

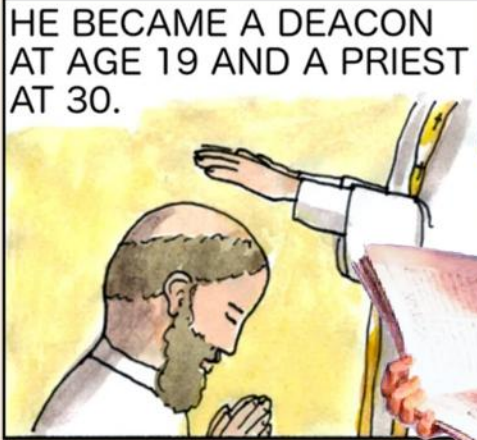
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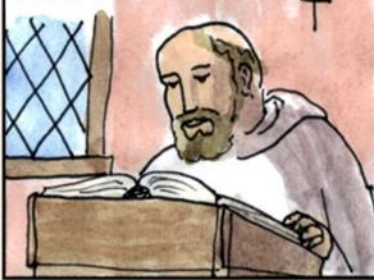
SAINT BEDE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 672, NEAR A MONASTERY. AT AGE 7 HE WAS SENT TO LIVE THERE AND SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE THERE.



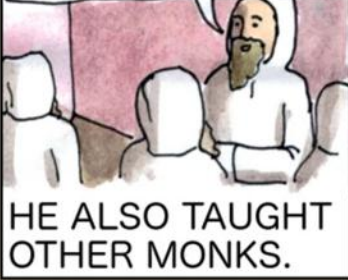
HE BECAME A DEACON AT AGE 19 AND A PRIEST AT 30.



ST. BEDE LOVED LEARNING, ESPECIALLY ABOUT GOD.

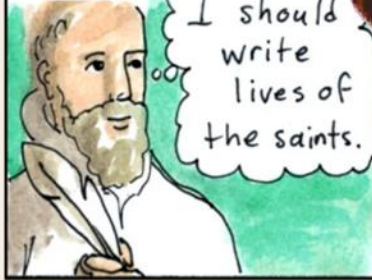


Today I will tell you the story of St. Augustine's conversion.



HE ALSO TAUGHT OTHER MONKS.

HE WROTE MANY BOOKS TO PASS ON HIS KNOWLEDGE.



HE WROTE THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN ENGLAND, AND TRANSLATED THE BIBLE.



The whole world could not contain the books that could be written.



SAINT BEDE DIED IN 735. EVEN ON THE DAY OF HIS DEATH HE WORKED ON TRANSLATING THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, May 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, May 25

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

9:00 a.m. Fallen Servicemembers +

Tuesday, May 27

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. David Paul Butler +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, May 28

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Barney Hickert +

Thursday, May 29

8:00 a.m. Richard Stevenson +

Friday, May 30

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members
of the Paxton and Marshall Families

Saturday, May 31

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +

Sunday, June 1

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased
members of the Duane & Kathy
Scott Families



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest -

Acts 16:11-15 / Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Jn

15:26—16:4a

Tues., May 27 - Easter Weekday [6] - St.

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop -

Acts 16:22-34 / Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 / Jn 16:5-11

Wed., May 28 - Easter Weekday [6] -

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 / Jn 16:12-15

Thurs., May 29 - Easter Weekday [6] -

St. St. Paul VI, Pope - Acts 18:1-8 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 16:16-20

Fri., May 30 - Easter Weekday [6] - Acts 18:9-18 / Ps 47:2-7 / Jn 16:20-23

Sat., May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 / (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Lk 1:39-56

Sun., June 1 - The Ascension of the Lord

- Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 / Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 / Lk 24:46-53

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 25, 2025

This weekend (May 24th/25th), the Church celebrates the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**. As our *Easter celebration* continues, it can almost seem as if it's too much: Fifty days of joy in the midst of a fallen world. Yet, that is exactly the point. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ isn't just an event of the past; It's a living reality present to our lives here and now. Easter reminds us that, even amidst suffering, loss, and uncertainty, the final word belongs to life, to Christ.

This reality is seen even today as our nation commemorates **Memorial Day** this Monday, May 26th. This commemoration remembers and honors our servicemen and women who have served our country and given their lives in defense of our freedom. Viewed through our *Easter celebration*, we faithfully entrust these men and women into the hands of the Risen Christ, who has gone before us in death and opened the way to eternal life.

As part of our **Memorial Day** commemoration, **join us for a special Mass on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26th) at 9:00 AM**, offered for all those who have given their lives in service to our nation.

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS

Congratulations to the new transitional deacons of our Diocese, Deacons Jonathan Hickey, Noah Isch, Samuel Martinez, and Greenan Sullivan, ordained by Bishop Rhoades at the Cathedral this past Saturday. Their classmate, Mr. Patrick Ernst, will be ordained a deacon in Rome this fall. Continue to keep them in your prayers as these five men will, God willing, be ordained as priests of our Diocese next year.

SUMMER TRAVELING AND SUNDAY MASS

As the summer months are beginning, many of us are setting travel plans for vacations, celebrations, and family gatherings throughout June, July, and August. When planning, don't forget to also plan for our **Sunday Mass obligation** by finding local parishes to attend wherever your travels take you. A great resource to help you locate Mass times across the country—and even internationally—is www.MassTimes.org.

One of the most beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith is its universality. No matter where we are in the world, we can find a parish and join in the one Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass. Attending local parishes while traveling reminds us that we are part of something much larger—a Church united in Christ throughout every corner of the globe. No matter where we go, we are truly never “*far from home*” in the heart of Christ's Church.

ACTS 15—THE COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM

Our first reading this weekend comes from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 15. This scriptural account illustrates how the early Church resolved theological conflict through authoritative leadership. The issue at hand was whether Gentiles must first follow the Mosaic Law to enter the New Covenant. Scripture alone, which at that time was only the Old Testament, offered no clear answer. Therefore, a council was called—what could be considered the first ecumenical council—as they sought the guidance of the Apostles.

After much debate, St. Peter arises and spoke decisively to the group. Those assembled listened in silence as the debated ended with Peter's words. St. James, leader of the local Church in Jerusalem, confirms Peter's judgment. As Peter authoritatively settled the debate and provided the answer to the issue at hand, so James provides practical ways to live out Peter's guidance. The Church maintains unity as the decision is accepted by all present and beyond.

This chapter shows that Church authority—the Magisterium—is essential for preserving unity and peace in the Church. Peter's decision was accepted even by those whose views were rejected: True holiness accepts the Church's judgment in faith. The Apostles gathered around Peter serve as the model for Church governance. Without this structure, the Church would fracture—as has happened again and again to those outside of Her authority. ~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Classes Resume
September 7, 2025**

Interested in helping with Religious Education this fall?
We need Catechists, Aides, and Substitutes
to teach the Faith to our parish youth.
Contact the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.



In Observance of Memorial Day, the Parish
Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th.

Have a safe Memorial Day Weekend!



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., May 24** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., May 25** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., May 26** - Memorial Day / Parish Office is Closed
- **Tues., May 27** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 28** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 29** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 30** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 31** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 31** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 1** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 3** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., June 3** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting / Rosary at 6:40 p.m. / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Social Hall
- **Wed., June 4** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., June 5** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., June 6** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- **Sat., June 7** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 7** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 8** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass
- **Tues., June 10** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., June 10** - GIRL's Night Out Women's Group - monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., June 11** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., June 12** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., June 13** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 14** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., June 14** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 15** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., June 17** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., June 18** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

Weekend of May 31st & June 1st



CANTORS

5:00 p.m. Sam Smith
7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
10:00 a.m. Adult Choir



LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Stacey Coulardot
7:30 a.m. Bruce Holland
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson



Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer, Tammi Helm, Monica Harris



Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Grant Reifsteck, Sam Smith, Charlie Andrews

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of May 24th & 25th

Adult Envelopes- \$4,718.00
Loose- \$273.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$400.00
Easter Offering- \$40.00
Ascension- \$20.00
Total- \$5,451.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$1,757.52** behind our
budget for the month of
May 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-
\$220.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

To set up **Online Giving** through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
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ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP SAVE THE DATE- JUNE 19, 2025 Incoming High Schoolers and New Graduates



TOTUS TUUS
Summer Youth Program
7th-12th Grade: July 20th-24th
1st-6th Grade: July 21st-25th



On Friday, July 25th our fun week will end with
a Parish Potluck and Pool Party at the Wells
Community Pool beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the
pavilion. Then from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the pool
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- St. John Paul II

Before you speak....

THINK!

T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?