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May 30 to June 5, 2022

Week 22

Monday to Sunday



May 30, 2022

Monday

First Reading
Acts 19:1-8

When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Monday of the
Seventh Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 16:29-33

"In the world, you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 68:2-7

The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice.

Reflection Guide Question

What did Jesus mean when He said, "I have conquered the world"? Why should that give us courage?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, offer to Jesus one problem in your life that troubles you, and ask Him for courage to face that problem.

May 31, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
or Romans 12:9-16

*Rejoice in hope,
endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.*

Tuesday of the
Seventh Week of Easter

*The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Responsorial Psalm
Isaiah 12:2-6

*Among you is
the great and
Holy One of Israel.*

Gospel Reading
Luke 1:39-56

“Most blessed
are you among
women, and
blessed is the fruit
of your womb.”

Reflection Guide Question

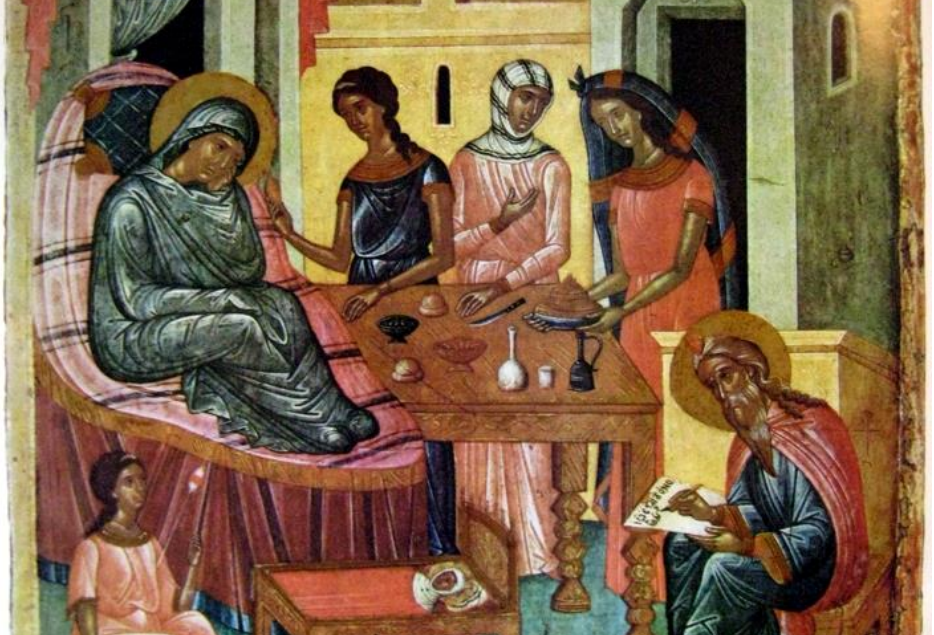
Do you think Elizabeth fully understood the significance of her cousin's future child? Why or why not?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, visit a friend or relative you haven't visited in a while, and share with them the joy of God.

Saint of the Week

Saint Elizabeth of the Visitation



Saint Elizabeth was the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When we celebrate the feast of the Visitation of Mary, we celebrate Mary visiting Elizabeth "in a city of Judah in the mountains" .

During that time, Mary was pregnant with Jesus, and Elizabeth was six months pregnant with Saint John the Baptist. When Mary and Elizabeth met, the baby in Elizabeth's womb leapt for joy.



The visitation is known to many Christians because it is the second joyful mystery in the Holy Rosary.

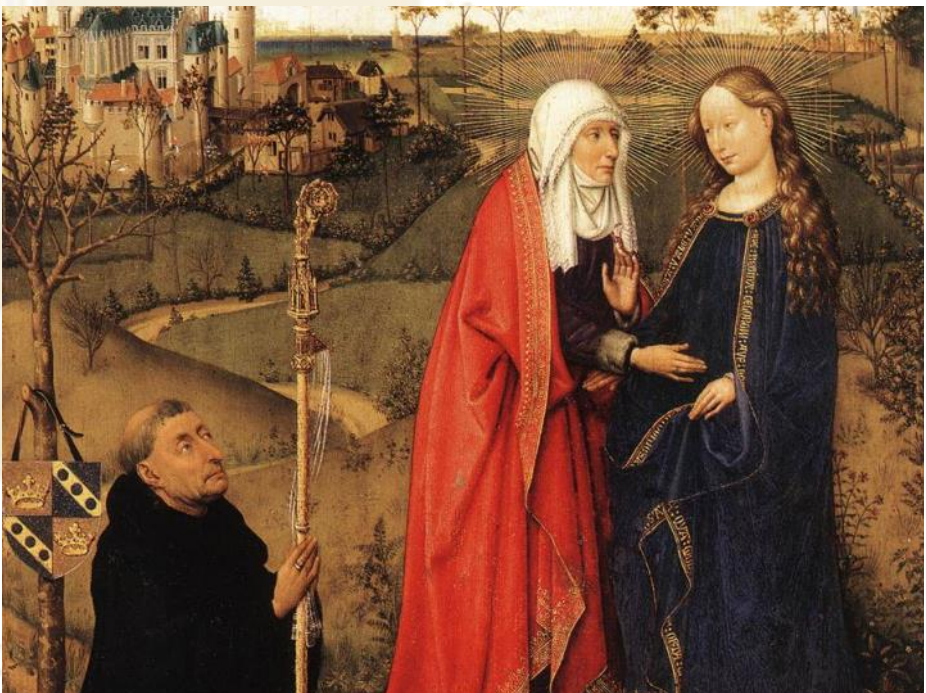
Depictions of the visitation in medieval art differ in their focus. In the Hellenistic tradition, Mary and Elizabeth are usually depicted at a distance, greeting each other “with formality and reserve”. In the Syrian tradition, Mary and Elizabeth are usually depicted in an embrace. The latter “more emotional” depiction became more popular from the 15th century onwards.

Sometimes, the city gates of Judah are depicted in the background of the scene.,

Two of the most popular prayers of Christianity were also first mentioned in the visitation.

When she met Mary, out of joy, Elizabeth said the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb," the words which comprise the second half of the prayer "Hail Mary".

Another prayer that is said during the visitation is the "Magnificat", which refers to the first line of the prayer, "My soul *magnifies* the Lord." In this context, the verb "magnify" refers to This prayer was said by Mary after Elizabeth praises her for her faith.





According to Saint John Paul II, “Under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, the mother of the Baptist is the first in the history of the Church to begin to proclaim the marvels that God has brought about in the girl from Nazareth, and sees fully realized in Mary the bliss of faith, because she has believed there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.

Reference: *Franciscan Media* (2021), *Christian Iconography* (2015), *National Shrine* (2019), *Britannica* (2020)

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Prayers of the Week



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hun-

gry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and His children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

—*Blessed Virgin Mary*



Reference: *Magnificat, from the Gospel of Luke 1:46–55*



O God, You sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit her cousin Elizabeth and to share with her the joy of Your Son's coming. Give us the desire to do Your will, that we may glorify You with her for all eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and ever-living God, who while the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying Your Son in her womb, inspired her to visit Elizabeth, grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spirit, we may



magnify Your greatness with the Virgin Mary at all times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

—*Liturgy of the Visitation*

Reference: *Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word* (2017)

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June 1, 2022

Wednesday

First Reading
Acts 20:28-38

Paul spoke to the presbyters of the Church of Ephesus: "Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock ..."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36

Show forth, O God, your power, the power, O God, with which You took our part.

Wednesday of the
Seventh Week of Easter

Saint Justin

Gospel Reading
John 17:11b-19

"I gave them Your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world."

Reflection Guide Question

What did Jesus mean when He said that His followers "do not belong to the world"?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, say a prayer for the people in our society who are "hated" by the world because of the Word of God.

June 2, 2022

Thursday

First Reading
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

*(Paul) called out before
the Sanhedrin ...
"I am on trial for hope
in the resurrection
of the dead."*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

*My heart is glad ...
because You will not
abandon my soul to
the nether world.*

Thursday of the
Seventh Week of Easter
Saints Marcellinus and Peter

Gospel Reading
John 17:20-26

*"Father, they are
Your gift to Me.
I wish that where
I am, they also
may be with Me ..."*

Reflection Guide Question

What did Jesus mean when He referred to His followers, and us, the Father's "gift" to Him?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, offer a small sacrifice to Jesus as a gift given in gratitude for His great love for you.

June 3, 2022

Friday

First Reading
Acts 25:13b-21

His accusers ... had some issues with him ... about a certain Jesus who had died but who Paul claimed was alive.

Friday of the
Seventh Week of Easter

*Saint Charles Lwanga
and Companions*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

*Bless the Lord,
O my soul; and
all my being,
bless His holy name.*

Gospel Reading
John 21:15-19

"Peter felt hurt because he said to Him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You."

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus ask Peter three times if he loved Him?
What did Peter previously do three times in the Gospel?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, follow Saint Peter's example, accept God's forgiveness, and learn from your mistakes.

June 4, 2022

Saturday

First Reading
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

... With complete assurance and hindrance, (Paul) proclaimed the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday of the
Seventh Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 21:20-25

There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 11:4-5, 7

*The Lord is in His holy temple;
the Lord's throne is in heaven.*

Reflection Guide Question

From what you have read about the words and actions of Jesus in the Bible, what do you believe about Him?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, read a chapter from any of the Gospels and reflect about what it says about who Jesus is.

June 5, 2022

Sunday

First Reading
Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

When You send forth your spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Romans 8:8-17

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Solemnity of
Pentecost Sunday

Gospel Reading
John 20:19-23
or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

"The Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Reflection Guide Question

When was the last time you prayed to the Holy Spirit?
What was your prayer about?

Word of the Week

Paraclete

/'Perə,klēt/

noun



The term “Paraclete” is one of the names used to refer to the Holy Spirit.

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παράκλητος

GREEK

The term “Paraclete” is derived from the Greek “paraklētōs”, which means “called in aid”. The root words for the term are “para-”, which means “alongside”, and “klētōs”, or “kalein”, which means “to call”.

According to Pope Francis, two essential concepts are essential to understanding the term “Paraclete”—the Holy Spirit as “Comforter” and as “Advocate”.

References: *Etymonline* (2022), *Vatican News* (2021)



paracletus

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Quote of the Week

Let us go back to the origin of the Church, to the day of Pentecost. Let us look at the Apostles. Some of them were fishermen, simple people accustomed to living by the work of their hands, but there were also others, like Matthew, who was an educated tax collector. They were from different backgrounds and social contexts, and they had Hebrew and Greek names. In terms of character, some were meek and others were excitable; they all had different ideas and sensibilities. They were all different.





Jesus did not change them; He did not make them into a set of pre-packaged models. No. He left their differences, and now He unites them by anointing them with the Holy Spirit. With the anointing comes their union—union in diversity. At Pentecost, the Apostles understand the unifying power of the Spirit. They see it with their own eyes when everyone, though speaking in different languages, comes together as one people: the people of God, shaped by the Spirit, who weaves unity from diversity and bestows harmony because in the Spirit there is harmony. He himself is harmony.

Let us now focus on ourselves, the Church of today. We can ask ourselves: “What is it that unites us, what is the basis of our unity?”. We too have our differences, for example: of opinions, choices, sensibilities. But the temptation is always fiercely to defend our ideas, believing them to be good for everybody and agreeing only with those who think as we do. This is a bad temptation that brings division. But this is a faith created in our own image; it is not what the Spirit wants. We might think that what unite us are our beliefs and our morality. But there is much more:





our principle of unity is the Holy Spirit. He reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord, Jesus, and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!

—*Pope Francis*

Reference: *Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis—Solemnity of Pentecost (2020)*

Game of the Week

Word Search Puzzle

Isaiah 11:2-3 lists the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Look for and mark these gifts in the word search puzzle on this page.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

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Last Week's Game

Shuffled Letters Puzzle

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

HEWOVER SOLVE EM ILLW EB DOLVE
YB YM AFTHER.

WHOEVER LOVES ME WILL BE LOVED
BY MY FATHER.

EACEP I VEALE WHIT OUY YM ECEAP
I EIGV OT OYU.

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

OUTWITH EM OUY ANC OD NTINGHO.
WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

MARINE NI YM LEVO.
REMAIN IN MY LOVE.

LEVO NEO ERONATH SA I OVEL OUY.
LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU.

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.

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let us pray.