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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 2, 2019

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

— Revelation 22:13

### IN BETWEEN

In between: we all find ourselves there from time to time—sometimes uncomfortably. Like in between money coming in and money going out, earning income and paying bills. In between customer and manager, diner and chef: any honest server trying to serve both. In between theory and practice, ideal and reality: everyone from parents to pastors. Ask the kids—or parishioners! This Sunday, in between Ascension and Pentecost, reminds us we’re in between Jesus’ departure and glorious return—sometimes uncomfortably. Though Jesus promises in Revelation, “I am coming soon,” Acts shows Stephen tragically called home first. But Pope Francis urges us not to become “sourpusses,” as if living Gospel love is impossible in between. Today’s Gospel shows Jesus praying for those about to betray, deny, and desert him, but also praying “for those who will believe in me through their word.” Us! “So that they”—we—“may all be one.”

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ’s risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ’s enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ’s life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor.

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### WEEKLY OFFERING

May 26th	
Budget	\$2300
Actual	\$1062
Short	\$1231

### Church Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

**Administrative/Financial Secretary:** Mary Alyce Fiechtl

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### Mass Intentions:

June 1st 4:30: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

June 2nd: Gene Wilson + by Mark & Kay Bartel

June 7th: Harold Segerson + by Khuyen Segerson

June 8th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

June 9th: Ida Porter Feldman + by Mark & Kay Bartel

### Liturgical Ministers

June 9, 2019

**Lectors** — Kathleen Kirkpatrick

**Gift Bearers** — Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Don Carlson,

Christine Carlson, Sheri Parkinson

**Servers** — Matthew Carlson, Zachery Robbins

**Sacristans** — Don & Christine Carlson

**Altar Linens** — Eleanor Michie, Khuyen Segerson

**Ushers**—Men of the Parish

### TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

**Second Reading** — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

**Gospel** — Jesus prays that the love of the Father may be in those who believe (John 17:20-26).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joyce Franckowiak, Gigi Lui

#### Relatives

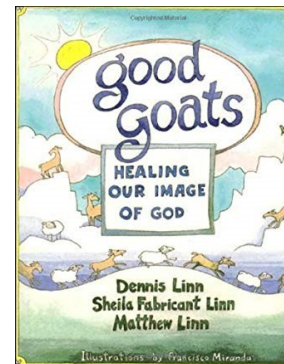
Thomas Blankenship, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Andrew Morlan,

Yu Youn Suk

#### Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

If you will be out of town during the summer and would like to receive the bulletin by email, please stop by the office or send your email address to Mary Alyce at: [finsecstandrew@outlook.com](mailto:finsecstandrew@outlook.com) I will be happy to send it to you as a PDF file.



It’s not too late to join Deacon Jim Moss’ new classes on “Good Goats: Healing Our Image of God” on Tuesday, May 28th, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. The book is \$10.

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Goal is **\$8,000** and 100% Participation of our 66 registered Families

42.42 Participation  
\$5063 Pledged

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

### Mass Schedule

**Monday:** 11:30 am

**Wednesday:** 11:30 am

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**First Friday:** Adoration from 9:00 to 11:30 with Mass at 11:30 am

**Sunday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am



### Thank You

Thank you to Maurice Will for controlling the kudzu vines and removing the fallen tree.

Thank you to Kathleen Kirkpatrick and Kevin Ernst for planting the flowers around the redbud tree.

Thank you to Carmen McDaniel for trimming around the crepe myrtle behind the chapel window.

If your family or a group of friends would like to take on the upkeep of a section of the church flower gardens, please let the office know. They are all in need of some TLC and a few plants! There are several azaleas and calla lilies from Easter that need planting. Any volunteers?