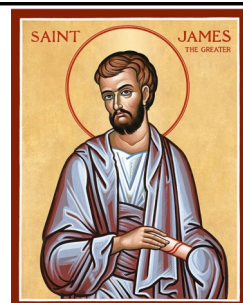


5TH SUNDAY EASTER YR A 2023 7 MAY

**ST JAMES PARISH
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IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



May 7, 2023 • 5th Sunday of Easter • John 14:1-12

Jesus Is the Way

John's Gospel is very different from the other three Gospels. For example, at the Last Supper John tells us nothing about the blessed bread and wine. Instead, he talks about the washing of the feet, an incident not reported by the other Gospel writers. John also gives us the prayers and long discourse said by Jesus at the Last Supper.

**BRINGING
HOME
THE
GOSPEL**

This is one of my favorite Scripture passages from John's Gospel. It is a powerful summation of all that Jesus is. Each word holds so much meaning and significance. Consider the statement, "Jesus is the Way."

Jesus is the Way to find out who God is. Jesus was God in person. When he spoke and acted, it was God speaking and acting. If you want to find out about God, find out about Jesus.

Jesus is the Way to the kingdom. The kingdom is not just something in the future. It has been with us since the beginning of time, most decisively in the person of Jesus. The kingdom is also now, wherever we see someone acting in Jesus' healing love, offering reconciliation, or working for peace and justice.

Jesus is the Way to all that is true and all that gives life. Make Jesus a reality for your children. Let them hear you talk about him as if he were a member of your family. Let them know that he is their champion and that his love for them will never end. But also make sure they understand that they share Jesus' mission and they are called to champion others. They are asked to share Jesus' love in very practical ways with everyone they encounter, especially those most in need. Help them understand that they are called to be the way for others—the way to find the kingdom, the way for others to find out who God is.

Jesus is the Way maker. Let our children know that with Jesus' help, no matter the obstacles, nothing can stop them from finding his love and sharing that love with others.



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"He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

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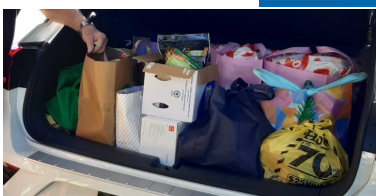
As you pray to the Holy Spirit, are you more attentive to the gifts you receive or to the giver?

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This Sunday's Readings 5th Sunday Easter (Year A/1)

First Reading Acts 6: 1-7 *They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

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.

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19 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.

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.

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.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2: 4-9 *You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

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 Reading John 14: 1-12 *I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

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 going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you 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 most 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.'



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IN-SERVICE FOR Communion Ministers

Call to Ministry: with the reintroduction of the chalice at Sunday masses, **Fr Francis will meet with interested weekend mass ministers. You may already volunteer or you may be wanting to know more. Come along—bring a friend. Meet with Fr Francis today Sunday 7th May 10.30am (parish hall) for an in-service gathering. Cuppa provided. Please note—aside from normal safeguarding requirements, no specific requirements such as bluecard or police check is needed.**

Safeguarding Some parishioners have recently volunteered as Adult Altar Servers. This is a reminder to please register through the volunteer portal <https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

The Parish of St James acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which it lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prayers

Please pray for recently deceased:



Esteban Santa JR; Noela McCormick;
Fr Laurie Mooney OSA; Mary-Rita Deakin.

And these anniversaries: Sander Halasan; Mary Sheehan; Mary-Anne Dungan; Quentin Olave.

Please pray for these unwell: Lucia Monterde; Frank O'Dea; Maylene Nator; Robbie Haley; Fr Kevin Tu'itti; David & Kerry See; John Canavan; Miriam Martin; Rosalie Pascual; Aoife Stephenson; Michael & Mary-Clare Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tiban.



MAY 2023

7 Sunday Sacrament of Reconciliation children 9am mass

7 Sunday 10.30am Baptismal Preparation morning in church.

8 Monday Family Session 3 @ 6pm in the church for Sacrament of Reconciliation children

Tuesdays Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration after 8am mass: (8.30am till Wednesday 8am)

10 Wednesday Rite of Reconciliation 4.30pm in the church for Sacrament of Reconciliation children + fellowship in the hall afterwards.

11 Fr Francis on annual leave till 16 June.

11 Thursday St V de P meeting 6.30pm

13 / 14 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (through Event-brite); 6th Sunday Easter (**Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am**); **Baptisms.**

14 Sunday 5pm YAM fundraiser for WYD – movie afternoon

Archdiocese

The 4 weekends of May will have the **annual mass attendance count**. Readers or Servers will

head count during each mass.



Parish news

Friends of St Augustine gathering — **Wednesday May 10th — 6.30pm in the Priory. All welcome.**

**SUNDAY 5PM ON 14 MAY—
YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY (YAM) FUNDRAISER
FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY –
MOVIE AFTERNOON EVENING (IN THE HALL).**

As Fr Francis and Fr John will be away 23-24 May. Communion Service on Tuesday 23rd May; no Adoration on this Tuesday/Wednesday. Church closed Wednesday 24th May and priests recommend visiting somewhere else to honour Our Lady Help of Christians on this day. (Mt Carmel 9am weekday mass)

Deanery

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study in the **week starting the 29th of MAY**

with daytime and evening sessions and will run for **8 weeks**. Participants will meet every week at one of the local parishes in the deanery to view a video presentation by Jeff Cavins followed by a group discussion. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. For more information or to register your interest, please contact **Louise Simento** at **0456 700 040**.

Parish Multicultural and Family Mass - 9am 28th May Pentecost Sunday



- *Parishioners invited to attend in cultural dress; St James School children invited to attend in cultural dress also
- ***Clipboard for parishioners to carry flags into mass — available at side entrance for signature—request for set-up and set-down helpers + food servers also**
- *School Carpark (basketball court) will be closed from Saturday morning 27th on, due to tents being set-up
- *Parishioners invited to bring along Native Cuisine – hall to be open for receiving food after 7am mass 28th May. Inside hall will have International cuisine
- *YAM may have drinks for sale as YAM fundraiser for World Youth Day

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound – certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well – which makes it hard for us to move in the future."



Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

Planned Giving for the Week of 29 April 2023

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
1st Collection Augustinian Priory BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100019791	\$794.80	\$200	\$272	\$120	\$1,386.80
2nd Collection St James Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 100018086	\$528.85	\$195	\$252	\$120	\$1,095.85

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May 6 / 7 Sylvia + John

May 13 / 14 Parish Staff

Next week	6th Sunday Easter May 14	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (2nd weekend)		Sylvia P + Chris L	n/a	YAM
COMMENTATOR		Bill S	Don T	Kate P
LECTOR		Sylvia P	...	Pat M
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Tisha K Ron S	Jan L	Christine U-M Carmel T Cathy M
ALTAR SERVER/S		Edward / helper	Brendon / helper	Lea S + Alejandra
POWERPOINT		Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	Jericho M
WELCOMERS		Karen +	Trish R +	Cathy / John / Veronica / Melissa / Lilly /

Masses & Services

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am.

WEEKDAY MASS: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 2nd June @ 9am.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 2nd June @ 7pm.

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues weekly @ 9am mass.

families.stjames@gmail.com Just a reminder that the school playground is out of bounds outside school hours. Children should be under parent supervision and remain in line of sight at all times.



Next Sunday's Readings 6th Sunday Easter (Year A/1)

First Reading Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 15-18 In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Reading John 14: 15-21 I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

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