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# Tala Arawan

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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**May 16 to 22, 2022**

Week 20

*Monday to Sunday*



# May 16, 2022

## Monday

First Reading  
Acts 14:5-18

*"Why are you doing this? We are of the same nature as you, human beings."*

Monday of the  
Fifth Week of Easter

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16

*Not to us, O Lord,  
not to us, but to  
Your name give glory.*

Gospel Reading  
John 14:21-26

*"Whoever loves Me  
will be loved by My  
Father, and I will  
love them and reveal  
Myself to them."*

Reflection Guide Question

How do you know that Jesus loves you?  
In what ways has Jesus revealed Himself to you?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, in prayer, thank Jesus for His love for you,  
and reaffirm your love for Jesus.

May 17, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading  
Acts 14:19-28

*They appointed presbyters for them in each Church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord ...*

Tuesday of the  
Fifth Week of Easter

Gospel Reading  
John 14:27-31a

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.”

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 145:10-13, 21

*Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You.*

### Reflection Guide Question

How is the peace “as the world gives” different from the peace that Jesus gives?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, when you say “Peace be with you” during the Holy Mass, reflect on the true meaning of “peace”.

# May 18, 2022

## Wednesday

First Reading  
Acts 15:1-6

*(They told them) of the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brethren.*

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 122:1-5

*I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."*

Wednesday of the  
Fifth Week of Easter

*Saint John I*

Gospel Reading  
John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ... I am the vine, you are the branches."

### Reflection Guide Question

What will happen to a branch not connected to the vine?  
What will happen to you if you are not connected to God?

### Challenge Of The Day

Today, take a moment to honestly evaluate your connection, as a branch, to Jesus, the true vine.

# Saint of the Week

## *Saint John I*

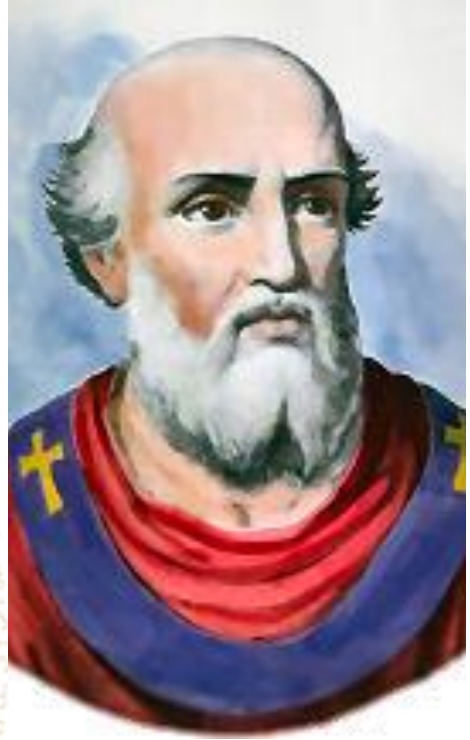


Saint John I was the Pope of the Catholic Church only for three years (from AD 523 to AD 526). Nevertheless, despite his short term, he was instrumental to the growth and healing of the Church.

For 35 years, the Acacian schism divided the Eastern and Western churches of the time. Through Saint John I's efforts, peace was restored between the papacy and Justin I, the emperor of the Byzantine empire.

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After negotiating the peace agreement, Theodoric, the king of Italy who believed in the Arian heresy, imprisoned Saint John I, who later died.

### *The Acacian schism, the Arian heresy*

The Acacian schism was rooted in the issue of the Arian heresy, a heresy began by Arius, a Christian presbyter from Alexandria, Egypt.

The Arians denied the divinity of Christ—more specifically, they believed that Jesus was more than a man but less than God.

Reference: *Franciscan Media* (2021), *Britannica* (2022)

# Words of the Week

schism

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*noun*



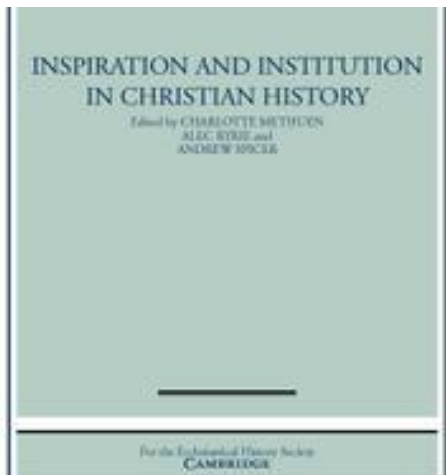
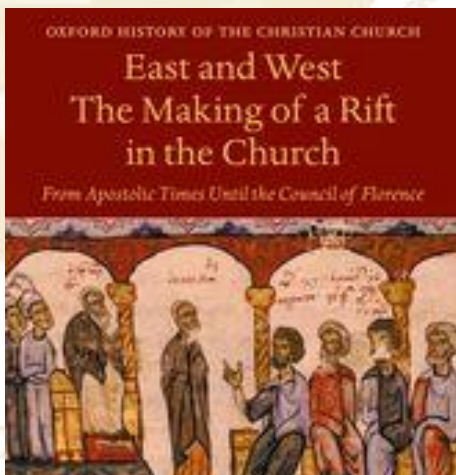
A schism, in general, is defined as “a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief”. The term is usually used to describe such splits or divisions in religious organizations such as the Roman Catholic Church.

In the case of the Church, the term refers to “a break in the unity of the church,” usually due to disagreements about doctrine. An example is the



Acacian schism between the Eastern and Western churches from AD 484 to AD 519.

According to Roman Catholic canon law, a “schismatic” refers to a person who, even though they have been baptized and continue to call themselves a Christian, “refuses submission to the pope or fellowship with members of the church”.



# heresy

/'herəsē/

*noun*

A heresy, according to Roman Catholic canon law, refers to the “offense of one who ... denies or doubts any of the truths that one is under obligation of divine and Catholic faith to believe”.

“Heresiarchs” refer to the founders or leaders of heretical movements. Arius, the founder of the Arian heresy, is a heresiarch.

“Heretics” refer to those who commit heresy.

References: *Oxford Languages (2022) Cambridge Dictionary (2022), Britannica (2022), Code of Canon Law (1917)*



# Prayer of the Week



We come to you, Lord, confessing our sins and saying:

We confess before you that we have turned away from your ways and disobeyed your ordinances. ...

We have acted selfishly towards our brothers and sisters. We have allowed our own needs and desires to prevail over our commitment to justice. We have built walls between us and planted the seeds of distrust towards the other.



We have separated people based on ethnicity, religion and gender and we have claimed Jesus on our side in any war we waged. Forgive all these thoughts and deeds, O Lord, as we come before you in repentance.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have sent in the fullness of time to redeem all the people, we ask you to have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and transform us into His glorious image so we can shine as a beacon of hope in our troubled world.

—*Pontifical Council for  
Promoting Christian Unity*

Reference: *Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Throughout the Year 2022* (2022)

# May 19, 2022

## Thursday

First Reading  
Acts 15:7-21

*He made no distinction between us and them, for by faith He purified their hearts.*

Thursday of the  
Fifth Week of Easter

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 96:1-3, 10

*Tell His glory among the nations; among all peoples, His wondrous deeds.*

Gospel Reading  
John 15:9-11

**"I have told you this so that My joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."**

Reflection Guide Question

What are the words of Jesus which bring you joy?  
How do you think will that joy be completed?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, take your Bible and reread the verse or verses which makes you happy.

May 20, 2022

Friday

First Reading  
Acts 15:22-31

*"It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities ..."*

Friday of the  
Fifth Week of Easter  
*Saint Bernardine of Siena*

Gospel Reading  
John 15:12-17

*"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 57:8-10, 12

*My heart is steadfast,  
O God; my heart is  
steadfast; I will sing  
and chant praise.*

Reflection Guide Question

Who are the friends of Jesus? How did Jesus prove His love and friendship to His friends?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, say a prayer for the people in your life you consider friends, to Jesus, your greatest friend.



# May 21, 2022

## Saturday

First Reading  
Acts 16:1-10

*Day after day the churches grew stronger in faith and increased in number.*

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 100:1-3, 5

*Know that the Lord is God; He made us, His we are ...*

Saturday of the  
Fifth Week of Easter

*Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions*

Gospel Reading  
John 15:18-21

**“If the world hates you, realize that it hated Me first. ... They will do all these things to you on account of My name ...”**

Reflection Guide Question

Why are people hated because of their association with Jesus? Is this hate justified? Why or why not?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, offer to God someone who hates or dislikes you for doing something right, in Jesus' name.

May 22, 2022

Sunday

First Reading  
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

*"If you keep free  
of these, you will be  
doing what is right.  
Farewell."*

Sixth Sunday  
of Easter

Gospel Reading  
John 14:23-29

"I have told you  
now before it hap-  
pens, so that when  
it does happen,  
you will believe."

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

*May the peoples  
praise You, O God;  
may all the peoples  
praise You!*

Second Reading  
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

*I saw no temple in  
the city for its temple  
is the Lord God almighty  
and the Lamb.*

Reflection Guide Question

Do you believe in  
the words of Jesus?  
Why or why not?

# Quote of the Week

Jesus promised never to leave the Apostles alone, as He prepared to face His Passion and the Cross. (As He said), "The Paraclete, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." ... The Holy Spirit's task is to make people remember; in other words, to make them fully understand and encourage them to concretely implement the teachings of Jesus.





This is also the mission of the Church mission, which she carries out through a precise way of life, characterized by faith in the Lord and the observance of His Word; docility to the action of the Spirit, who continually makes the Risen Lord alive and present; the acceptance of His peace and the witness we bear to Him through an attitude of openness and encounter with others.

The Church cannot remain stationary; instead, she relies on the active participation of each baptized person. We are called to free ourselves from our views, strategies, and objectives which often impede the journey of faith, and to listen with docility to the Word of God. It is the Spirit of God who guides us and guides the Church, so that her authentic face, beautiful and luminous, willed by Christ, may shine forth.

—*Pope Francis*

Reference: *Catholic Outlook* (2019)



# Game of the Week

## Maze Puzzle

*The letters of each word in the Bible quotes below have been shuffled.  
Rearrange the letters to reveal the quotes.*

WHOEVER LOVES ME WILL BE LOVED  
BY MY FATHER.

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PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE  
I GIVE TO YOU.

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WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

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REMAIN IN MY LOVE.

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU.

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# Last Week's Game

## Caesar Shift Cipher Puzzle

*The message below from Our Lady of Fatima has been encoded using a "Caesar shift cipher".*

*In this case, each letter has been shifted 3 letters backward.*

*Solve the cipher to reveal the message.*

**MOXV QEB OLPXOV**

PRAY THE ROSARY

**BSBOV AXV QL**

EVERY DAY TO

**LYQXFK MBXZB CLO**

OBTAIN PEACE FOR

**QEB TLOIA XKA QEB**

THE WORLD AND THE

**BKA LC QEB TXO.**

END OF THE WAR.

A black and white photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, with the text "DICES, let us pray." overlaid. The hands are the central focus, with fingers interlaced and palms pressed together. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the creases on the fingers. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is white and positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

**DICES,**  
*let us pray.*