous prayer, founded on knowledge of herself and of God; because prayer, exercising her in the above way, unites with God the soul that follows the footprints of Christ Crucified, and thus, by desire and affection, and union of love, makes her another Himself.

Christ would seem to have meant this, when He said: To him who will love Me and will observe My commandment, will I manifest Myself; and he shall be one thing with Me and I with him. In several places we find similar words, by which we can see that it is, indeed, through the effect of love, that the soul becomes another Himself.

It is therefore true, indeed, that the soul unites herself with God by the affection of love.

—*Saint Catherine of Siena*

Reference: *The Dialogue of the Seraphic Virgin Catherine of Siena* (1907)

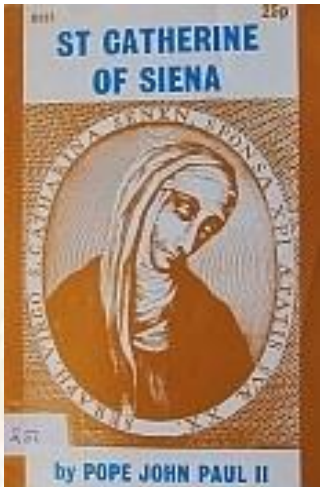


Saint Catherine of Siena, whose role in the unfolding history of the Church and also in the growing theological understanding of revelation has been recognized in significant ways. This culminated in her proclamation as a Doctor of the Church.

Catherine was tireless in her commitment to resolving the many conflicts which afflicted the society of her time.

She made it clear that in a society inspired by Christian values there could never be grounds for conflict so serious that the reasons of force need prevail over the force of reason.





Yet Catherine was well aware that such a conclusion was unthinkable if souls had not first been molded by the power of the Gospel. This was why she stressed the reform of morals to all, without exception.

The exercise of sovereignty was not to be separated from the exercise of charity, which is the soul both of one's personal life and one's political responsibility.

—*Saint John Paul II*

Reference: *Apostolic Letter Issued Motu Proprio Proclaiming Saint Bridget of Sweden, Saint Catherine of Siena, and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Co-Patronesses Of Europe—His Holiness Pope John Paul II (1999)*

Prayer of the Week

In Your nature, eternal Godhead, I shall come to know my nature. And what is my nature, boundless love? It is fire, because You are nothing but a fire of love. You have given humankind a share in this nature, for by the fire of love You created us. And so with all other people and every created thing; You made them out of love.

O ungrateful people! What nature has your God given you? His very own nature! Are you not ashamed to cut yourself off from such a noble thing through the guilt of deadly sin?





O eternal Trinity, my sweet love! You, light, give us light. You, wisdom, give us wisdom. You, supreme strength, strengthen us. Today, eternal God, let our cloud be dissipated so that we may perfectly know and follow Your Truth in truth, with a free and simple heart. God, come to our assistance! Lord, make haste to help us!

—*Saint Catherine of Siena (1378)*

Reference: *The Dialogue of the Seraphic Virgin Catherine of Siena* (1907)

April 30, 2022

Saturday

First Reading
Acts 6:1-7

... We shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

Saturday of the
Second Week of Easter

Saint Pius V

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

The eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him ... to deliver them from death ...

Gospel Reading
John 6:16-21

... They began to be afraid. But he said to them, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

Reflection Guide Question

Why were the disciples afraid; in fact, so afraid that Jesus had to reassure them to not be afraid?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, offer and surrender to Jesus something in your life that makes you afraid.

Phrase of the Week

“be not afraid”

/bē nāt ə'frād/

phrase

“Love” is the greatest commandment, as Jesus said. The word “love” appears 300 to 900 times in the Bible, depending on the translation.

Meanwhile, the most frequent commandment in the Bible is “Be not afraid”. The phrase appears an estimated 365 times in the Bible.

The phrase is mentioned in the first book of the Bible, in Genesis 15:1 (“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”) and in the last book of the Bible, in Revelation 2:10 (“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. “).



אֶל-תִּירָא HEBREW

The phrase “Be not afraid” is translated from the Hebrew “Al-tirah” (אֶל-תִּירָא). The phrase is in fact known as the “recurring word” because of the frequency by which it is mentioned in the Bible.

The word “fear” is also the direct translation of the Hebrew word “yirah” (יִרָא). However, “yirah” is also translated as “awe”, “respect”, “reverence”, and “worship”.

While the Bible reminds us many times, “Be not afraid”, it also reminds us of the importance of “fear of God”, or “yirat Adonai” (יִרַאת יְהוָה). This interpretation of “fear” translates more closely to “reverential awe” .

References: *Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries* (2021), *Hebrew for Christians* (2022)

אֶל-תִּירָא כִּי עִמּוֹךְ-אֱנִי

May 1, 2022

Sunday

First Reading
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give You thanks.

Second Reading
Revelation 5:11-14

To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.

Third Sunday
of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 21:1-19

None of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord.

Reflection Guide Question

How did the disciples realize that Jesus was the one with whom they were talking?

Game of the Week

Morse Code Puzzle

Decode the Bible quotes below using the key on the right.

Spaces are indicated by a slash "/".

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DICES,
let us pray.